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ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
March 14, 2001 - 6 p.m.  
UC 332-333

Suite 105  
University Center

Missoula, MT 59812  
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**ADJOURNMENT STATEMENTS**  
University of Montana

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - None
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
  - a. Board of Regents - 3/21-23
  - b. Today in the Legislature
  - c. Diversity Advisory Council ward Nominations
  - d. Regent Applications
  - e. Make Calls Tomorrow
  - f. City Council
6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
  - a. Committee Appointments
  - b. Other
7. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

STIP - \$21,481.79  
Travel Special Allocation - \$2,281.90  
Zero-based Carryover - \$153,575.74  
Special Allocation - \$1,903.57

  - a. Special Allocation - UM Triathlon \$2,117/\$280
  - b. Other
8. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. SB40-00/01 Resolution to Mandate Roll Call
  - c. SB42-00/01 Resolution in Support of Americans with Disabilities Act in its Entirety
  - d. SB43-00/01 Resolution Reaffirming Support for Same-Sex Partner Health Insurance
  - e. SB44-00/01 Resolution in Support of Referendum for Internet Teacher Evaluations on the Internet
  - f. SB45-00/01 Resolution in Support of The University of Montana Joining the Worker's Rights Consortium
  - g. SB46-00/01 Resolution Demanding UM Administration Implement a New Five-Year Plan for Disability Access
  - h. SB47-00/01 Resolution in Support of a Referendum to Increase the Recycling Fee
10. **NEW BUSINESS**
11. **COMMENTS**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Chambers

DATE March 14, 2001

## SENATE MEMBERS

ROLL  
CALL

JENNIFER BOCK

JARED CHOC

NICK DOMITROVICH

SELDEN FRISBEE

DAVID GACHIGO

AMY GARDIPE

DUSTIN HANKINSON

HAL LEWIS

CHRIS LOCKRIDGE

CATHERINE "CAT" MAXWELL

ASHLEY MERCER

Kris Monson

CHRIS PETERSON

ELIZABETH PIERCE

SEAN-THOMAS PUMPHREY

ALEX ROSENLEAF

JON SWAN

LEA TADDONIO

ERIN THOMPSON

BRANDI WEBER

## ASUM OFFICERS

MOLLY MOON NEITZEL  
President

JAMES BILLINGTON  
Vice-President

TYLER DISBURG  
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

### FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

# ASUM SENATE MINUTES

March 14, 2001

UC332-333 - 6 p.m.

Chair Billington called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present: Neitzel, Billington, Disburg, Bock, Choc, Davis, Domitrovich, Gachigo, Gardipe, Hankinson, Lewis, Lockridge, Maxwell, Mercer, Peterson, Pierce, Pumphrey, Rosenleaf, Swan, Taddonio, Thompson and Weber. Unexcused was Frisbee.

There were no minutes to be approved.

## Public Comment

- \*Becky Eckert from Peer Advisors expressed the group's thanks regarding final budgeting.
- \*Chris Zeeck of MontPIRG spoke in favor of the resolution to increase the recycling fee.
- \*Paul Sopko of the University Homeowners Association was concerned at a remark Neitzel made regarding a possible re-drawing of wards. She said putting the University into the Rattlesnake ward would hinder them from voting in a ward person who could counter the HOA. He invited interested persons to their board meetings. He may be reached at 721-5229 or [sopko@uswest.net](mailto:sopko@uswest.net) for information on times.
- \*Ted Morrison spoke in support of the resolution on the workers' rights consortium.
- \*Nathan (?) spoke in favor of the recycling fee increase and the consortium.
- \*Hayes Lindsay spoke in support of all the resolutions, especially SB42, 45 and 47.
- \*Megan Jennings spoke in support of the recycling fee increase.

## President's Report

- a. The Board of Regents/MAS meetings will be next Wednesday through Friday. Several Senators indicated interest in going.
- b. Tax bill 225 passed out of committee. Consideration is being given to President Dennison's visitor's tax. Senators were encouraged to make calls to "persuadable" legislators tomorrow regarding HB2.
- c. Neitzel discussed the lobbying for credit class and items needed from Senators as proof of their participation.
- d. Diversity Advisory Council Award nominations are due Monday.
- e. Neitzel discussed proposed ward changes in more detail. James Karkulis, a mayoral assistant, explained some proposed changes to occupancy standards and rental licensing and fielded questions about those changes.
- f. Proposed changes are being made to writing classes without faculty or student input. Size may increase from 25-90, as well as content changes.

## Vice President's Report

- a. The following slate of committee appointments was approved on a motion by Neitzel-Disburg: Elections - Cami Hoff; Calendar Planning - Stephen Sticka; COT Dean Search - Amy Gardipe, Tyler Disburg; UM Affairs - Josh Davis; UC Board - Josh Davis.

## Business Manager's Report

STIP - \$21,481.79

Travel Special Allocation - \$2,281.90

Zero-based Carryover - \$153,575.74

Special Allocation - \$1,903.57

- a. A Special Allocation request by the UM Triathlon Club for \$2,117 was passed for \$280, Board on Budget and Finance's recommendation.

With no objection, Committee Reports were moved to follow Unfinished Business.

## Unfinished Business

- a. SB40-00/01 Resolution to Mandate Roll Call - in committee
- b. SB42-00/01 Resolution in Support of Americans with Disabilities Act in its Entirety in committee
- c. SB43-00/01 Resolution Reaffirming Support for Same-Sex Partner Health Insurance (Exhibit A). A friendly amendment by Lewis to add at the end "Further, the students of The University of Montana would happily incur any increase in tuition necessary to negate any increase in cost to the University system" was accepted. A previous

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question call by **Pumphrey** failed on a vote after an objection by **Swan**. After a previous question call by **Lewis**, the resolution passed on a motion by **Rosenleaf-Swan** 19-0 with 2 abstentions on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet).

(The order of resolution consideration was changed to accommodate guest speaker input.)

- d. SB47-00/01 Resolution in Support of a Referendum to Increase the Recycling Fee (Exhibit B). A friendly amendment by **Neitzel** to insert "per semester" after all the instances of "\$1" and "\$2" in the resolution and referendum was accepted. A friendly amendment by **Gachigo** to add to the last paragraph before the last sentence: "ASUM recommends to the President's office the creation of a University recycling task force committee" was accepted. A friendly amendment by **Neitzel** to insert a sunset clause of five years was not accepted. A previous question call by **Neitzel** failed on a vote after an objection by **Peterson**. After a previous question call by **Neitzel**, the resolution passed on a motion by **Rosenleaf-Neitzel**.
- e. SB44-00/01 Resolution in Support of Referendum for Internet Teacher Evaluations on the Internet was amended to delete "on the Internet" from the title on a friendly amendment by **Rosenleaf**. **Pumphrey-Rosenleaf** moved to recommit. A previous question call by **Pumphrey** passed after an objection by **Lewis** and a vote, and the motion to recommit passed.
- f. SB45-00/01 Resolution in Support of The University of Montana Joining the Worker's Rights Consortium (Exhibit C) was submitted by the author in an amended form from the original. A friendly amendment by **Taddonino** to accept the amended version was accepted. After a previous question call by **Swan**, the resolution passed on a motion by **Rosenleaf-Swan**.
- g. SB46-00/01 Resolution Demanding UM Administration Implement a New Five-Year Plan for Disability Access (Exhibit D) was amended in committee to change the title to "Resolution Demanding UM Administration Complete the Standing Transition Plan for Disability Access" and to change the last sentence to read "Therefore be it Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana demand that the administration of The University of Montana complete the standing transition plan to guarantee access and to live up to the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act." After a previous question call by **Neitzel**, the resolution passed on a motion by **Lockridge-Thompson**.

#### Committee Reports

- a. ASUM Affairs (Weber) - SB40 was held in committee.
- b. Transportation (Gardipe) - Discussion on the late night bus has been tabled until summer.
- c. Board on Membership (Maxwell) - The following slate of groups were approved for ASUM recognition: Students for Choice, Women's Rowing and Order of Omega.
- d. SPA (Thompson) - SB42 is in committee, and SB43 and 45 received do pass recommendations. HB2 is a current issue. A voter guide is being considered.
- e. UC Board (Pumphrey) - The committee is discussing budget matters.
- f. Elections (Pumphrey) - A report was given on election petition pick-up.
- g. University Affairs (Swan) - SB46 and 47 were given do pass recommendations.

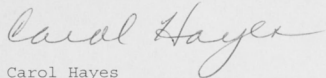
#### New Business

- a. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy (3)
- b. Resolution on schedule bills
- c. Resolution on a UC fee referendum
- d. Resolution on student bill of rights
- e. Resolution to amend Personnel Policy
- f. Resolution on course syllabi
- g. Resolution opposing proposed Missoula zoning code amendment
- h. Resolution to amend Bylaws
- i. Resolution on swimming hours
- j. Resolution on UC vendor parking

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Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:46.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carol Hayes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager

Exhibit A  
5843-00/01

### 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 top administrators of the Montana campuses have all pledged support of diversity,

**Whereas**, diversity encompasses a wide range of individual aspects, including race, religion, ethnicity, other cultural attributes, 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**, this decision goes against the basic tenets of the mission of the Montana University System,

**Therefore Let It Be Resolved**, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana 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: Christopher Peterson, ASUM senator  
Lea Taddonio, ASUM senator

Sponsored By: Josh Davis, ASUM senator  
Erin Thompson, ASUM senator  
Jon Swan, ASUM senator

*Further, the students of the University of Montana would happily incur any increase in tuition necessary to negate any increase in cost to the University system.*

*Passed 3/14/01*

Resolution in Support of a Referendum to Increase the Student Kaimin/Recycling Fee

Whereas, Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) will no longer process the University of Montana's recycling;

Whereas, BFI, in order to compensate the University of Montana for lack of service, is donating two recycling compactors;

Whereas, it will cost an estimated \$16,500 to install the donated compactors;

Whereas, the recycling program at the University of Montana currently does not have the budget to install the compactors;

Whereas, the University of Montana has three potential options concerning this issue:

- 1) End the recycling program (with the exception of cardboard recycling) and decline the compactor donation from BFI,
- 2) Get a loan to pay for the compactors, or
- 3) Increase the student Kaimin/Recycling fee;

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the community and the University of Montana to continue the recycling program;

Whereas, the University will save an estimated \$7,000 following the transition from BFI based service to University based service;

Whereas, the University of Montana currently makes an average \$2,600 per year from the sale of recycled waste to BFI;

Whereas, BFI will continue to buy our recycled waste;

Whereas, in FY 2000, the recycling program netted over \$7,400;

Whereas, the University can currently apply for a \$16,500 State InterCap Loan at a 6% interest rate;

Whereas, to pay off the State InterCap Loan, funds must be taken from the current recycling budget;

Whereas, the funds taken to pay off the loan will substantially inhibit the recycling program, resulting in a loss of student jobs and the amount recycled;

Whereas, a decrease in the recycling program would result in a decrease in revenue for the University of Montana;

Whereas, a \$1 increase in the Kaimin/Recycling fee (a total of \$2 going to the recycling program) would pay off the compactor installation fee in the first year;

Whereas, a \$1 increase in the Kaimin/Recycling fee will allow the students at the University of Montana greater access and control to changes and improvements made in the recycling program;

Whereas, an additional \$11,000/per semester will enable the recycling program to (among other things) expand access, education, and employment opportunities;

Whereas, any improvement in the recycling program will result in increased recycled tonnage, thereby increasing the programs (and the University's) revenue;

Therefore let it be resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana support a student referendum regarding the \$1 increase to the Kaimin/Recycling fee allowing a total of \$2 from each fee paying student to go toward campus recycling. The referendum shall read as follows:

A sum recommends to the President's office,  
the creation of a university recycling  
cash for all committees.



☐

I am in favor of increasing the ~~Kaimin~~/Recycling fee by \$1/<sup>per semester</sup> the recycling program.

<sup>per semester</sup>, which is a  
<sup>voluntary</sup>  
<sup>personally</sup> ~~waivable~~  
fee

☐

I am not in favor of increasing the ~~Kaimin~~/Recycling fee by \$1/<sup>per semester</sup>

<sup>per semester</sup>, which is a  
<sup>voluntary</sup>,  
<sup>waivable</sup>  
fee.

**Authored by:** Christopher Zeeck, MontPIRG Board Chair,  
Kit Douglass, Campus Environmental Audit Coordinator  
**Sponsored by:** Erin Thompson, ASUM Senator

Referendum Passed  
Yes 2246 No 385  
ASUM General Elections  
April 18-19, 2001

Exhibit C  
SB 45-00/01

**Resolution in Support of The University of Montana Joining the Worker's Rights Consortium**

**Whereas,** The Worker's Rights Consortium is a group made-up of over 70 colleges and universities nationwide with the common commitment of licensing goods that are produced within a specific code of conduct;

**Whereas,** The University of Montana and its students strive to be a politically conscientious campus, in part illustrated by the number of political and human rights programs, groups, classes and other activities;

**Whereas,** The membership to The Worker's Rights Consortium would further identify The University of Montana as a progressive and forward-thinking institution;

**Whereas,** This code of conduct followed by The Worker's Rights Consortium member schools includes: a living wage (based on the country of production), the right to organize and collective bargain, protection of worker's health and safety, compliance with local laws, protection of women's rights, and prohibition of child labor, forced labor and forced overtime;

**Therefore let it be resolved,** that The Associated Students of the University of Montana support The University of Montana becoming a member of The Worker's Rights Consortium.

**Authored by:** Christopher Peterson, ASUM Senator

**Sponsored by:** Molly Moon Neitzel, ASUM President  
Erin Thompson, ASUM Senator

Passed  
3/14/01

Exhibit D  
5846-00/01

**Resolution Demanding UM Administration implement a New five-**

*Complete the Standing Transition Plan for*  
**year plan for disability access** *Disability Access*

**Whereas:** In 1990, upon passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act, the University implemented a "five year plan" for disability access.

**Whereas:** Eleven years later, the plan lives up to the letter of the law, but not the spirit of said law.

**Whereas:** Students not able to navigate stairs are not free to access areas of the Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, and Math Buildings along with Main Hall and other buildings on campus.

**Whereas:** These students are denied the same freedoms and opportunities as their non-disabled counterparts.

**Whereas:** This lack of opportunity hurts the education of these students.

**Therefore be it Resolved** that the Associated Students of the University of Montana demand that the administration of the University of Montana *Complete the Standing Transition Plan to guarantee access and to* **implement a new five year plan** *for disability access that lives up to the spirit of the Americans With Disabilities Act.*

**Authored By:** Alex M. Rosenleaf  
ASUM Senator

**Sponsored By:** Dustin Hankinson  
ASUM Senator

*Passed*  
*3/14/01*