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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 4, 2015

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a) Marilyn Marler (updated management plan of UM natural areas)
   b) Matthew Olson (Asia Montana Energy Summit)
   c) Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committees
   b. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   Tuesday, February 10, 2015 11:52 AM
   Zero-Base: 112,872.82
   STIP: 106,835.72
   Travel: 22,377.56
   Special Allocation: 18,389.56
   a) Resolution Regarding Kyi-Yo Fee
   b) Final Budgeting
   c) Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a) SB069-14/15

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair McQuillan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: President Hohman, Vice President McQuillan, Business Manager Hazen, Professor Smith, Professor Stark; and Senators Bart (6:02), Bessette, Bruck, Bundy, Chestnut, Ellinger, Field (6:12), Fuson, Grady, Hash, Mawalagedara, Meixner, Menke, Moseri, Neiman, Neu, O’Malley, Orr, Sewell, Story (6:05), and Smith. Excused: Senators Knudson and Wheeler. Unexcused: Senator Halverson.

The minutes from the February 4, 2015 meeting were approved as amended.

Public Comment

- Gillian Ellison and Brennan Cain came to represent the Montana Student Activism Association (MSAA) and gave a brief summary of the group and an explanation for their special allocation request.
- Amber Schaffer of the Kyi Yo club came to explain their resolution of the $1 increase to the student activity fee, funding their Pow Wow.
- Iva Croff, author of SB070-14/15, also spoke of the resolution and explained why the fee increase would be important.
- Eamon Ormseth, Griz for UNICEF, came in to speak about a fundraiser the group is holding in order to raise money for children affected by the war in Gaza.
- Eamon Ormseth, Reinvest Montana, thanked the senate for providing the funding for their retreat.
- Eamon Ormseth, student of UM, came to speak on the AIPAC Conference, its relevancy, and to voice his final opinion; that the attendance of the AIPAC Conference would be representative of the University. He also related that the students were offended by the coverage of the events surrounding the attendance of the conference.
- Bryce Ro and Taylor McDermot from Neighborhood Ambassadors gave the senate a brief update on their program. The February Newsletter (Exhibit A) was distributed.
- Mike Hopkins, student of UM, came to express his regret that two students were robbed of an opportunity due to politics (speaking of President Hohman’s and Vice President McQuillan’s plans to attend the AIPAC conference).
- Mike Hopkins, the Montana Associated Students Lobbyist, came to give an update on the priorities of the lobbyists.

President’s Report

a. Marilyn Marler came to explain the relevancy and need for an updated UM natural areas management plan. There has never been a comprehensive management plan for the UM natural areas. Marler explained that the University needs one due to the fact that UM is known for their programs around biology and other natural studies, and that Mt. Sentinel not only supports many flora species, but also many fauna. The goals of this program include education, research, conservation, recreation, and identity. The natural areas of the university covers over 600 acres of land, including grasslands, forests, and trails. The Missoula Valley grasslands, like on Mt. Sentinel, are known as intermountain prairie lands, and only 5% of these lands remain. Big conservation issues in grasslands include noxious weeds and erosion. This plan has specific items to cover these issues. The forest land of Mt. Sentinel has suffered decades of fire suppression and need to be thinned, as addressed in the plan. Trails are not managed by the university either, but erosion and trail degradation effect the grasslands in a major way. The plan that will be presented asks to develop a master plan for the M trail. Fort Missoula is also included in the plan, due to its history, riparian forests, and grasslands. Both the grasslands and the forests of Fort Missoula are in need of noxious weed management, which is addressed in the plan. Mrs. Marler also explained their extensive weed management plan.
b. Matthew Olson came to speak of the Asia MT Energy Summit. There will be two days of AIMS to attend, one on April 29 and one on April 30.

c. SPA Director Blaine Metz was confirmed by the body and gave a brief introduction.

**Vice President’s Report**

a. Chestnut-Sewell to approve the committee appointments. Unanimous was called by Bart.

b. Senator Knudson has resigned from ASUM. Story-Chestnut to accept Senator Knudson’s resignation. Unanimous was called by Bart.

**Business Manager’s Report**

a. SB070-14/15;
   a. (Authorship by Trail 57:00)
   b. Bart-Orr to approve. Motion was retracted by Bart.
   c. Meixner-Smith to approve. Unanimous was called by Bart.

b. Tomorrow the requests for final budgeting are due by five ‘o’clock. Travel allocations are due by Friday. A sign-up sheet is available for Travel Lobbying.

c. MSAA Special Allocation;
   a. Ellinger-Chestnut to increase the amount senate approves by $1000 (from $0.00 to $1000.00). Motion passes with an up-down vote.
   b. Meixner-Chesnut to close. Motion passes with an up-down vote.

d. The indigenous filmmakers gave an update on their travel for their film festival and reported an excess of funds. The group would like to be able to use their excess funding to attend the Big Sky Film Festival.
   a. Bart-Skunk Cap to approve a Special Allocation of $345.88 (the excess) to the Indigenous Filmmakers group. Motion passes with an up-down vote.

**Committee Reports**

- Relations and Affairs (Smith) – Met Monday at 12:30. No resolutions were seen.
- SPA (Bart) - Met on Monday and moved their time from 5 pm to 6 pm. March 6th will be student political action day in Helena. The committee is looking to get a bus for the event. They will also bring up a special allocation next week for food for the event and funding for the travel to the event. Sarah Smith was officially named the City Council Liaison.
- Rafter360 (Bundy) – The committee has met three times since there last meeting. Still currently in discovery era. They want an answer in the next 48 hours. There are three different implementation processes the committee is looking at.
- Student Music Union (O’Malley) - Met on Sunday. Senator O’Malley thanked anyone who went to Fusion.
- Transportation (O’Malley) - Met Monday from 4-5 in UC 215. Discussed a fee that will be seen next week.
- Housing (Ellinger) - Met yesterday. Meets every other Tuesday. Discussed bear dens program. Looking for senators to help advertise applications. Will continue to press for off campus housing.
- International Committee (Ellinger) - Met today. Two new university partnerships were approved; one in Ethiopia and one in Sweden. Also discussed the ilab, which is moving at an appropriate pace. International students are not allowed to request university scholarships, and the committee, with the help of Effie Kearns, is looking to change that.
- Marketing and Outreach (Chestnut) – The committee was supposed to meet at 10 pm. The committee is working towards advertising the SRO and the two new senate seats.
- Valentine’s Day Committee (Hazen) - Professor Stark provided goodies which were distributed.
- Professor Smith gave a wizarding report.

**Unfinished Business**

a. SB069-14/15;
   a. Bart-Story to amend line 27 to read “Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM instructs its lobbyist to lobby in support of HB412.” Motion passes with an up-down vote.
   b. Bart-Ellinger to approve. Motion passes with a roll call vote 21 Yes – 3 No.
New Business
Resolution regarding Parking
Resolution regarding Sprinklers
Resolutions regarding the American Dental Association
Resolutions regarding the Kaimin (3)
Resolution regarding Recreational Marijuana
Resolutions regarding Fiscal Policy
Resolutions regarding Constitution Referendum (3)
Resolution regarding Um Student Conduct Code
Resolution regarding ASUM Childcare
Resolution regarding Discrimination
Resolution regarding Student Group Application
Resolution regarding ASUM Public Relations Committee
Resolutions regarding Divestment (2)
Resolution regarding Legal Cannabis
Resolution regarding Electronic locks
Resolution regarding GRE
Resolutions regarding MT State Legislature (4)
Resolution regarding Snap Benefits
Resolutions regarding Bylaws (3)
Resolution regarding Snow Days
Resolution regarding the God Given Right to Carry a Firearm
Resolution regarding Sustainability (2)

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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ASUM Senate Secretary