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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
April 25, 2001 - 6 p.m.
UC 332-333

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Associated Students
University of Montana

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -April 18, 2001
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Ben Darrow, School Board Elections
 - b. Sarah Cobler, ASUM Lobbyist
 - c. Neighborhood Council, Paxson School - May 1, 7 p.m.
 - d. Meeting with the Commissioner - Thursday, 3 p.m., Todd203
 - e. Other
6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Committee Appointments
 - b. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

STIP - \$9,002.79
Travel Special Allocation - \$2,027.10
Zero-based Carryover - \$152,225.74
Special Allocation - \$1,016.57

 - a. Special Allocation - Freedom Daze \$825/\$412.
 - b. Special Allocation - Phoenix \$187.25/\$0
 - c. S.T.I.P. - Peer Advising \$1,500/\$859
 - d. SB52-00/01 Resolution to Change Fiscal Policy 8.1.2
 - e. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. SB40-00/01 Resolution to Mandate Roll Call
 - b. SB50-00/01 Resolution in Support of a Student Bill of Rights
 - c. 56-00/01 Resolution to Ban Credit Vendors from Tabling in the University Center and to Urge the Alumni Association to Discontinue Contracting with MBNA
 - d. SB61-00/01 Resolution to Amend the Elections Bylaws
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE

April 25, 2001

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CALLSENATE MEMBERS

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~~ Josh Davis

CHRIS PETERSON

ELIZABETH PIERCE

SEAN-THOMAS PUMPHREY

ALEX ROSENLEAF

JON SWAN

LEA TADDONIO

ERIN THOMPSON

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ASUM OFFICERSMOLLY MOON NEITZEL
PresidentJAMES BILLINGTON
Vice-PresidentTYLER DISBURG
Business ManagerFACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

PROFESSOR ANDERSON

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Chair Billington called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Present: Neitzel, Billington, Disburg, Bock, Choc, Davis, Domitrovich, Frisbee, Gardipe, Hankinson (6:18), Lewis, Lockridge, Maxwell, Mercer, Peterson, Pierce, Pumphrey, Swan, Taddonio, Thompson and Weber. Excused were Gachigo and Rosenleaf.

The minutes for the April 18, 2001, meeting were approved.

Public Comment

*Members of the Rowing Club thanked Senate for their help in purchasing their boat and passed around pictures of it.

*Todd Morman gave his opinion on ASUM's shortcomings in dealing with campus issues and specifically with regard to the treatment of former SPA Director Lincoln Bauer.

*Stacie Phillips, Ask An Alum representative and Senator-elect, congratulated and thanked ASUM for their efforts on campus and legislative efforts over the year.

*MontPIRG's Chris Zeeck thanked the Elections Committee for their work and help with MontPIRG's affirmation referendum. He also noted MontPIRG's support for the credit card resolution. He and Hayes Lindsay urged Senators to define carefully the limitations addressed in the resolution on campaigning.

The Chair recognized the presence of Hankinson.

President's Report

- a. Ben Darrow distributed a Voter Guide that ASUM has helped sponsor with the League of Women Voters, which contains some student specific questions. There is a community coalition that is working to increase the school board election voter turnout.
- b. Sarah Cobler, ASUM legislative lobbyist, gave an update on legislative matters. Tuition may be as high as 9%. She noted successes: HB3 which gives help in past utility increases; SB322 which allows for higher education scholarships for former natural resource workers; HB349, which gives faculty equity ownership in research projects; and an increase in state-supported financial aid. She lamented the distrust for the University system on the part of legislature, citing a need to convince them that proper funding will lead to an affordable education. She said the SLAM table that gave students the opportunity to contact legislators made a big difference. Bill Johnston, who lobbied for the University, thanked Senate for their efforts.
- c. There will be a meeting of the University area Neighborhood Council on May 1 at 7 p.m. at Paxson School. Bylaws changes will be proposed, which may affect student participation. She encouraged student attendance and participation.
- d. There will be a meeting with the Commissioner of Higher Education tomorrow at 3 in Cont. Ed. 203, at which time students may comment on President Dennison's evaluation.
- e. The end-of-the-year ASUM dinner will be held tonight after Senate at the Hob Nob.

Vice President's Report - None

Business Manager's Report

STIP - \$21,481.79 - *7002.99 ok can*
Travel Special Allocation - \$2,217.10 *2027.10 ok can*
Zero-based Carryover - \$152,875.74 *152,225.74 ok can*
Special Allocation - \$1,308.57 *1016.57 ok can*

- a. Special Allocation request for Freedom Daze of \$825 was approved for \$412.50, Budget and Finance's recommendation.
- b. Special Allocation request from Phoenix for \$187.25 was approved for \$0, Budget and Finance's recommendation, after a previous question call by Swan.
- c. S.T.I.P. request from Peer Advising for \$1,500 was approved for \$859, Budget and Finance's recommendation, after a previous question call by Taddonio passed.
- d. SB52-00/01 Resolution to Change Fiscal Policy 8.1.2 is in committee.

Committee Reports

- a. Elections (Pumphrey) - Three grievances were filed against the Peterson-Lindsay ticket but were all dismissed. The MontPIRG referendum passed 2,491-415. The Committee was unable to address SB61, so it is still in committee.
- b. Green Griz Week (Gardipe) - She asked for help for the week April 30-May 4.
- c. UC Board (Pumphrey) - There will be a reception to welcome Joel Zaar, new UC Director, at 3:30 p.m. May 1 in the North UC Ballroom.
- d. SPA (Thompson) - Sororities and fraternities will be contacted about the Neighborhood Council meeting.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB40-00/01 Resolution to Mandate Roll Call was tabled in committee.
- b. SB50-00/01 Resolution in Support of a Student Bill of Rights was withdrawn.
- c. B56-00/01 Resolution to Ban Credit Vendors from Tabling in the University Center and to Demand the Alumni Association Stop Providing Student Information to MBNA (Exhibit A). After extensive discussion, **Neitzel-Peterson** moved to limit discussion to two for and two against, which failed on a vote after a previous question call by **Neitzel**. After a failed previous question call by **Neitzel** and one by **Disburg** which passed, the resolution passed in its committee-amended form.
- d. SB61-00/01 Resolution to Amend the Elections Bylaws is in committee.

New Business

- a. Resolution on Latin American Studies minor
- b. Resolution on Senate name tags
- c. Resolution on credit cap

Comments

A motion by **Swan-Disburg** to adjourn passed after a previous question call by **Disburg** passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Carol Hayes
Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Resolution to Ban Credit Card Vendors from Tabling in the University Center and to Demand the Alumni Association Stop Providing Student Information to MBNA.

Whereas, credit card debt poses a threat to the well being of students on this campus;

Whereas, MBNA employs deceptive and overaggressive tactics in soliciting their credit card applications to students;

Whereas, MBNA is in violation of the Truth in Lending Act by not displaying their permanent rate as prominently as their introductory rate on promotional materials;

Whereas, MBNA gives approximately \$6,000 per year to the Alumni Association in return for access to student mailing lists;

Whereas, the proceeds received from MBNA go to the Ask-An-Alum program, which has served approximately 1.2 percent of the student population this year;

Whereas, the benefits received by the students of the University of Montana are far outweighed by the damage caused by MBNA's misleading solicitation and lending practices;

Whereas, MBNA is currently in violation of UC policy, which requires all credit card vendors to, "make a good faith effort to inform all applicants of all rates, fees, timelines, deadlines, offer changes and any other information about the card before the application is received";

Whereas, UC policy states that "violation of this policy will result in eviction and possible denial of access to the UC in the future";

Whereas, by providing MBNA with the student directory disc, the University of Montana Alumni Association is assisting MBNA in targeting students for misleading and deceptive credit card offers, which cause immeasurable harm to students;

Therefore, let it be resolved that ASUM urges the UC board to permanently ban all credit card vendors from the University Center. Further, let it be resolved that ASUM demands that the University of Montana Alumni Association stop providing student information to MBNA upon the expiration of their current contract.

Authored by: Josh Davis, ASUM Senator

Passed
4/25/01