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ASUM SENATE AGENDA

December 5, 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 28, 2001
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Swear-in Heather O'Loughlin as ASUM Vice-President
 - b. Ken Welt and Rick Curtis - Curry Health Center
 - c. Student Pay
 - d. International Human Rights Week
 - e. Neighborhood Council
 - f. Student Housing
 - g. 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. Women's Center Spec. Alloc. Request - \$1,052
 - c. Anthropology Students Assoc. Spec. Alloc. Request - \$493.78
 - d. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

 - a. SB25-01/02 Resolution for Student Support
 - b. SB26-01/02 Resolution Encouraging the Montana Congressional Delegation to Maintain or Increase Funding per Student for Pell Grants
 - c. SB27-01/02 Resolution Supporting the Removal of the Boy Scouts of America from The University of Montana Charitable Giving Campaign
 - d. SB28-01/02 Resolution urging the strengthening of Winter Intersession courses
 - e. SB29-01/02 Resolution Reaffirming Support for Same-Sex Partner Health Insurance
 - f. SB30-01/02 Resolution to Change Student Conduct Code
 - g. SB31-01/02 Resolution Supporting an Increase in campus Parking
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE

December 5, 2001

SENATE MEMBERSROLL
CALL

Comments

NICK ALDINGER

P

Y

BRAD CATON

P

Y

KIRSTEN ELLINGSON

P

Y

CASEY FISCHER

P

Y

HENRY GRIFFITH

P

8:25

KEAGAN HARSHA

6:07

Y

SCOTT JENKINS

Resigned

MATT JENNINGS

P

Y

HARLEY LYSONS

P

Y

BERV NAASZ

6:16

Y

HEATHER O' LOUGHLIN

P

Y

JACOB OTOUPALIK

P

8:43

STACIE PHILLIPS

P

Y

Austin
CHAD REES

P

Y

ALEX ROSENLEAF

P

Y

CHRISTY SCHILKE

P

Y

STEPHEN STICKA

P

Y

ALI TABIBNEJAD

P

Y

CHRIS WILCOX

P

Y

LAN ZHANG

un
resigned

Y

ASUM OFFICERS

CHRISTOPHER PETERSON

President

P

Y

MATTHEW HAYES LINDSAY

un
resigned

Y

Vice-President

JON SWAN

P

Y

Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

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PROFESSOR ANDERSON

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Acting Chair Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present: Peterson, Swan, Aldinger, Caton, Ellingson, Fischer, Griffith, Harsha (6:07), Jennings, Lysons, Naasz (6:16), O'Loughlin, Otoupalik, Phillips, Rees, Rosenleaf, Schilke, Sticka, Tabibnejad and Wilcox. Zhang was unexcused.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Harsha.

The November 28, 2001, minutes were approved with the following changes: Under the Vice President's Report and Committee Reports, "ASUM Relations" should be "ASUM Relations and Affairs", and a "d" should be added to "postpone" under Unfinished Business section b.

Public Comment

*Bryan Jordan announced that there will be a statewide International Human Rights march and rally in Helena Monday. People will gather at the Courthouse at noon. There will be a human rights activist speaking later.

*Sera Bonds from the Women's Center invited Senators to International Human Rights week events. There will be carpooling available to go to Helena leaving Missoula between 9 and 9:45 a.m. Monday. They are requesting a Special Allocation for speaker costs.

*Kelly McDonald of the Montana Anthropology Student Assoc. spoke about their Special Allocation request to be discussed later in the meeting.

President's Report

a. Dean Couture presided at the swearing-in of the new Vice President, Heather O'Loughlin.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Naasz and turned over the gavel to O'Loughlin as the new chair.

b. Interim Director Welt and Administrative Officer Curtis from Curry Health Center gave a preview of a request for a raise in the Student Health Fee. There will be a brown bag lunch next Tuesday to answer questions. They will return to next week's Senate meeting.

c. Lysons reported on talks with ASUM student employees regarding pay. They were no big complaints, as they feel they are receiving good training opportunities. The study of the pay issue will continue.

d. Next week marks the 54th anniversary of the International Declaration of Human Rights.

e. Senators were encouraged to attend the next Neighborhood Council meeting next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Paxson School.

f. Peterson discussed the idea of student co-op housing, which will be researched further.

g. Senators drew names for Secret Santas. After next Senate's meeting, they will be meeting for dinner at Mongo's.

Vice President's Report

a. A motion by O'Loughlin-Rosenleaf to approve the following committee appointments passed: Interview - Casey Fisher, with Chris Wilcox (already a member) appointed as chair to replace O'Loughlin; Master Planning - Heather O'Loughlin.

b. O'Loughlin asked to meet with committee chairs.

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. Women's Center Special Allocation request for \$1,052 was approved after a previous question call by Tabibnejad passed.
- c. Montana Anthropology Students Association Special Allocation request for \$493.78 was tabled until next week on a motion by Phillips-Sticka, which Senate passed.
- d. Swan talked about the Budget and Finance Committee decisions.

Committee Reports

- a. Board on Membership (Lysons) - The following groups were recognized on a motion by Lysons-Wilcox: Golden Key, Men's Soccer, Model UN, College Democrats, Alpine Ski Team, S.A.V.E., Campus Advance, Women's Crew, Women's Center and New Hope Christian Fellowship.
- b. Interview (Wilcox) - Interviews for the Senate vacancies will be held Sunday.
- c. SPA (Aldinger) - SB26 received a "do pass" recommendation.
- d. UC Board (Rosenleaf) - The next meeting is tomorrow at 3 p.m. in the UC Alumni Board Room. A survey has determined that the average use of the Copper Commons is 18 students per hour after the lunch hour. Beginning spring semester, there will be a mid-afternoon closure. However, it will be open longer hours the week before and of final exams.
- e. University Affairs (Griffith) - SB27, 28 and 29 were given "do pass" recommendations. SB31 was postponed indefinitely.
- f. ASCRC (Tabibnejad) - The Western Perspective requirement was rescinded last year, and the committee will be meeting to discuss the issue and make a motion to reinstate it.
- g. Transportation (Schilke) - In a meeting with Vice Pres. Durringer, it was reported that any new parking garage would raise the parking decal excessively. Other options to alleviate parking deficiencies will be sought. There will be a shuttle to the airport at various times for students at a cost of \$2.

Unfinished Business

To see a list of resolutions with the action taken on them noted and the resolutions currently being considered in their entirety, please go to <http://www.umt.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm>

- a. SB25-01/02 Resolution for Student Support - in committee
- b. SB26-01/02 Resolution Encouraging the Montana Congressional Delegation to Maintain or Increase Funding per Student for Pell Grants (Exhibit A) was approved on a motion by Rosenleaf-Tabibnejad.
- c. SB27-01/02 Resolution Supporting the Removal of the Boy Scouts of America from The University of Montana Charitable Giving Campaign (Exhibit B) was amended by the author by changing "Removal" in the title to "Exclusion". Rosenleaf-Phillips moved to approve. After a previous question call by Harsha failed and a previous question call by Rosenleaf passed, the resolution was approved.

Senator Otoupalik resigned his position as Senator.

- d. SB28-01/02 Resolution urging the strengthening of Winter Intersession courses (Exhibit C). Peterson-Swan moved to approve. A previous questions call by Caton failed. The resolution was approved.
- e. SB29-01/02 Resolution Reaffirming Support for Same-Sex Partner Health Insurance (Exhibit D). Rosenleaf-Peterson moved to approve. A previous question call by Sticka failed. After a previous question call by Peterson passed, the resolution was approved.
- f. SB30-01/02 Resolution to Change Student Conduct Code (Exhibit E). Wilcox-Tabibnejad moved to approve. A friendly amendment by Sticka to add a faculty alternate was not accepted. The resolution was approved.
- g. SB31-01/02 Resolution Supporting an Increase in campus Parking was postponed indefinitely in committee.
- h. Tabibnejad-Caton moved to impeach Vice-President O'Loughlin.

New Business

- a. Resolution on drug use at UM
- b. Resolution to amend Bylaws (2)
- c. Resolution on Copper Commons
- d. Resolution endorsing 2.99% Health Service Fee increase
- e. Resolution of impeachment
- f. Resolution to change recognition form
- g. Resolution on Section 8 vouchers

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Enrich A

Resolution Encouraging the Montana Congressional Delegation to Maintain or Increase Funding Per Student for Pell Grants

Whereas, the cost of tuition has risen 102% for Montana University students from 1992-2000*;

Whereas, Montana state education funding per student averages \$2629 less than the student funding of Montana's seven peer states, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Idaho, Arkansas, Washington, New Mexico, according to legislative Fiscal Division Study*;

Whereas, In North Dakota, a student pays about \$700 less in tuition than a Montana student pays*;

Whereas, higher education is essential to Montana citizens, especially when on the precipice of a likely economic downturn;

Whereas, year UM students will receive more than \$7 million in Pell Grant funding this academic year;

Whereas, increasingly a higher education degree is essential in finding a decent paying job;

Therefore let it be resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana strongly encourage Montana's congressional delegation to prevent any decrease in Pell Grant funding and instead look towards an adequate increase in funding which provide larger Pell Grants for more students.

*Montana World Trade Center (<http://www.mwtc.org/about/economicfacts.htm>)

+University of North Dakota (<http://www.und.edu/dept/enrolser/>)

Authored by: Christopher W. Peterson, ASUM President

Sponsored by: ASUM Student Political Action Committee

Passed
12/5/01

Exhibit B

SB27-01/02

Exclusion
Resolution Supporting the Removal of The Boy Scouts of America from The University of Montana Charitable Giving Campaign

Whereas, The University of Montana's Equal Opportunity Policy states, "The University of Montana is committed to a program of equal opportunity for education, employment and participation in University activities without regard to race, color, sex, age, religious creed, political ideas, marital or family status, physical or mental disability, national origin or ancestry, or sexual orientation;"

Whereas, this statement of opportunity should be a catalyst for The University of Montana in selecting organizations to aide and/or partner with;

Whereas, The University of Montana, as an institution of higher education should set an example of acceptance and inclusion for all, regardless of sexual orientation;

Whereas, the solicitation of charity by The University of Montana for an organization which excludes a significant part of our society, gives The University of Montana a negative reputation;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana support the exclusion of The Boy Scouts of America from The University of Montana Charitable Giving Campaign based on it's criteria for organization not to discriminate.

Authorized by: Christopher W. Peterson, ASUM President

Passed
12/5/01

Exhibit C

SB28-01/02

Resolution urging the strengthening of Winter Intersession courses

Whereas the winter months provide unique educational opportunities for students;

Whereas many students who live off campus remain in Missoula over the winter break;

Whereas many employers can not or will not increase the number of hours a student can work nor will they hire a student for a only five week period leaving them with hours of free time when no classes are in session;

Whereas class congestion of general education courses during the Spring and Fall terms decreases the quality of learning in those classes;

Whereas scheduling courses within a major around general education courses is often impossible;

Whereas lower division requirements within a major meets the academic needs of more students than upper division courses and graduate seminars;

Whereas some students rely on a winter session to provide valuable educational courses to graduate months before the end of the spring semester;

Whereas a liberal arts institution must provide diverse learning opportunities for its students;

Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana urge the Administration of the University of Montana to strengthen the Winter Intersession by offering more courses that fulfill general education requirements and lower division major requirements that apply to a majority of students.

Authored by: Chris Wilcox
ASUM Senator

Sponsored by: Christopher Peterson
ASUM President

*Passed
12/5/01*

Exhibit D
SB 29-01/02

Resolution Reaffirming Support for Same-Sex Partner Health Insurance

Whereas, The Montana University System administrators, including the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Board of Regents, and the administrators of Montana campuses have all pledged support of diversity.

Whereas, diversity encompasses a wide range of individual aspects, including race, religion, ethnicity, creed, as well as sexual orientation.

Whereas, the University of Montana faculty and student senates have both previously endorsed extending health insurance to same-sex partners of Montana University system faculty, staff and students.

Whereas, the University Teacher's Union and the Inter-Benefits committee also support this proposal.

Whereas, the Board of Regents have voted against the extension of health benefits.

Whereas, the decision goes against the basic tenets of the mission of the Montana University System.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved, the ASUM reissue its earlier affirmation in support of health coverage for same-sex partners of Montana University System faculty, staff, and students on the grounds that discrimination will not be tolerated within the state's institutions of higher education.

Authored By: Jon Swan, ASUM Business Manager

Passed
12/5/01

Exhibit E
SB30-01/02

Resolution to Change Student Conduct Code

Whereas, the student conduct code yields to the rights of the students as outlined in the U.S. Constitution.

Whereas, the student conduct code has outlined regulations pertaining to due process specifically.

Whereas, the University Court, a court that adjudicates the actions of students that are specifically related to the Student Conduct Code, is denied the right to elect a student chairperson.

Whereas, the students appointed to the committee are fully capable of performing the duties outlined in section G of the Student Conduct Code.

Whereas, an election of a student chair would help enumerate the rights of due process to carry through with students having the opportunity to be judged by their peers.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved, the ASUM supports an amendment to the Student Conduct Code in Section G.1 that currently reads: "One of the faculty appointees is elected by the members of the Court to serve as Chair" to: "One of the appointees is elected by the members of the court to serve as chair."

Authored By: Jon Swan, ASUM Business Manager

Passed
12/5/01