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ASUM SENATE AGENDA

November 28, 2001 - 6:00 p.m.

UC 332-333

**ASUM**

Associated Students  
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 7, 2001
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - a. Senators' Ideas/Goals
  - b. Charles Couture, Dean of Students
  - c. Neighborhood Council
  - d. Economic Development
  - e. Center for Leadership Development - February 23<sup>rd</sup> Conference
  - f. Board of Regents
  - g. Faculty/Staff/Student Awards
  - h. Other
6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - a. Committee Appointments
  - b. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
  - STIP - \$26,728.20
  - Travel Special Allocation - \$0 (\$9,450 Spring Semester)
  - Zero-based Carryover - \$117,352.04
  - Special Allocation - \$4,284.36
  - a. SB6-01/02 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy
  - b. SB24-01/02 Resolution to change Fiscal Policy
  - c. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(Go to <http://www.umd.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm> for resolutions as written.)

  - a. SB22-01/02 Resolution Against the Proposed Calendar Changes
  - b. SB23-01/02 Resolution to stand united behind President Bush
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

SENATE MEMBERSROLL  
CALL*Comments*

NICK ALDINGER

P

Y

BRAD CATON

P

Y

KIRSTEN ELLINGSON

P

Y

CASEY FISCHER

P

Y

HENRY GRIFFITH

P

N

KEAGAN HARSHA

P

Y

SCOTT JENKINS

*Resigned*

MATT JENNINGS

P

Y

HARLEY LYSONS

P

Y

BERV NAASZ

6:21

Y

HEATHER O'LOUGHLIN

P

Y

JACOB OTOUPALIK

P

Y

STACIE PHILLIPS

P

Y

*anted*

CHAD REES

P

Y

ALEX ROSENLEAF

P

Y

CHRISTY SCHILKE

*at  
meal*

—

STEPHEN STICKA

7:37

Y

ALI TABIBNEJAD

P

Y

CHRIS WILCOX

P

Y

IAN ZHANG

P

N

ASUM OFFICERS

CHRISTOPHER PETERSON

P

Y

President

MATTHEW HAYES LINDSAY

P

Y

Vice-President

JON SWAN

P

Y

Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

P

Y

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

P

Y

Chair Lindsay called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present: Peterson, Lindsay, Swan, Aldinger, Caton, Ellingson, Fischer, Griffith, Harsha, Jennings, Lysons, Naasz (6:21), O'Loughlin, Otoupalik, Phillips, Rees, Rosenleaf, Sticka (7:37), Tabibnejad, Wilcox and Zhang. Schilke was excused.

The November 7, 2001, minutes were approved.

Public Comment - None

#### President's Report

- a. Senators expressed individual ideas/goals, which included: composting, Senator/Senate recognition/awareness, recycling, social security number use, COT lockers, building relationships within ASUM, SPA awareness/issues, academic standards, disability access, UC expenses/leases, parking, parliamentary procedure improvement, math class sizes, section 8 vouchers, student group education on ASUM, pub, informed student body, higher education issues, grants and scholarships, lab printing, focus on University issues, book discounts, being more proactive, voter registration/issues, environmental issues, MontPIRG, Progressive Network Committee, tree planting, more foreign student group contact/involvement. Peterson distributed a list of departments with Senate assignments, asking Senators to contact the departments about needs/problems.

The Chair recognized the presence of Naasz.

- b. Dean Couture distributed a list of student conduct code violations and resulting sanctions.
- c. The next Neighborhood Council meeting will be at 7 p.m. December 11 at Paxson School. Senators were encouraged to attend.
- d. Peterson distributed a report from Montana campuses stating what they do toward economic development.
- e. The Center for Leadership Development will hold a conference February 23. Input on expectations of the Center would be welcomed.
- f. The Board of Regents repealed the credit cap. University system deficits were discussed.
- g. Senators were encouraged to go on-line and visit the faculty/staff/student award site to make nominations.
- h. The Interview Committee is in the process of receiving applications for the empty Senate positions.
- i. Vice-President Lindsay announced his resignation due to graduation this semester. A motion by Peterson-Wilcox moved to confirm O'Loughlin to replace Lindsay passed.

#### Vice President's Report

- a. A motion by Lindsay-Wilcox to approve the following committee appointments passed: SPA - Chris Wilcox, Joseph Wollersheim; ASUM Relations - Ali Tabibnejad; UC Board - Scott Jenkins.

#### Business Manager's Report

STIP - \$28,072.62

Zero-Based Carryover - \$117,352.04

Travel Spec. Allocation - \$0 (\$11,150 Spring Semester)

Special Allocation - \$4,284.36

- a. SB6-00-01 Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy - in committee.
- b. SB24-01/02 Resolution to change Fiscal Policy (Exhibit A). After a friendly amendment by Otoupalik to remove from consideration the changes to 18.7C and 18.8.1B was accepted, the resolution passed.

- c. Swan noted some personal goals: Fiscal Policy changes regarding STIP, paving of Dornblaser, removing the Boy Scouts of American from UM athletics, paper problems on campus, opportunity for students to chair University Court and personally to spend some time away from the office and studying.

#### Committee Reports

- a. ASUM Relations (Ellingson) - Committee members were thanked for their patience and meeting at an alternative time. They discussed an ASUM brochure and ideas for better tabling.
- b. Interview (O'Loughlin) - Senate vacancy applications are due Monday.
- c. SPA (Aldinger) - Work is continuing on improving tabling, political awareness and SPA member training. SPA meets Tuesdays at 9 p.m. SB6 was postponed indefinitely.
- d. UC Board (Rosenleaf) - The next meeting is tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the UC Alumni Board Room, at which time they will address UC technology infrastructure, UC budget and UC Court business opening.
- e. University Affairs (Griffith) - SB22 was given a "do pass" recommendation.
- f. COT (Phillips) - COT students are being asked about issues of interest. Phillips would like to have a Senate meeting at COT next semester.
- g. Information Technology (Aldinger) - Students-at-large are needed. A mandatory program for training those working with web sites is being developed. Aldinger would like to see a student-at-large on the Computer Fee Committee. Other matters being considered are: UM network policy, faculty web, security issues.
- h. Transportation (Jennings) - Promotional activities are being developed - commercials, biking brochure. There is frustration at being denied access to the parking garage proposal.

The Chair recognized the presence of Sticka.

#### Unfinished Business

To see the resolutions as written/passed, go to  
<http://www.umd.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm>

- a. SB22-01/02 Resolution Against the Proposed Calendar Changes (Exhibit B) was moved by Sticka-Phillips. A friendly amendment by Jennings to delete "virtually eliminate winter break" in the fourth point and replace it with "significantly limit the time" was accepted. After a previous question call by Harsha, the resolution passed.
- b. SB23-01/02 Resolution to stand united behind President Bush was postpone indefinitely in committee.

#### New Business

- a. Resolution on Charitable Giving Campaign
- b. Resolution reaffirming same-sex health benefits/insurance
- c. Resolution regarding UM athletics and Boy Scout of American affiliation
- d. Resolution on Section 8 vouchers
- e. Resolution on Math 117 class sizes
- f. Resolution to amend Bylaws
- g. Resolution supporting increased parking on campus
- h. Resolution on merchandise purchasing
- i. Resolution supporting students
- j. Resolution on intercession classes
- k. Resolution on UC Copper Commons
- l. Resolution opposing decreases in Pell Grants

#### Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

*Carol Hayes*  
Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager

### Resolution to change Fiscal Policy

Whereas, fiscal policy should be consistent with its own structure.

**Therefore let it be resolved,** the ASUM supports changing "19.0" in fiscal policy 5.3 to "20.0"

Whereas, sub-section 8.15.1 E of Fiscal Policy reads: "Any group seeking additional funding, including Special Allocations or S.T.I.P., would do so through the Sports Organization Executive Board."

Whereas, all groups making special allocation and STIP requests historically go through the Board on Budget and Finance. Therefore, sub-section 8.15.1 E of Fiscal Policy is inconsistent with the ASUM's current practice.

**Therefore let it be resolved,** the ASUM supports striking sub-section 8.15.1 E from Fiscal Policy.

Whereas, the second sentence of section 9.3 of Fiscal Policy reads: "Appropriate forms are available in the ASUM office."

Whereas, instructions for student groups to pick up forms in the ASUM offices have no real purpose in Fiscal Policy.

**Therefore let it be resolved,** the ASUM supports striking the second sentence of section 9.3 from Fiscal Policy.

Whereas, section 9.6 reads: "Any unexpended amounts remaining in other accounts at fiscal year end will revert to the Zero-Based Carryover Account."

Whereas, this is already stated in section 24.0 and is redundant.

**Therefore let it be resolved,** the ASUM supports striking section 9.6 from Fiscal Policy.

Whereas, sub-section 18.7 C of Fiscal Policy reads: "The applicant must be presently enrolled in at least his/her second consecutive semester as an activity fee-paying student in the University and must not be the final semester."

Whereas, if backed by financial aid or a cosigner, a student can receive a short-term loan.

**Therefore let it be resolved,** the ASUM supports striking sub-section 18.7 C from Fiscal Policy.

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review

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considered*

Whereas, the third sentence of sub-section 18.8.1 B of Fiscal Policy reads: "Loan balances must be paid prior to the registration for a student's final semester at the University."

Whereas, if backed by financial aid or a cosigner, a student can receive a short-term loan.

**Therefore let it be resolved,** the ASUM supports striking sub-section 18.8.1 B from Fiscal Policy.

Whereas, section 21.0 of Fiscal Policy reads: "ASUM AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE LIST. The Business Manager shall from time to time report to the Board the current status of the University of Montana Authorized Signature List. The Board shall determine which Executive shall be authorized to sign on each account."

Whereas, this policy is no longer followed and it's meaning is unknown.

**Therefore let it be resolved,** the ASUM supports striking section 21.0 from Fiscal Policy.

Whereas, section 22.0 of Fiscal Policy reads: "Executive Salaries All duties and salaries for the offices of President, Vice-President, and Business Manager shall be delineated within the Constitution, Bylaws, and Personnel Policy of the ASUM."

Whereas, this policy is taking up space in fiscal policy by referencing other documents that set boundaries for the ASUM.

**Therefore let it be resolved,** the ASUM supports striking section 22.0 of Fiscal Policy

Whereas, the first sentence of section 23.2 of Fiscal Policy reads: "Purchases under \$150.00"

Whereas, this sections should address expenditures between \$50.00 and \$150.00.

**Therefore let it be resolved,** the ASUM supports changing section 23.1 of Fiscal Policy to read "Purchases between \$50 and \$150.00." in the first sentence.

*Passed  
11/28/01*

*Euphonia B*

SB22-01/02

**Resolution against the Proposed Calendar Changes**

Whereas a majority of students polled in the UC (eighty-four out of one hundred) were against the proposed calendar changes for reasons that include but are not limited to the following:

- The proposed calendar changes would harm the quality of education at The University of Montana:
  1. The Calendar Task Force indicated in a memorandum to President Dennison that "many academic programs rely on the break for special programs which cannot be easily moved to later in the spring due to higher travel costs and/or weather consideration."
  2. Many programs and internships such as ones available from the School of Pharmacy and Allied Sciences, School of Forestry, and School of Education and Foreign Studies will be negatively impacted or eliminated.
- At the proposed third summer session time, financial aid is not available to students. This directly impacts student finances.
- The students that spend the winter break working will have trouble financing themselves throughout the spring semester.
- The proposed changes would *virtually eliminate winter break* for students who choose to travel home to spend time with their families.
- Many students enjoy the five-week break after a demanding semester and/or use the time to travel or enjoy the unique recreation that Montana offers.

Therefore let it be resolved that ASUM ask President Dennison to keep winter break at the current five-week duration due to opinions of faculty, students and the calendar task force who have spent valuable time and effort formulating their stance on the issue.

Authored by Ali Reza Tabibnejad, ASUM Senator  
Sponsored by Casey Fischer, ASUM Senator,  
Stacie Phillips, ASUM Senator,  
Chris Wilcox, ASUM Senator

*Passed  
11/28/01*