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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016
UC 330/331, 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 27th, 2016

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. ASUM Child Care Follow Up
- b. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Super Grizzly Dip Fundraiser
- b. Office Hours
- c. Committees
- d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$105,469.48

STIP - \$125,509.97

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$11,207.53

TRAVEL ALLOCATION - \$29,838.59

- a. Special Allocation: SCHWA 391.15/391.51
- b. Special Allocation: MASA portion of rental, catering/1700
- c. Special Allocation: LOL 430/430
- d. Special Allocation: CRU 343.15/2240
- e. STIP Request: ASUM Admin 259.99/260
- f. Budgeting
- g. Birthdays
- h. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, February 3rd, 2016
UC 330/331 6 p.m.

Chair Story called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present: President Meixner, Vice President Story, Business Manager Smith; and Senators Bundy, Carlson, Chaudhry, Engebretson, Fetting, Fitzgerald, Folsom, Forstag, Fossen, Frazier, Greenfield, Harrison, Hopingardner, Keller, Kronenberg, La'a, McDermott, Morsette, Nelson, O'Malley, Orr, Scott, C. Smith (6:17pm), W. Smith, and Widmyer. Excused: Unexcused:

The minutes from January 27, 2016 were approved.

Public Comment

- Steve Thompson, Director of Campus Recreation-Sponsoring the Griz Globe Fun Run and would love the Senate to participate. They could also put together a "glow-zone" as a stop on the run. Would like to put together a team building activity for the Senate in summer 2016.
- Laurie Fischer, Office of Career Services-All majors career fair on February 24th. Offering hours at Missoula College West for the first time. Offer most every entrance exam to graduate schools. Help graduate students with practicum/supervised hour placement, relocation, interview skills, career advising, service learning, on-campus interviews with employers.
- Kempson Cross and Deanne Reid, CRU, Chi Alpha, Intervarsity, Young Life-Hosting the UM Bear Toss Forum on February 22. A moderated discussion between two professors about their backgrounds and belief systems. A Christian professor and an Atheist professor will be the speakers this year. The discussion is free to attend and there will be a question and answer session, discussion, and reception after the event. The goal is to celebrate diversity and encourage growth for everyone involved.
- Douglass Skinner, President of MT Anthropology Student Association (MASA)-Fundraise for student research trips. On February 20th they will hold their largest fundraiser, an annual banquet. Expect up to 150 attendees. Will have a guest speaker, so they are doing a lot of outreach to other departments, colleges. Will be holding the event in the Payne Center, which will be provided for free. Need to pay for the travel of the guest speaker. Need funds to be able to provide a meal for attendees from UC Catering. Funds will help students conduct research, attend conferences, and participate in archeological digs.

President's Report

- a. Reed Humphrey, Dean of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences-Noticed UM was only capturing about 30% of students interested in studying health and medicine who had been accepted. We have about 50 different career options, 7 clinics on campus, labs to focus on biomedical research. Created a portal so that prospective students can find programs more easily. Consolidating several different programs under the label of Health and Medicine. Nothing changing structurally, just connecting programs. Potential for restructuring in the future. Also a focus on connecting with the community, including medical institutions.
- b. ASUM Child Care Follow Up-Lauralea Sanks and Pres. Meixner met with Director Opper and some early childhood licensure people from the Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS) to clear up some questions and discuss group sizes. There weren't any huge breakthroughs. There is a very small possibility of things being changed which depends on the February 12th forum in Helena. It is not likely for the group size to change or any exemptions.

DPHHS didn't know what they wanted as a divider between classrooms, so there is a potential for shelving or a half wall down the center of the rooms. With that system, could potentially keep the same number of staff as right now. That may change in future years, however. Would like to increase group size from 24 to 28 to make up for increased expenses. Wouldn't have to increase staff, but would feel more comfortable with more people. Lauralea will prepare budgets for current staffing with 28 students, one more staff member at 28 students, or more student staff with 28 students. Got authorization from Director Opper to have two different time sections for classes. This will keep staffing levels low. Will still be more expensive than it has ever been, but is potentially feasible. Would not be able to do that and fund UMP without a fee increase.

- a. Sen. Chaudhry-What's the price difference between a half wall and a full wall?
- b. Pres. Meixner-The real cost is if those rooms are completely divided then we have to hire more staff.
- c. Sen. Carlson-If we get a fee increase will UMP submit a budget?
- d. Pres. Meixner-Not for this year, but next year.
- e. Sen. Fossen-Any new information on deciding not to be accredited?
- f. Pres. Meixner-That is something we can do if we want to. Maybe should wait until the forum and see what happens. DPHHS brought up the accreditation in the meeting, so should wait until March 1st at the earliest.
- g. Sen. Forstag-What would the price difference from last year be without the class size?
- h. Pres. Meixner-\$10,000-\$20,000
- i. Sen. Nelson-Did you get those statements in writing and recording?
- j. Pres. Meixner-No, but for the last half of our meeting Director Opper was there. That said, after the forum we would want to get something in writing.
- k. Sen. W. Smith-The cost of accreditation is \$1500. Is that beneficial to just pay it and have the sway with the state?
- l. Pres. Meixner-Yes.
- m. Sen. Nelson-Will there be anyone at the forum that will speak out in favor of the regulations? Other child care providers?
- n. Pres. Meixner-Yes, some aren't provided and think these changes are good. UM Western is one example
- o. Sen. McDermott-Do you think it would be good to get the shorter walls now and get taller walls and more staff in the future?
- p. Pres. Meixner-Yes we should have all of our bases covered. But, the only way we can budget for stuff like that is to request a fee increase. Doesn't think they're going to come back in June and ask about the half walls. They're going to be flexible until the next fiscal year at least.
- q. Sen. Hoppingardner-A lot of smaller day cares are in favor of the regulations because they aren't affected. They think it will be easier to fill their slots and raise prices.
- r. Sen. Engebretson-More information on the forum for the hearing?
- s. Pres. Meixner-Meet at the ASUM office by 10:15am on Feb. 12th. Should be back by 6pm. Forum is at 1:00pm in Helena.
- t. Sen. Carlson-The biggest problem in the budget is classified staff's benefits. Is there any way to get around paying benefits?
- u. Pres. Meixner-Only way around is to contract with a private organization to come in and run the center. Can explore that but doesn't seem very feasible. Should have final budgets next week to discuss.

- c. MAS/BOR Meetings-March 2-5th in Dillon, MT. List of people going needs to be finalized next Wednesday.

Vice President's Report

- a. Super Grizzly Dip Fundraiser-Raises money for the Special Olympics of Montana. Need a team to raise \$100 in pledges in order to dunk someone in a tank on Feb. 22nd. If you're interested, coordinated among yourselves. Senator Carlson is the point person.
- b. Office Hours-When VP emails tasks, they need to be done.
- c. Committees-Asked for any Senators unable to attend University or ASUM committees.
- d. Student Group Liaisons-BM Smith read a list of student groups that haven't been contacted by a liaison yet. Student groups that didn't show up to the meeting are disqualified from receiving funding. Can to do make-up exception meetings for good excuses on Friday from 2:30pm-4:30pm.
- e. Diploma Dash 5K-Saturday March 26th at 9am put on by the Staff Senate. The money goes towards scholarships of dependents of staff. \$25 registration fee for students, \$30 for non-students if you register by Feb. 26th.
- f. All chairs should have contacted committee and tried to set up a meeting time.

Business Manager's Report

- a. A motion was made by **W. Smith-Greenfield** to approve SCHWA's special allocation request in the amount requested. UC was called by **Orr** and with no objection the motion was passed.
- b. A motion was made by **Forstag-Morsette** to approve line item number four for catering of MASA's special allocation request in the amount of \$485.65. This motion passed by placard vote.
- c. A motion was made by **O'Malley-Engebretson** to approve an honorarium for MASA's special allocation request in the amount of \$400. This motion was passed by placard vote.
- d. A motion was made by **McDermott-Chestnut** to approve MASA's special allocation request in the amount of \$885.65. This motion was passed by placard vote.
- e. A motion was made by **Hopingardner-O'Malley** to approve LOL's special allocation request in the amount recommended by the board. This motion was passed by placard vote.
- f. A motion was made by **McDermott-Engebretson** to approve CRU's special allocation request in the amount recommended by the board. UC was called by **Greenfield** and with no objection the motion was passed.
- g. A motion was made by **Chestnut-Fossen** to approve ASUM Admin's STIP request in the amount recommended by the board. This motion was passed by placard vote.
- h. Budgeting-Travel and fiscal year budgets are due on February 11th. Must attend final lobbying and budgeting meeting.
- i. The Kaimin is changing how they do ad reps. They aren't going to pay them for office hours, but they will get a large commission.

Committee Reports

- Greenfield, Website Upkeep Committee-Showed list of changes made and changes that will be coming up.
- Greenfield, ASCRC-Proposal to change some first year languages from five credits to four credits. The European Studies minor will be delayed. The Freshman Year Seminar have been approved.
- Hopingardner, R&A-Working on resolution for next meeting.
- Hopingardner, Child Care-Getting letters from children in the program.

- Bundy, Board on Members-A motion was made by Bundy-Nelson, UC Greenfield.
- Engebretson, SPA-Meeting Thursday from 7-8:30pm.
- BM Smith, Research and Scholarship-Will be linking from the website to the information and application.
- BM Smith, Radio Board-Still hasn't met.
- BM Smith, Pub Board-Will be some resolutions about the pub board. Will be collecting fees before ads are run. Want to reduce some of the hours for employees.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Resolution Regarding Chicken Strip Night

Resolution Regarding Pocket Points

Resolutions Amending Fiscal Policy (5)

Resolutions Amending Bylaws (22)

Resolutions Amending House Rules (6)

Resolutions Regarding Constitutional Referenda (4)

Resolution Regarding Public Lands

Resolution Regarding Divestment from Fossil Fuels

Resolution Regarding External Scholarships and Advising

Resolution Regarding Victory of Hillary Clinton in the Iowa Caucus

Resolution Regarding Budget Cuts

Resolution Regarding Child Care

Comments

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

Mackenzie Lombardi
ASUM Senate Secretary

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET		<i>Time</i>
Date: February 3, 2016		
<u>SENATE MEMBERS</u>	ROLL CALL	
Bundy, Trail	P	
Carlson, Ryann	P	
Chaudhry, Nasrin	P	
Chestnut, Caleb	P	
Engebretson, Elizabeth	P	
Fettig, Elle	P	
Fitzgerald, Braden	P	
Folsom, Aaron	P	
Forstag, Samuel	P	
Fossen, Evan	P	
Frazier, Pierce	P	
Greenfield, Chase	P	
Harrison, Kaden	P	
Hopingardner, Kaitlin	P	
Keller, Tina	P	
Kronenberg, Jordan	P	
La'a, Isaac	P	
McDermott, Taylor	P	
Morsette, Tony	P	
Nelson, Max	P	
O'Malley, Mary	P	
Orr, Sam	P	
Scott, Samuel	P	
Smith, Chris	P	6:17
Smith, Wyatt	P	
Widmyer, Jackson	P	
<u>ASUM OFFICERS</u>		
Meixner, Cody-President	P	
Story, Betsy-Vice President	P	
Smith, Sarah-Business Manager	P	
<u>FACULTY ADVISOR</u>		
Professor Stark	P	