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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015**  
**Missoula College West TT11, 6 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – October 28, 2015

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. President Engstrom
- b. Vice President of Administration and Finance Mike Reid
- c. Sara Rinfret and Andrea Vernon
- d. Other

**6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Committees
- b. Other

**7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SPECIAL ALLOCATION** - \$14,420.30

**STIP** - \$118,826.07

**TRAVEL ALLOCATION** - \$30,150.48

**ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER** - \$131,327.20

- a. Special Allocation Request: League of Legends-\$400/\$400
- b. Travel Allocation Request: Non-Profit Student Leadership-\$620/\$720
- c. Missoula College Walk Through
- d. Spring Travel and Final Budgeting
- e. Other

**8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. SB19-15/16-Resolution Regarding Labeling of ASUM Purchased Products
- b. SB24-15/16-Resolution Amending Personnel Policy-Kaimin Job Descriptions
- c. SB25-15/16-Resolution Amending Bylaws on KBGA

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

**11. COMMENTS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**ASUM Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 2015**  
**Missoula College West 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, Bundy, Carlson, Engebretson (6:06pm), Fettig (6:12pm), Folsom, Forstag, Fossen, Frazier, Greenfield, Halvorson, Hannifin, Hopingardner, Keller, Kronenberg, La'a, McDermott, Metz, Nelson, O'Malley, Orr, Scott, C. Smith, W. Smith, and Widmyer. Excused: Senator Morsette. Unexcused:

The minutes from the October 28, 2015 meeting were approved.

**Public Comment**

- None

**President's Report**

- a. President Engstrom-Thanked the body for meeting at the Missoula College West campus. Would like to discuss adjusting UM's carbon offset goals. UM is supposed to be carbon neutral by 2020. This is one of the most aggressive goals in the country, and President Engstrom is concerned that UM will not be able to meet that goal, especially without purchasing carbon offsets. Would like to set a more attainable goal. Would like to charge the Sustainable Campus Committee with reevaluating the goal. The chances of reaching the current goal are basically nonexistent.
  - Sen. Metz- There is not a need to change the goal. It is an ambitious benchmark that is meant to push the campus.
  - Sen. Nelson-It is disingenuous to change goals if you do not think you can meet them. A more achievable goal would be the solar panel parking project proposed by the body.
  - Pres. Engstrom-Would still like to pursue the carbon neutral. The solar panel parking project is not out of the question, we just need to find the funding. Even such an ambitious project would not get us very far towards carbon neutrality.
  - Sen. Ammons-What could the UN Climate Summit in Paris mean as far as pressure on UM?
  - Pres. Engstrom-Would like to be more in alignment with what national policy is going to be.
  - Sen. Forstag-Having an ambitious goal could help with recruitment efforts. Doesn't want to scale the goal back too much. As a higher education institution, UM should be ahead of the national curve. Would like to accompany the change in goal with a large renewable project as a show of faith. Not against reevaluating goals, but does not want to go too far backwards.
  - Sen. Greenfield-Going back on a public commitment will inevitably look bad on UM. Could be helped by having clear, laid-out steps to achieving future goals. Would prefer to extend the goal timeline instead of changing the goal.

- Sen. Frazier-Failing to meeting the carbon neutrality goal can still be very helpful. Can help UM reevaluate what needs to be done. The end result of any goal should still be carbon neutrality.
- Sen. Halvorson-Is there anyone directly staffed with finding funding for sustainability projects? If not, why not?
- Pres. Engstrom-No there is not. Can potentially get funding from UM Foundation, the Montana Legislature, or student tuition and fees.
- Sen. Halvorson-Are there any political pressures that are preventing you from supporting solar panel covered parking?
- Pres. Engstrom-Not in any specific way. There are many people who have different opinions. Many Montana families make their living off of the energy industry. It's not a unique problem to this university.
- Sen. W. Smith-What would be a reasonable timeline for reaching carbon neutrality?
- Pres. Engstrom-Doesn't have a specific answer, and that's why the Sustainable Campus Committee has been tasked with considering it. Possibly extending the goal another five to ten years, like other universities did at the beginning. The goal was signed on to with no real concrete steps for reaching it. It was a largely symbolic move, and we need more realistic thought about it.
- Sen. O'Malley-Can see the benefits of keeping a challenging goal in place. Extending the goal makes more sense than changing the goal. Should create a substantive plan with yearly benchmarks.
- Sen. Hoppingardner-Failure isn't necessarily a bad thing. Should maintain symbolism of the high goal. Should keep the goal in place.
- Sen. Scott-What would you have done differently in the original development of the goal?
- Pres. Engstrom-Would have liked to have been given the opportunity to do research on UM specifically about what was feasibly. Would have liked a more strategic plan that made sense for UM.
- Sen. Folsom-Creating a comprehensive study and plan to help create a better goal. Should be cautious about doing too much studying and shying away from an ambitious goal.

Other main topic that he would like advice on is enrollment. Advancing the search for the replacement of Dr. Branch. Restructuring to be the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Affairs. Conducting that search as quickly as possible. Would like to know if there are opportunities for the student body to help with recruiting for the next cycle. What tools do students need to talk to potential students in their hometowns about coming to UM?

- Sen. W. Smith-MSU sends out very nice pamphlets to prospective students. They also run really effective commercials. Getting student involved with things on campus as high school students. Highlighting specific departments that offer unique opportunities. If professors from those fields were more accessible.
- Sen. Greenfield-Senators very much willing to be on the search committee. UM Days is a fantastic program, and should be expanded. Do high school graduation rates change our enrollment numbers? Would love to be an advocate for the school anywhere after some training.

- Sen. Hopingardner-There is not a great sense of customer service in the parts of the administration that new students work with, such as Griz Central and Financial Aid.
- Sen. Carlson-One thing that could be improved is offering a full Presidential Leadership Scholarship to out-of-state students as well as in-state students. It's too expensive for out-of-state students to attend.
- Sen. Forstag-Need some sort of drastic action to deflect attention away from the scandal that people associate with UM.
- Sen. Widmyer-UM students could give presentations in their high schools when they go home. Having a ready-made presentation for them to use.
- Sen. McDermott-There is a certain group of people that are ostracized from the Mountain campus because of the culture. Emphasizing UM's two year programs, especially for more rural Montana schools. Specific departments need better advertising. If potential students are just aware of all of the programs UM has, they will choose us.
- Sen. C. Smith-Attended UM because of a recruiter who visited his Colorado high school. Whether it's an employee or a student, should be recruiting in high schools.
- Sen. Ammons-UM could facilitate extra-curricular activities for local schools with students as mentors. Offer credit for students to do outreach when they leave the state.
- Sen. Keller-More student involvement with UM Days. Talking with Financial Aids is different than talking with students who have been through the process. Providing credit or cool t shirts as incentives.
- Sen. Frazier-UM offers a unique community and opportunities. Providing more incentives for the UM Advocates.
- Sen. Engebretson-Create a work-study advertising position, independent study, or internship opportunity for students. Could also create a mentorship program between UM student groups and high school students or UM athletic teams and high school teams.
- Sen. Halvorson-Creating mentorships with student groups is a great idea.
- Sen. O'Malley-Should advertise student groups and programs we already have, as well as the Missoula community. All advertising should emphasize sense of community and what student groups are doing. Should avoid work study because high school students know when they're being sold something.
- Sen. Fettig-UM doesn't recruit as heavily as MSU in certain areas. If you can get potential students to the campus, they will fall in love.
- Sen. Nelson-Having family members attend UM was a powerful pull.
- VP Story-More recruitment in rural areas with advertisements about our Rodeo Team and Welding Program and scholarships for in-state students.
- Sen. Scott-Out-of-state students are unaware of what Montana is like, what opportunities exist up here.
- Sen. Folsom-Should set up a mechanism for peer recruitment. Have to give students something to be proud of. Need to highlight what UM has that is unique.

- Sen. Hannifin-Specifically using UM Advocates to recruit. Should recruit blue collar students to give them additional skills.
  - BM Smith-Need to give students examples of excellence on campus. Advertise in students' home towns about achievements.
  - Sen. Orr-Advertise the Not in Our State Conference.
  - Sen. Metz-Setting up a webinar like experience where they could sign up for a Google hangout to talk with different departments and students to talk about their experiences.
- b. Mike Reid, VP for Admin and Finance-Reviewed the policies that ASUM is expected to vote on next week including policies on Internal Agreements, Designated Funds, and Space Management. Discussion on the policy on Internal Agreements was as follows:
- After a question from Sen. Fossen, VP Reid clarified that the final word on any internal agreement is Pres. Engstrom.
  - Sen. Greenfield-Will this automatically dissolve current memorandums of understanding (MOUs)?
  - VP Reid-Parties have 90 days to renew their MOUs.
  - Sen. Greenfield-What did faculty senate think about this?
  - VP Reid-They couldn't say if this would address all of the issues but they were overwhelmingly supportive of it.
  - BM Smith-If we had revisions where should ASUM send them?
  - VP Reid-Send them directly to him.
  - Sen. McDermott-Would like to clarify how this would affect the MOU between UM Productions (UMP) and the Adams Center. Would the Adams Center have to settle depts. With UMP?
  - VP Reid-This develops a format for an MOU that is internally enforcement. The current UMP agreement states that the parties should just sit down and figure it out. If there are things that need to be dealt with under the current MOU, then those need to be resolved.
  - Sen. Nelson-Not convinced that the five year sunset clause is very effective.

Discussion of the Space Management policy was as follows:

- Pres. Meixner-How would this deal with ASUM's grid in the Adams Center?
- VP Reid-This is dealing with the actual spaces themselves instead of specific property. The way property in a space is dealt with is not something that is considered in the current policy, and maybe should be added.
- Sen. Carlson-Would the transformation of instructional space be based on AAIP results?
- VP Reid-Classroom space would no longer be under any given department's authority. Would only be under the purview of the President.
- Sen. Nelson-How was this received by faculty senate?
- VP Reid-This doesn't change anything, it just clarifies that the President has the authority. The policy tries to have the space allocation stay at the department level. Only when there is contention does it need to go to the President. Didn't want departments to negotiate over instruction space so that's the exception. The faculty senate was supportive of the protection of instruction space.

- c. Professor Sara Rinfret- Opportunity to go to one of the Presidential conventions this summer. Two weeks and you receive two academic credits. The first week is learning about the process, and the second week you are assigned to a media or lobbying group. The program is run through the Washington Center. The most access is found through the media representative. The price is \$4100, but there are many scholarships available. The application for the scholarship is due November 12<sup>th</sup>. Must pay a deposit by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The program is open to all majors.
- d. Meg Dowaliby, Kaimin Business Manager-Updating the Kaimin Personnel Policy on the website with a resolution this week. Most of these changes are minor, and reflect the already current situation. Removes references of how often the paper is published. Making sure that titles are relevant. Creates broader, more flexible categories. Divides editorial leadership into two divisions because of the web presence. Ms. Dowaliby detailed each of the changes proposed in SB24-15/16.
- e. Pres. Meixner met with an officer from the UM Police Department (UMPD). They are considering recruiting ASUM to impose a student fee for safety. The current proposal is \$20 per semester.
  - Sen. Hannifin-Where would this money go towards?
  - Pres. Meixner-A variety of uses like electric motorcycles, body cameras, and covering salary shortcomings.
  - Sen. Halvorson-UMPD officers get paid substantially less than city police departments.
  - Pres. Meixner-Currently UMPD is totally funded through Parking.
  - Sen. Fraizer-Is this directly in response to mass shooting?
  - Pres. Meixner-That's a good question. They haven't mentioned it.
  - BM Smith-They would need student support and Board of Regents (BOR) approval.
  - Sen. Carlson-Would ASUM have to vote on this.
  - Pres. Meixner-They wouldn't have to but they would need some kind of student support.
  - Sen. Scott-Would this just be a supplement to their funds or replace current funds?
  - Pres. Meixner-Probably a little bit of both.
  - VP Story-According to BOR, ASUM can only increase their fees by a small percentage each year.
  - Sen. Nelson-Did parking fee increases happen?
  - Pres. Meixner-Yes, they did. UMPD was unaware that any increases happened.
- f. Senate will meet on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> next week.

### **Vice President's Report**

- a. To balance out committee assignments, Senators are encouraged to attend any committee that they are interested in. At semester, VP Story will make committee changes.
- b. A motion was made by **Halvorson-W. Smith** to approve committee updates as a slate. Unanimous Consent (UC) was called by **Frazier**, and with no objections the motion was passed.



- c. Senators should be in communication with student groups about the mandatory Bystander Trainings for juniors. VP Story has a list of times and places. Senators should attend at least one training. The goal is to have every junior take the training by the end of the academic year.

### **Business Manager's Report**

- a. Tucker Sargent, Coach of Men's Lacrosse Team-Looking to bring thirty plus students into the team this year. Their national league is very competitive. Won the national title in 2007. Their budget is currently \$100,000 and that is very bare bones. Every student on the team pays \$2500 in dues, and they raise \$20,000 a year to make up the difference. Received around \$3400 this year from ASUM. One of their biggest issues is that Sports Union does not allow external accounts for individual programs. This is an issue when the team is traveling and expenses need to be paid. Reimbursements take a very long time. The team currently cannot control the money that they have. He will pay out of pocket when the team is on the road and that can be really difficult. Currently he gets paid \$3000 a year while other institutions are paying around \$20,000 a year. The team has an outstanding debt with ASUM from many years ago, and the current team is having to pay it back. Right now it is at around \$20,000. Currently, ASUM cannot accept credit card payments for player dues and that can be difficult.
- Sen. McDermott-What is the current process for budgeting and spending money?
  - Mr. Sargent-Spend money on balls, nets, field paint, etc. If something was forgotten on a trip, vehicles for transportation, all of those things need to be reimbursed and can take a long time. He has been reimbursed for everything so far.
  - Sen. Hannifin-How much is the outstanding debt?
  - Mr. Sargent-Somewhere around \$20,000.
  - Sen. Hannifin-How much do current players pay, and would forgiving the debt lower their cost?
  - Mr. Sargent-Currently students pay \$2500, and the team pays \$4000 a year off of the debt. Not necessarily to lower the dues, but offer scholarships on a case to case basis.
  - Sen. Frazier-If the team were to quit or disband, the debt would be erased?
  - Mr. Sargent-That's my question to you. If the current program were to end, and new students wanted to start a new program, would they have to pay the debt?
  - Sen. Frazier-Can't you fundraise when you are not in season?
  - Mr. Sargent-Why should students fundraise for debt that isn't theirs?
  - Sen. Frazier-Debt is retroactive, and the program has to settle it.
  - Sen. Nelson-How was this debt incurred in the first place?
  - Pres. Meixner-Students several years ago had an outside account and they went into somewhere around \$40,000 in debt. The team has been making payments per a payment plan written by the BM at the time.
  - Sen. Nelson-ASUM has to make sure that their money is secure. It isn't a punishment on any certain students or programs.
  - Sen. Carlson-In ASUM Fiscal Policy, it states that student groups can have outside accounts, but they have to record them.

- BM Smith-I will take a look and follow up with you on that.
- Pres. Meixner-If there is an outside account, no ASUM money can go into that account. There's a lengthy process to record this with ASUM.
- Sen. Carlson-With all these problems why do you still want to be an ASUM student group?
- Mr. Sargent-To be in the league that we are in, we have to be recognized by the University.
- Sen. Engebretson-What is the student fee?
- Mr. Sargent-\$2500
- Sen. Hopingardner-(to Pres. Meixner) This was debt incurred by the team and not a student?
- Pres. Meixner-Correct.

BM Smith will contact Mr. Sargent to follow up.

- A motion was made by **W. Smith-Halvorson** to approve the League of Legend's special allocation request in the board recommended amount of \$400. UC was called by **O'Malley** and with no objections the motion was passed.
- A motion was made by **Hopingardner-Frazier** to approve the Non Profit Student Leadership Association's travel allocation request in the board recommend amount for \$620. This motion was passed by a placard vote.
- There will be a Missoula College Walk Through on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am. They will meet at the new construction site.
- The final day for student group recognition is January 29<sup>th</sup>. The mandatory meetings for final budgeting will be February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8:30PM in UC 330/331. Spring travel requests will be due on February 11<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a sign-up sheet in the ASUM Offices on Feb. 11-12<sup>th</sup> to sign up for travel lobbying on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. The sign up sheet for formal lobbying will be in the ASUM offices on Feb. 17-19<sup>th</sup> which will be Feb. 22-25<sup>th</sup> from 5-10PM. Travel request decisions will be posted on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Senate budgeting meetings will be held Feb. 27-28<sup>th</sup>.
- A motion was made by **Halvorson-Greenfield** to approve the Montana Associated Students (MAS) dues. UC was called by **Orr**, and with no objections the motion was passed.
- There is a "Can the Cats" food collection bin in the ASUM offices for food bank donations. We must beat MSU this year.

### Committee Reports

- Greenfield, Writing-Data management plan that puts student records into UM Box with more restricted access.
- Greenfield, Course Perspective-reworking "Y" general education requirement; changed to "Democracy and Citizenship" instead of "American and European Perspectives."
- Hopingardner, Relations and Affairs (R&A)-Recommended do pass on both resolutions.
- Halvorson, Sustainability-Worked on marketing the climate action plan.
- Halvorson, Childcare-Childcare walkthrough on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- W. Smith, KBGA-Recommended to table SB25-15/16 until next week.
- Pres. Meixner, UM Productions (UMP) Meeting-UMP and the Adams Center met without VP Mike Reid. They will need to talk again with Mike Reid and legal counsel.

- A motion was made by **Bundy-Nelson** to approve student groups as slate. UC was called by **Widmyer** and with no objections the motion passed.
- Frazier, Facilities and Recreation-There will be two new electric buses by 2016. Maybe charging stations by the Music building. Positive solar panel poll results.
- Frazier, Sports Union-Spoke about hosting tournaments. They voted in a penalty system if executive members miss meetings.
- O'Malley, Transportation-Board retreat was held last Friday. Senators should complete doodle poll for the walk through. Potential coffee shop, grocery store type partnership at the Downtown Transfer Center
- Nelson, Legal Board-Considering extending legal services to faculty and staff. Wouldn't cost money or take services away from students.

### **Unfinished Business**

- a. A motion was made by **McDermott-Halvorson** to table SB19-15/26 indefinitely. UC was called by **BM Smith**, and with no objections the motion was passed.
- b. After an authorship by BM Smith, a motion was made by **McDermott-Halvorson** to approve SB25-15/16. UC was called by **Widmyer**, and with no objections the motion was passed.
- c. After an authorship by Sen. W. Smith, a motion was made by **Halvorson-W. Smith** to table SB26-15/16 for one week. This motion was passed by a placard vote.

### **New Business**

Resolution Amending House Rules

Resolutions Amending Fiscal Policy (6)

Resolutions Amending Bylaws (5)

Resolution Regarding Electric Locking Doors

Resolutions Amending Personnel Policy (3)

Resolutions Amending Constitutional Referenda (2)

Resolution Regarding ASUM Legal Services

Resolution Regarding the Human Condition

Resolution Regarding the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Project (BCSP)

### **Comments**

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

Mackenzie Lombardi

ASUM Senate Secretary

<b>ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET</b>		Time	Table 6-38(23-15)/16
<b>Date: November 4, 2015</b>			
<b>SENATE MEMBERS</b>	ROLL CALL		
Ammons, Andy	P		Y
Bundy, Trail	P		Y
Carlson, Ryann	P		Y
Engebretson, Elizabeth	6:06		Y
Fettig, Elle	6:12		Y
Folsom, Aaron	P		Y
Forstag, Samuel	P		Y
Fossen, Evan	P		Y
Frazier, Pierce	P		Y
Greenfield, Chase	P		Y
Halvorson, Jared	P		Y
Hannifin, Nick	P		Y
Hopingardner, Kaitlin	P		Y
Keller, Tina	P		Y
Kronenberg, Jordan	P		Y
La'a, Isaac	P		Y
McDermott, Taylor	P		Y
Metz, Blayne	P		Y
Morsette, Tony	UA		
Nelson, Max	P		N
O'Malley, Mary	P		Y
Orr, Sam	P		Y
Scott, Samuel	P		Y
Smith, Chris	P		Y
Smith, Wyatt	P		A
Widmyer, Jackson	P		Y
<b>ASUM OFFICERS</b>			
Meixner, Cody-President	P		Y
Story, Betsy-Vice President	P		
Smith, Sarah-Business Manager	P		Y
<b>FACULTY ADVISOR</b>			
Professor Stark	P		