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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Thursday, November 12th, 2015
UC 330/331, 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 4th, 2015

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Dr. Teresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs and Claudia Eccles, UM Associate Legal Council
   b. KBGA
   c. Policies from Office of Administration & Finance
   d. Other

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

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $14,420.30
   STIP - $121,441.62
   TRAVEL ALLOCATION - $29,328.19
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $131,573.91

   a. STIP Request: Marketing and Outreach 149/149
   b. Special Allocation Request: Student Veterans Assoc. 300/300
   c. Special Allocation Request: Griz for Unicef 106.50/106.50
   d. Special Allocation Request: Griz for Unicef 150/150
   e. Special Allocation Request: Persian Student Assoc. 150/150
   f. Special Allocation Request: INT’L Student Assoc. 240/240
   g. Special Allocation Request: Brazilian Student Assoc. 310.40/310.40
   h. Special Allocation Request: American Indian Business Leaders 500/700
i. Birthdays
j. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB25-15/16-Resolution Amending Bylaws on KBGA
   b. SB26-15/16-Resolution Amending Travel Section of Fiscal Policy
   c. SB27-15/16-Resolution Regarding the Blackfoot Clearwater Stewardship Project (BCSP)

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Story called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: President Meixner, Vice President Story, Business Manager Smith; and Senators Ammons, Bundy, Engebretson, Fettig, Forstag, Fossen, Frazier, Greenfield (6:33pm), Halvorson, Hannifin, Hopingardner (6:35pm), Keller, La’a (6:25pm), Metz (6:35pm), Morsette (6:35pm), Nelson (6:33pm), O’Malley, Orr, Scott, W. Smith, and Widmyer. Excused: Unexcused: Senators Carlson, Folsom, Kronenberg, McDermott, and C. Smith.

**Public Comment**

- Brennen Cain, Sarah Gaulke, Lauren O’Laughlin, Eli Imadali, and Thomas Merchant, UM Wilderness Association-Asking for an endorsement of the Blackwater Clearwater Stewardship Project (BCSP). Takes many interest groups and creates unified proposal. Adds 83,000 acres to existing wilderness areas. Good opportunity for ASUM to endorse a well thought out project. Has responsible restoration provisions. Passed out information sheet (Exhibit A).
  - Lauren-Gives the opportunity to recreate in wilderness to UM students.
  - Sarah-Would be fantastic to add more wilderness.

Many courses use these wilderness areas as outdoor classrooms. An ASUM endorsement would send the message that we appreciate responsible resource management.

- Sen. Engebretson-How does the plan bring in $12 million of federal dollars? Will that cover fire costs or will we need more money?
- Brandon-The $12 million is already allocated money. Not necessarily going strictly to fire prevention. Wilderness areas usually don’t do fire prevention unless it spreads outside of the wilderness area.
- Sen. Engebretson-Is the money already part of our budget or would it be new?
- Brandon-It’s already a part of the budget.

**President’s Report**

a. Dr. Theresa Branch and Claudia Eccles-Came to discuss a policy regarding missing students (Exhibit B). It has already been in existence within Residence Life, but extending to the whole university because it is a Department of Education (DOE) requirement. Students have the option while living on campus to identify a person for UM to contact if they become missing. Can be different than their emergency contact, or left blank. The student can also identify a new person at any time. When a student is missing, the UM Police Department (UMPD) is notified, who will notify the Missoula PD. If the student is missing for twenty-four hours, their designated person will be contacted. When the Dean of Students receives notice of the missing students, he or she may notify administrators, major college Dean, or instructors.

  - Business Manager (BM) Smith-Is there a high number of students that are reported missing from the residence halls, and later turn up at a friend’s house?
  - VP Branch-It does happen. We have to allow some time to elapse until we can judge it to be a real missing person case. That kind of case is rare.
  - BM Smith-Is there any attempt to reach out to the University community through the emergency notification system a part of this process?
• Ms. Eccles-We would have to have a conversation with UMPD about that. It would be up to them.
• VP Branch-That might only be in the case of extenuating circumstances.
• Sen. Bundy-Could this be expanded to cover the Lewis and Clark Villages?
• Ms. Eccles-This language is from the DOE, but this could definitely be expanded to include off-campus Residence Life housing.
• Sen. Fossen-Have you already met with Residence Life about this policy?
• Ms. Eccles-Yes we have.

b. Kyle Verhovshke, Sam Tolman, Freddy Monares KBGA-The staff members introduced themselves and reviewed their job titles. KBGA is very active, the broadcast 24/7. Thanked the body for doing their jobs in creating better relationships and communication with agencies. Kyle agrees with SB25-15/16, and does not foresee it changing day-to-day activities a lot. Having the BM on the Radio Board is a great idea, but doesn’t see why there needs to be the BM and a Senator on the board. KBGA has always been a very financially responsible agency, and doesn’t necessarily see why the Radio Board couldn’t do that as opposed to the whole Senate. If Senators would like to check out the studio, they’re more than welcome. Freddy asked what more involvement ASUM was planning on with KBGA?
• Pres. Meixner-ASUM is ultimately responsible for all agencies. Important to ensure that proper oversight and communication is happening. Probably won’t involve day-to-day involvement, but definitely big picture things.
• Sen. O’Malley-The resolution language is modeled after the Pub Board which oversees the Kaimin. Meant to get ASUM more involved. Having a Senator as well as BM involved is meant to give KBGA a voice on the Senate to lobby for them.
• Kyle-The BM is a voting member in case of a tie. Each department involved should only have one (1) vote. KBGA already has daily financial oversight from Marlene Henderson, the ASUM accountant. Things have been working fine so far.
• VP Story-Not a whole lot of new involvement. Increased communication with the Kaimin this year has been really beneficial and the same thing should happen with KBGA. Our Bylaws for KBGA are out of date because of a lack of communication. Once a month meetings may not be necessary, but should definitely be more than once a semester. Helps us to discover what KBGA needs are and help out.
• Pres. Meixner-This is an opportunity to provide resources to KBGA.
• BM Smith-Marlene doesn’t have the authority to make any changes or alter the operation of KBGA. She needs the direction of the Senate. Having ASUM involved in conversations is very important. BM wouldn’t be a voting member, would act as a facilitator, so ASUM needs a voice on the board in the form of a Senator.
• Kyle-ASUM should definitely have a full-voting member on the board. Marlene cannot make changes, but it’s important for KBGA staff that operations are fluid. Would like to maintain power over daily decisions. Marlene and the KBGA advisor Terry Conrad provide daily advice. Understands the need for transparency, but KBGA is not the Kaimin and they function very differently. They have been more financially responsible.
• Terry Conrad introduced himself.
• Sen. W. Smith-Things that ASUM has been concerned about is the inconsistencies in the Personnel Policy. It needs to be updated as KBGA hires new employees. While the Kaimin and KBGA are different, ASUM is ultimately responsible for both to the students that pay fees. There needs to be a mutual understanding of each side’s goals. Modeling the Radio Board after Pub Board will lead to a better relationship.
• Kyle-The main difference between the Kaimin and the KBGA is their track record of responsibility.
• Pres. Meixner-All agencies are very different, and we acknowledge that.
• Kyle-Where is the Personnel Policy that needs to be updated?
• Pres. Meixner-A separate bylaw that is public record that needs to be updated to reflect reality. One of this committee’s main goals.
• Kyle-Adding the BM to the committee will help with that.
• Sen. O’Malley-The Kaimin has been coming to Senate with changes that need to happen. Not any sort of mandatory changing, just making sure that ASUM knows what is going on so that they can help. The point of this resolution is to bring KBGA back into the fold.
• Kyle-KBGA could always use more funds so keep them in mind.
• Sen. Halvorson-ASUM will not be wading into KBGA’s everyday business.
• VP Story-ASUM doesn’t think of the Kaimin and the KBGA of similar entities. But they are both creative endeavors that are run by students. That is why we are comparing them.
• Pres. Meixner-To clarify, the changes KBGA would like to see in the resolution are for the board to meet twice per semester instead of monthly, and the removal of Section 12, Subsection D?
• Kyle-Yes. Would like to strike subsection D because institutional memory isn’t great in ASUM. The Radio Board should be the one to approve the budget.

c. A motion was made by Widmyer-Fossen to recommend adding off-campus Residence Life housing to the missing student policy (Exhibit C). Unanimous Consent (UC) was called by O’Malley, with no objections the motion passed.

d. A motion was made by Engebretson-W. Smith to approve the missing student policy (Exhibit C), UC was called by BM Smith,

e. A motion was made by BM Smith-VP Story to approve the policy on internal agreements (Exhibit D). UC was called by Halvorson, with no objections the motion passed.

f. A motion was made by O’Malley-Scott to approve the policy on space management (Exhibit E) with the recommendation to further define “physical assets.” UC was called by Halvorson, with no objections the motion was passed.

g. A motion was made by Ammons-O’Malley to recommend grammatical corrections to the designated funds policy (Exhibit F). UC was called by Halvorson, with no objections the motion passed.

h. A motion was made by Nelson-Hannifin to approve the designated funds policy (Exhibit F). UC was called by W. Smith, with no objections the motion was passed.

i. Pres. Meixner asked Senators who had attended the 21st Century Education conference to give feedback tonight.

j. Pres. Meixner discussed car and room assignments for the Bozeman Board of Regents meeting.

**Vice President’s Report**

a. Asked for any Students at Large (SAL) to approve.

b. Wear professional dress for Board of Regents.

**Business Manager’s Report**
a. A motion was made by **Widmyer-W. Smith** to approve Marketing and Outreach Committee’s STIP Request in the requested amount of $149. UC called by **Ammons**, with no objections and the motion was passed.

b. A motion was made by **Halvorson-Ammons** to approve the Student Veterans Association’s special allocation request in the requested amount of $300. UC Engebretson.

c. A motion was made by **Halvorson-W. Smith** to approve as a slate the Griz for Unicef (2), Persian Student Assoc., International Student Assoc., and Brazilian Student Assoc., special allocation requests in the board recommended amounts. This motion was passed by placard vote.

d. A motion was made by **Ammons-Nelson** to approve the American Indian Business Leaders’ special allocation requests in the board recommended amount of $500. UC was called by **Bundy**. With no objections the motion was passed.

e. BM Smith and Sen. W. Smith spoke about the Missoula College walkthrough.

**Committee Reports**

- Halvorson, Child Care-Walkthrough Nov. 13th at 10AM
- Halvorson, Sustainability-Discussed next steps after meeting with Pres. Engstrom.
- Hopingardner, Relations and Affairs (R&A)-Do pass recommendation for SB26-15/16.
- O’Malley, Transportation-Voting on downtown space next Monday, November 16th at 9am.
- O’Malley, Graduate Student Outreach-Meeting Nov. 13th at 9am and will be working on the second survey.
- Hannifin, UC Board-Discussed budget cuts for FY2016. Looking at closing the UC on Sundays to save $75,000 each day it’s closed. Potential for digital signage.
- Hannifin, Marketing & Outreach-Share ASUM Facebook page. If student groups or senators are doing interesting things, send pictures for advertisements.
- BM Smith, Budget and Finance (B&F)-three awesome SALs. Excited for Griz for UNICEF event. Meet again after the Thanksgiving break.
- BM Smith, Pub Board-Potentially more resolutions coming.
- BM, Smith, Director for Academic and Fiscal Affairs Search Committee-Looking to fill position soon.
- BM Smith, LA Building-Still looking for student feedback, and the plans look cool so far.
- BM Smith, Research & Scholarship-Still waiting on nominations from the different groups involved.
- W. Smith, Student Computer Fee-Approved requests for technology. Exciting to see improvements, will affect 500-1,000 students.
- Forstag, Sustainability-Discussed Climate Action Plan with Pres. Engstrom. The Sustainable Campus Committee will be developing a proposal. Thinks ASUM should give feedback quickly on that proposal.
- Greenfield, Student Conduct Code Revision-Including instructor responsibility, preamble, and bystander policies.
- Pres. Meixner, Discrimination Grievance-Meeting to discuss a Title IX appeal.
- Pres. Meixner, University Planning-Proposals from Vice Presidents and Departments for positions from the general fund.
- Pres. Meixner, ASUM Staff Meeting-Instructed staff to make internal policies of agencies more available of websites. Chairs of oversight committees should help.
- Pres. Meixner, Drug and Alcohol Advisory-General effect of alcohol and drugs on campus.
- Pres. Meixner, Faculty Senate-Passed a resolution in support of sustainability measures on campus.
- Pres. Meixner, Mentorship with Pres. Engstrom-Taking a trip to another powerful student government in the nation to learn from them.
- Nelson, ASCRC-Change to the way cross-listing course is handled.
- VP Story, ASCRC report at Faculty Senate-Approved a new major African American Studies. New certificate in Business Management Design. Combined Radio, TV, Print, and Photo degrees into a single Journalism degree. Want to revise the course catalog to remove dormant classes.
- Frazier, Sports Union-Potential restructuring of Sports Union to more effectively allocate money.

**Unfinished Business**

a. A motion was made by W. Smith-Fossen to approve the meeting minutes from November 4, 2015. UC was called by Widmyer. With no objections the motion was passed.

b. After authorships from Sen. W. Smith and Pres. Meixner, a motion was made by Engebretson-Pres. Meixner to add a space in between “five” and “(5)” in line 66 of SB25-15/16. UC was called by W. Smith. With no objections the motion was passed.

c. A motion was made by Hopingardner-O’Malley to approve SB25-15/16. UC was called by W. Smith. With no objections, the motion was passed.

d. A motion was made by W. Smith-Pres. Meixner to approve SB26-15/16. UC was called by Orr. With no objections, the motion passed.

e. A motion was made by Greenfield-Bundy to approve grammatical errors as a slate in SB27-15/16. UC was called by Keller. With no objections the motion was passed.

f. A motion was made by O’Malley-Ammons to approve SB27-15/16. UC was called by Scott. With no objection the motion was passed.

**New Business**

- Resolutions Amending Bylaws (16)
- Resolutions Amending Constitutional Referenda (2)
- Resolutions Amending Fiscal Policy (8)
- Resolutions Amending Personnel Policy (2)
- Resolutions Amending House Rules
- Resolutions Amending the Governing Documents of Legal Services

**Comments**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Mackenzie Lombardi
ASUM Senate Secretary
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