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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, October 7th, 2015
Missoula College West TT11, 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 30, 2015

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. New Senator
- b. Bill Borrie, Faculty Senate Chair
- c. Umpqua Community College Donations
- d. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Student Organization Dinner
- b. Committees
- c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$16,000

STIP - \$116,134.68

TRAVEL ALLOCATION - \$31,184.55

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$130,945.08

- a. Special Allocation Request, Persian Club-\$150/\$150
- b. Special Allocation Request, UM Food Systems Working Group-\$300/\$300
- c. Special Allocation Request, Anime-\$600/\$1800
- d. Special Allocation Request, Brazilian Grizzly Assoc.-\$181.47/\$181.47
- e. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB12-15/16: Resolution Regarding Kaimin Sales Commission
- b. SB13-15/16: Resolution Regarding Kaimin Wages
- c. SB14-15/16: Resolution Amending Personnel Policy

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2015
Missoula College West, Room TT11, 6 p.m.

Chair Story called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: President Meixner, Vice President Story, Business Manager Smith; and Senators Ammons, Carlson, Engebretson (6:08), Fettig, Folsom, Frazier, Greenfield, Halvorson, Hoppingardner, Kronenberg, La'a, McDermott, Metz (6:05), Morsette, Nelson, O'Malley, Orr, Scott, C. Smith, and W. Smith. Excused: Senators Forstag, Fossen, Hannfin, and Keller. Unexcused: Senator Bundy.

The minutes from the September 30, 2015 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- Eric Dennison, Society of Physics Students-Mr. Dennison wanted to introduce himself as the ASUM Senate Liaison from the Society of Physics Students.
- Brandon Bart, MontPIRG-Mr. Bart passed around sign-up sheets for the Vote Week event next week. Posters and flyers are printed and ready to distribute. Former Senator Bart explained that he wanted to come speak to the body about his resignation. Mr. Bart would like to join the Student Political Action (SPA), Legal Board, and possibly Budget and Finance (B&F) committees as a Student at Large (SAL).

President's Report

- a. A motion was made by **W. Smith-McDermott** to seat Senator Widmyer. Unanimous Consent (UC) was called by **Halvorsen**, and with no objections, the motion was passed.
- b. Bill Borrie, Faculty Senate Chair-Mr. Borrie wanted to introduce himself to the ASUM Senate in order to establish mutual concerns. He would like the body to be aware of AAIP, a review of the portfolio of programs at UM. 105 programs on campus were involved. President Hohman and Senator Wheeler were involved in this process. Public report available online on the Faculty Senate website. Mr. Borrie reviewed some significant results of the study. The Faculty Senate acknowledges that UM is a public liberal arts university. They appreciate the fact that we are an ecosystem, and that programs are interconnected. He also expressed that the Faculty Senate feels that data shouldn't drive processes, because it is flawed, but that it should direct our conversations about programs. He also brought up the 21st Century Education for a Vibrant Democracy conference on October 26th-27th. Speaking about general education requirements (GER), Mr. Borrie predicted that GERs may be reviewed in the next four to five years. He asked the Senate to consider what GERs at UM should be and whether reform is necessary.
 - a. Senator Nelson expressed that his experience with GER classes led him to believe that professors do not necessarily enjoy teaching them.
 - b. Senator McDermott expressed that GERs take too long to complete, and students are not able to jump into their fields of study for two years.
 - c. Senator Hoppingardner further expressed that professors seem to dislike teaching GER classes.

- d. Senator Greenfield expressed his support of GER requirements, and his own appreciation for discovering new fields through GER.
 - e. Mr. Borrie informed the body that currently the GER conversation is merely whether or not reform is currently needed. The last time the GERs were reconsidered was about ten years ago and a task force was created to handle it.
 - f. Senator Carlson expressed concerns that GER classes can lower students' grade point averages (GPA).
 - g. Business Manager Smith expressed her appreciation for GER classes and spoke about the importance of not being highly specialized.
 - h. Senator O'Malley expressed her appreciation for being a well-rounded student because of her GER courses. She also would like students to be able to move into deeper coursework in their majors sooner. She advocated for seeing GERs as a process instead of something to get over with.
 - i. Senator Morsette expressed that he personally did not retain information from his GER classes.
 - j. Senator Metz expressed that the cost of books for the GER classes is too much. He also expressed that GPA is an indicator of student work, and a low GPA would indicate that a student did not try hard enough.
 - k. Senator Engebretson expressed that knowledge retention from GERs are low, and she feels it's a waste of tuition money. She said that students are trying to complete their GERs before they come to UM and only attending UM for the last two years of their degree. She would like more options for GERs so that students can have more choices within their interests.
 - l. Senator Halvorsen expressed that the categories of GERs are broken, and that students will complete their degree with very different levels of understanding in the GER fields.
 - m. Senator W. Smith expressed that the no credit/credit option should be used more by students to explore other fields. This would be a solution to protecting students' GPA in GER classes.
 - n. Senator McDermott expressed that there should be less GER categories, and more classes that count toward GER requirements and requirements within majors.
 - o. Senator Metz expressed that GER classes battle one track mind thinking.
- c. Umpqua Community College Donations-ASUM is working with the Faculty Association to raise donations for Umpqua Community College. Senators can advertise as wanted.
 - d. From 11am-12pm on Thursday, October 8th the Student Resolution Officer will be trained in the ASUM conference room, and Lucy France has invited any Senators interested to join.
 - e. President Meixner read a letter from Ruth Swaney thanking the Senate for passing SB11-15/16.
 - f. President Meixner would like to speak with the Productions Oversight Board about issues with a conflict with the Adams Center and the potential for a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Adams Center is supposed to approach UM Productions (UMP) with any potential event, and that has not been happening. If UMP declines to be involved, the Adams Center must pay rent to UMP for equipment used.

Vice President's Report

- a. Student Organization Dinner-Representatives from student groups are invited by the Student Involvement Network (SIN) to have dinner on October 15th from 6-8pm. Senators should reach out to their student groups to invite them. Senators are also invited to attend and should RSVP with President Meixner. It is also the same date and time as the V for Voting event.
- b. A motion was made by **BM Smith-Greenfield**, UC Nelson to approve SALs.
- c. Alpha Phi is hosting a softball tournament on October 17th at 1:00pm for a fundraiser and would like to know if the Senate would like to form a team. Senators McDermott and Metz will be in charge of putting a team together.

Business Manager's Report

- a. The Persian Club's special allocation request in the board recommended amount of \$150 was passed by placard vote.
- b. A motion was made by **W. Smith-Pres. Meixner** to approve the UM Food Systems Working Group's special allocation request in the board recommended amount of \$300. UC was called by **Orr**, and with no objections the motion passed.
- c. A motion was made by **W. Smith-Halvorsen** to approve Anime Club's special allocation request in the board recommended amount of \$600.
 - a. A motion was made by **Pres. Meixner-VP Story** to amend the amount to \$400. Pres. Meixner retracted his motion.
 - b. A motion was made by **Folsom-Pres. Meixner** to amend the amount to \$400. This motion was passed by placard vote.
- d. A motion was made by **O'Malley-Hopingardner** to approve Anime Club's special allocation request in the amount of \$400. The motion passed by placard vote.
- e. A motion was made **Orr-O'Malley** by to approve the Brazilian Grizzly Association's special allocation request in the amount of \$181.47. UC was called by **Pres. Meixner**, with no objections, the motion passed.

Committee Reports

- O'Malley, Transportation-Meets Mondays at 9am.
- O'Malley, Graduate Student Outreach-The committee met last week, and they will be conducting a needs assessment. Sen. O'Malley asked Senators to try and simulate the experience of being a graduate student to determine needs and resources. She also asked them to be talking to graduate students.
- McDermott, Rafter Ad Hoc-The committee's action items include contacting the UM Bookstore and Rafter360. They will be looking at the best possible plan to present to students through polling and focus groups. If Senators know of faculty that feel a certain way, they'd like to talk to them
- Folsom, Student Political Action (SPA)-V for Voting event is October 15th from 6-8pm.
- Halvorsen, Sustainability-The committee met Wednesday, October 8th at 9am. They looked at a survey that Meredith Repke conducted. According to the results, sustainability is fairly important, but students don't feel very engaged. They have very little familiarity with projects.

- Scott, Liberal Arts (LA) Building-The committee really wants student input. They discussed sustainability issues, student common spaces, classroom and tech upgrades. Next meeting is October 22nd.
- Engebretson, ASCRC-The committee worked on setting standardized test standards for international students. Added more English proficiency tests that UM accepts.
- Kronenberg, Marketing-The committee met last Thursday (October 1st). There will be no meeting tomorrow (October 8th). Would like to formulate a list of topics or questions to ask students and students should send in suggestions to Sen. Kronenberg. They are considering Wednesday afternoons before Senate to poll students. They also want to design and distribute stickers with ASUM on them.
- Nelson, Legal Board-They discussed ways legal board can do outreach. They will also be organizing event with Residence Life about renting property during the “move out speech.”
- Greenfield, Writing-The committee is working on a data management plan to move data to more secure locations.
- Greenfield, Housing-The head of Resident Life will attend the next ASUM meeting.
- Greenfield, General Education-The committee is generating ideas for substitutions for students with disabilities.
- BM Smith, Budget and Finance (B&F)-B&F meets on Mondays at 9:30PM. They reviewed funding requests.
- BM Smith, Pub Board-They are working on setting up the next meeting.
- BM Smith, Search for Director of Academic and Fiscal Affairs- The committee has posted the job description, and is advertising for the position.
- Frazier, Sports Union-The union passed a motion that if a team didn’t show up to meeting their funding would be redistributed. Brushed aside the suggestion of fundraising instead of using ASUM money.
- W. Smith, KGBA-No meeting has been scheduled yet, would like one in the next two weeks.

Unfinished Business

- a. A motion was made by **Carlson-O’Malley** to amend SB12-15/16, line 24, to remove the comma. UC was called by **Folsom**, and with no objections the motion was passed.
- b. A motion was made by **O’Malley-Hopingardner** to approve SB12-15/16. UC was called by **Orr**, and with no objections the motion was passed.
- c. A motion was made by **Engebretson-Nelson** to amend SB13-15/16, line 28 from “Minimum wage + \$.80” to “Minimum wage + \$.50”. This motion failed by placard vote.
- d. A motion was made by **Halvorsen-O’Malley** to approve SB13-15/16. This motion was passed 21Y-2A by roll call vote (RCV) (See Tally Sheet #1).
- e. A motion was made by **Nelson-Greenfield** to approve SB14-15/16. Senator Nelson retracted his motion.
- f. A motion was made by **W. Smith-O’Malley** to amend SB14-15/16 by removing lines 20-27 and 56-57. This m
- g. A motion was made by **C. Smith-Pres. Meixner** to approve SB14-15/16. UC was called by **Orr**, and with no objections the motion was passed.

New Business

Resolutions Amending Constitution (2)
Resolutions Amending Bylaws (5)
Resolution Regarding Parking
Resolution Regarding the ASUM Website
Resolutions Amending Fiscal Policy (4)
Resolutions Amending Personnel Policy

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Mackenzie Lombardi
ASUM Senate Secretary

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET		Time	Pass SBI 13-15/16
Date: October 7, 2015			
SENATE MEMBERS	ROLL CALL		
Ammons, Andy	P		Y
Bundy, Trail	UA		
Carlson, Ryann	P		Y
Engebretson, Elizabeth	P	6:08	Y
Fettig, Elle	P		Y
Folsom, Aaron	P		Y
Forstag, Samuel	EA		
Fossen, Evan	EA		
Frazier, Pierce	P		Y
Greenfield, Chase	P		A
Halvorson, Jared	P		Y
Hannifin, Nick	EA		
Hopingardner, Kaitlin	P		Y
Keller, Tina	EA		
Kronenberg, Taylor	P		Y
Laa, Isaac	P		Y
McDermott, Taylor	P		Y
Metz, Blayne	P	6:05	Y
Morsette, Tony	P		A
Nelson, Max	P		Y
O'Malley, Mary	P		Y
Orr, Sam	P		Y
Scott, Samuel	P		Y
Smith, Chris	P		Y
Smith, Wyatt	P		Y
Widmyer, Jackson			Y
ASUM OFFICERS			
Meixner, Cody-President	P		Y
Story, Betsy-Vice President	P		
Smith, Sarah-Business Manager	P		Y
FACULTY ADVISOR			
Professor Stark	P		