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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
October 18, 2000
UC332-333 - 6 p.m.

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 11, 2000
4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Freshman Seminar
- b. Women Leaders
- c. Declaration
- d. Adjunct Comments
- e. PBA Director Candidate Meetings
- f. U.S. House Debate
- g. Other

6. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Appointments
- b. High School Visits
- c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT - None

STIP - ~~\$22025.69~~ *CH 22,035.77*

Travel Special Allocation - \$11,536.80

Zero-based Carryover - ~~\$156,837.14~~ *156,698.24 CH*

Special Allocation - ~~\$7,442~~ *7,262 CH*

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB10-00/01 Resolution to Create an On-line Teacher Evaluation Site
- b. SB12-00/01 Resolution to Decrease Student Pay Periods to 2 Weeks
- c. SB13-00/01 Resolution to Protect U of M Students' Right to an Adequate Education
- d. SB14-00/01 Resolution in Support of Adjunct Re-hiring
- e. SB15-00/01 Resolution to Prioritize the Quality of Education at The University of Montana

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
October 18, 2000
UC332-333 - 6 p.m.

Chair Billington called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Present: Neitzel, Billington, Bock, Choc, Domitrovich, Frisbee, Gachigo, Gardipe, Hankinson, Hunt, Lewis, Lockridge, Maxwell, Mercer, Monson, Pierce, Pumphrey, Schulzke, Swan, and Weber. Excused were Disburg, Rosenleaf and Thompson.

The minutes of the October 11 meeting were approved as amended (removal of second "fuse" in e. of New Business). The recorder also notes another correction: the minutes said "The minutes of the August 4 meeting were approved" at the October 11 meeting. It should have read "October 4" and not "August 4".

Public Comment

*Nicole Hasbrouck thanked Senate for their work on the adjunct situation.

President's Report

- a. Senators were asked to volunteer to attend a Freshman seminar class next Tuesday to discuss their student government involvement and how that came about.
- b. Senators were encouraged to attend Center for Leadership Development's forum Thursda from 7-9 p.m. of the ASUM Diversity Committee, which also meets at 7.
- c. Representatives from 56 schools representing 23 States attended a meeting in Amherst MA on civic responsibility of young people. Neitzel reported that young people are volunteering more and voting less. A declaration of civic responsibility was drafted, and a copy is available to see in Neitzel's office.
- d. Two more applicants for the BPA Director position will be available 10/19 at 1 p.m. in Continuing Ed. 203 and 10/24 at 1 p.m. in Continuing Ed. 204.
- e. A U.S. House Debate featuring Keenan and Rehberg will be on PBS at 7 p.m. Saturday.
- f. Neitzel reported that 33 adjuncts will not be rehired next semester. The latest information she has is that English 101 will go from 22 to 23 students; Liberal Studies 152 will go from 30 to 35 students; a Spanish class from 35 to 42 students; and Math 117 from 25 or so to 700 in a lecture class coupled with 28 to 30 in discussion groups. Neitzel will invite President Dennison to a discussion on KBGA.
- g. Comments were made on the procedure for a student fee for adjunct support.

Vice President's Report

- a. Mark Peterson has talked with the UM Foundation about raising funds from alumni for specific department programs and/or to retain adjuncts. He would like a few Senator to help him contact department chairs. See Billington if interested.
- b. Billington asked for volunteers to serve on some committees. The following committee appointments were approved as a slate on a motion by **Pumphrey-Domitrovich**: University Court - Hal Lewis, Amy Gardipe; Traffic Appeals - Ashley Mercer.
- c. Billington asked for volunteers to speak with high school students during National College Week.

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Travel Special Allocation - \$17,500 *11,536.80* *lt*
Zero-based Carryover - \$168,837.14 *156,698.24* *lt*
Special Allocation - \$8,000 *7,363* *lt*
Business Manager's Report - None (out of town)

Committee Reports

- a. Student Health Service Advisory (Monson) - The Committee discussed marketing the service to Freshmen, who seldom use it during this first year. A flu shot clinic is scheduled for November 14 and 15, pending availability of vaccine. Senators were encouraged to attend meetings.
- b. University Affairs (Swan) - SB10, 12, 13, 14 and 15 received "do pass" recommendations.
- c. ASUM Affairs (Weber) - A sign-up sheet was circulated for tabling.
- d. Transportation Board (Lewis) - Thursday at 12 the group will discuss the budget. Park 'n Ride is slightly over budget.

- e. Drug and Alcohol (Pumphrey) - They discussed their role and mission, promotion of safe consumption, 21st birthday celebrations and Budweiser's drink safe program. Clarification is needed on the Coors-UM relationship.
- f. Board on Membership (Maxwell) - The following groups were approved as a slate: Wesley Foundation, Phoenix, Mortar Board, African Students Association, Student Social Work Association, Jazz Club, Role Players' Club, Riptide, Fencing Guild, Peers Reaching Out, ADSUM, and Native American law Students.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB10-00/01 Resolution to Create an On-line Teacher Evaluation Site (Exhibit A) passed on a motion by **Pumphrey-Choc**.
- b. SB12-00/01 Resolution to Decrease Student Pay Periods to 2 Weeks (Exhibit B) failed on a motion by **Swan-Monson**. Division was called, and the resolution passed 16-1.
- c. SB13-00/01 Resolution to Protect U of M Students' Right to an Adequate Education (Exhibit C) was moved by **Lewis-Monson**. A friendly amendment by **Neitzel** to replace the second bullet (as amended in committee) with "The ASUM President and Business manager be required to report on SBPC meetings during regular Committee Reports" was not accepted. **Neitzel-Domitrovich** moved same. A friendly amendment by **Pumphrey** to retain the second bullet, and insert this between the second and third ones followed with the others also was not accepted. **Pumphrey-Lewis** moved same. On a previous question call by **Lewis** the motion failed. Division was called, and the motion passed 9-8. On a previous question call by **Monson**, the amended motion failed. Division was called, and the amended motion passed 9-8. On a previous question call by **Lewis**, the amended resolution passed.
- d. SB14-00/01 Resolution in Support of Adjunct Re-hiring (Exhibit D) was moved by **Swan-Pumphrey**. A friendly amendment by **Neitzel** to replace "demand" to "expect" in the resolution and accompanying letter was not accepted. A motion was made by **Neitzel-Monson** for same. On a previous question call by **Pumphrey** the motion failed. Division was called, and the motion passed 9-8. The amended resolution failed. Division was called, and the resolution passed 9-5 with two abstentions.
- d. SB15-00/01 Resolution to Prioritize the Quality of Education at The University of Montana came to Senate as a second motion from SPA. A motion by **Lewis-Neitzel** to postpone indefinitely passed.

New Business

- a. Resolution on Math117 restructuring

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

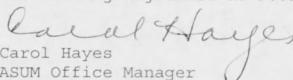

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Exhibit A
SB10-00/01

Resolution to Create Web Page Dedicated to Teacher and Class Evaluations

Whereas, the University of Montana does not currently have teacher evaluations made accessible to the student body.

Whereas, it is the right for students to be informed about the quality and profile of professors in order to make a well informed class choice.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana form a committee to investigate, design, implement, supervise and maintain a web-page dedicated to teacher and class evaluation.

Further, let it be resolved that the committee shall be chaired by an ASUM senator, consist of two additional ASUM senators, two students at large and one representative from the faculty. The committee shall meet weekly. The vice president of ASUM shall appoint members of the committee.

Further, let it be resolved that the name of the committee shall be the Associated Students of The University of Montana Online Teacher and Class Evaluation Committee. Otherwise known as ASUM OLTCEC.

Authored by Ashley Mercer, ASUM Senator

Sponsored by James Billington, ASUM Vice President

Passed
10/18/00

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SB 12-00/01

Resolution to Decrease Student Pay Periods to 2 weeks

Whereas, many students depend solely on income generated by University of Montana payroll, which is doled once per month.

Whereas, current technology allows an increase in the number of times payroll is done without significant increase in expenditure, i.e. paper paychecks cost money for materials; direct deposit does not.

Whereas, some University employers are having difficulty attracting student applicants due to the nature of the university pay schedule.

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana insist that the student pay period be decreased to 2 weeks.

Authored by Molly Moon Neitzel
and Hal Lewis

Sponsored by Tyler Disburg

Passed
10/18/00

Resolution to Protect U of M Students' Right to an Adequate Education

WHEREAS the University of Montana is a service institution that is intended to provide the best possible education to its consumers.

WHEREAS the students of the University and their families have committed substantial resources to receive the service of education. Furthermore, they expect that these resources should be managed in a way that puts student interest above all else.

WHEREAS the University currently faces another funding crisis, the burden of which is being placed upon the shoulders of students who did nothing to cause it.

WHEREAS student knowledge, understanding and influence over how the tuition they pay is allocated remains a mystery to all but a few which leaves the entire campus in a clueless position once budgetary crises emerge.

WHEREAS the students of the University of Montana have a right to play a more active role in the processes that affect their investment.

THEREFORE, Let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana support the following:

- A change from projection-based budgeting to a more stable budgeting model that protects against funding shortfalls.
- The formation of a student-only committee to work with administrators on issues that directly affect the quality of education. This committee group would empower students by representing viewpoints in a directly visible way, allowing access to knowledge and influence that would create stronger student input.
- Open communication by administrators to students explaining the specific programs, classes and faculty affected by the reduction of staff and what it means to the student body throughout the process.

Authored by Dustin Hankinson, ASUM Senator

Sponsored by: Alex Rosulek of, ASUM Senator

The facilitation of an interdisciplinary group of students to go to SBPC in addition to the ASUM President and Business Manager.

The ASUM President and Business Manager be required to report on SBPC meetings during regular committee reports.

Passed
10/18/00

Exhibit D
SB 14-00/01

Whereas: Adjunct professors represent 23% of The University of Montana's teaching faculty.

Whereas: Adjunct professors have shown a long-standing commitment to the students, faculty, and the institution of The University of Montana.

Whereas: ASUM is the voice of students to the faculty, the administration, and the public.

Whereas: Students have repeatedly shown strong support for the adjunct faculty, and have urged the senate to become involved in advocating the continuation of adjunct employment.

Whereas: A decrease in teaching faculty will result in a definite increase in the student-teacher ratio, a probable increase in class size and decrease in class availability; consequently the risk of a future decrease in student enrollment and an immediate drop in student and faculty morale is likely.

Therefore: Let it be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana ~~demand~~ the rehiring of the adjunct faculty. Any budget cuts or shortages should not detract from the main function of the university: EDUCATION. ASUM will not support any measures for saving money at the cost of education.

Let it also be resolved that the accompanying letter detailing the stance of ASUM on the issue of rehiring adjunct faculty be sent to the administration, including the offices of the President, Vice-President, and Provost. Furthermore, the letter shall be signed by the ASUM Senate members and copies shall also be sent to local media representatives.

Passed
10/18/00

October 18, 2000

President Dennison
The University of Montana

Dear President Dennison:

The Associated Students of The University of Montana ^{express} demand the rehiring of the adjunct faculty. ASUM recognizes that a budgeting crisis exists, however, ASUM and the students of The University of Montana will not stand for any budgeting cuts, decreases, or changes that compromise the foundation of this institution: academic excellence. The budget shortfall must be resolved, but an alternative which does not endanger education needs to be found.

It is the belief of ASUM that a decrease in the adjunct faculty would directly lead to a decrease in the quality of education. Furthermore, an increase in the student/teacher ratio, and subsequent increase in class size may jeopardize future enrollment for both prospective and current students. The foundation, the core, and the principle of The University of Montana should always be to provide, promote, and foster an enriching educational experience. Students require and deserve a high quality education which includes the adjunct faculty; consequently it is ASUM's ^{obligation} duty to ~~that demand the rehiring of the~~ adjunct faculty ^{will be rehired.}

The adjunct faculty has shown a long-standing commitment to the students, faculty, and institution of The University of Montana. Although by definition an adjunct is only a temporary position, not rehiring them would be a great injustice to the adjuncts as well as to the ethical standards the University as an employer should uphold. A temporary position that has been consistently filled for several years becomes less of a temporary and more of a necessary position for The University of Montana's academic welfare.

Students have expressed deep concern for the future of their education, faculty, and university. It is important for The University of Montana to recognize and appreciate these concerns. Ultimately, students are the clients, benefactors, and shareholders of the University. ASUM believes the voice and interests of the students of The University of Montana must be heard by the administration, and action must be taken to alleviate these concerns of educational shortcomings. The Associated Students of the University of Montana ^{express} demand that educational standards not be compromised.

Sincerely,

The Associated Students of the University of Montana