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Associated Students
The University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA

March 24, 1999

Mount Sentinel Room - 6 p.m.

Suite 105
University Center

Missoula, MT 59812
(406) 243-2451

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 10, 1999

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - None

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. President's Issues
 - *Board of Regents
 - *Credit Cap
 - *Students First
- b. Information/Technology Review
 - *Student Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. April 15, Main Hall 109 and 4-4:30 p.m.
- c. Urban Scrawl Update - Ballentine and Christensen
- International Food Festival
- Other

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

- a. Travel Special Allocation
 - *ISA - \$538/\$100
- b. Special Allocation
 - *African Students Association - \$300/\$300
- c. SB38-98/99 Resolution to Alter ASUM Fiscal Policy - in committee
- d. Other

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB35-98/99 Resolution to Put the Fee for a New Recreation and Fitness Center to Referendum in April during the General Student Election
- b. SB42-98/99 Resolution to Bring a \$4 Transportation Fee to a Student Vote
- c. SB43-98/99 Resolution to Alter Personnel Policy, Item 3.0 (Radio Policy)
- d. SB44-98/99 Resolution to Form a Music Organization Union
- e. SB45-98/99 Resolution Supporting a \$2.00 Increase in the UC Operating Fee
- f. SB46-98/99 Resolution to Oppose the Installation of Bike Lids

NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE March 24, 1999SENATE MEMBERSROLL
CALL*seated*
Comments

BRIAN ADAMS

CHAD BALLENTINE

JAMES BEKIER

AMY BROWN

PETER CAFFREY

SEISIN CHRISTENSEN

SHANNON CONNOLLY

JIM DRISCOLL

CHARLES HARVEY

RYAN HOPKINS

MARCUS KOSENA

JERRY LAMB

JOSHUA MAHAN

AARON MURPHY

AMANDA PRESSLEY

EMILY STRUVE

SHAWNA SUTHERLAND

CONNIE TIETZ

SHERRI WELCH

CHRIS WOODALL

P		Y					
P		Y					
<i>not seated</i>		Y					
P		Y					
<i>10:25</i>		Y					
P		Y					
P		N					
<i>not seated</i>		Y					
P		Y					
P		Y					
P	<i>8:33</i>	Y					
P		Y					
P		Y					
P		Y					
<i>not seated</i>		Y					
P		Y					
P		Y					
<i>not seated</i>		Y					
P		N					

ASUM OFFICERSBARRETT KAISER
PresidentPATIENCE LLEWELLYN
Vice-PresidentBRAD McCALL
Business Manager

<i>not seated</i>		Y					
P		Y					
P		Y					

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

P		Y					
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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
March 24, 1999
Mount Sentinel Room - 6 p.m.

Chair Llewellyn called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Present: Llewellyn, McCall, Adams, Ballentine, Brown, Caffrey (6:25), Christensen, Connolly, Harvey, Hopkins, Kosen, Lamb, Mahan, Murphy, Struve, Sutherland, Tietz and Woodall. Excused were Bekier, Kaiser and Driscoll. Unexcused were Pressley and Welch.

The March 10 minutes were approved.

Public Comment

- *Sage Grendahl and Ira Young spoke in support of a \$2 increase in the UC fee.
- *Jeremy Hueth distributed a letter to Senators with his interpretation of last year's referendum vote on the UC renovation fee and corresponding agreement (Exhibit A).
- *Cathy Bigelow and other staff members of Campus Recreation talked about the proposed referendum and showed Senate some plans for consideration.
- *Joy'l Jenkins of ADSUM reported on the disability awareness training the group gave to school children and showed support for the UC fee increase.

President's Report - None

Vice President's Report

- a. Presidential Issues
 - *Kaiser will e-mail information on the Board of Regents meeting tomorrow or Friday.
 - *The credit cap rally on Tuesday went well and was reported in the Missoulian.
 - *The Students First press conference was reported in the Missoulian.
 - *MAS as a whole was not supportive of the binding vote on mandatory fees, so there is no unified stance. Three names were sent to Governor Racicot for consideration as student regent for next year. Ben Darrow was MAS's second choice.
- b. The Information Technology review had negative aspects, and an outside consultant has been hired to assess the situation. There will be a breakfast at 7:30 April 1 (not April 15 as noted in the agenda) in Main Hall 109. Students may meet with the consultant from 4-4:30 the same day in Continuing Ed 204.
- c. Ballentine and Christensen have taken over the Urban Scrawl project. The boards will go to all dorms and University Village.
- d. The International Food Bazaar will be held this Sunday afternoon in the UC.
- e. Students interested in taking part in a Dining Services focus group Tuesday, April 6, should call Marie Hedrick at x6433.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Travel Special Allocation
 - *ISA's request for \$538 received a Budget and Finance recommendation of \$100, which passed after a motion by Murphy-Ballentine to increase it to \$269 failed.
- b. Special Allocations
 - *African Students Association received their full request for \$300.
- c. SB38-98/99 Resolution to Alter ASUM Fiscal Policy was withdrawn by Hopkins.

Committee Reports

- a. Elections - Struve reported that the executive candidates' debate was not well attended on Tuesday, though the Senate candidates' debate was better on Wednesday. All petition signatures were verified. Additional information will be e-mailed to Senators.
- b. SPA - Struve explained to the Senators how they are to use the Students First stickers and petitions put in their box. She said the TV coverage of the Students First press conference was good. Student Lobby Day is cancelled unless more help is forthcoming.
- c. ASUM Affairs - Sutherland reported that SB44 is in committee. The Rec Annex referendum received a "do pass" recommendation.
- d. Honors Dean Search - Sutherland said the candidate schedule of visits is complete.

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- e. University Affairs - Ballentine reported that SB42 received a "do pass" recommendation. SB46 is still in committee.
- f. UC Board - Christensen reported SB45 received a "do pass" recommendation.

Unfinished Business

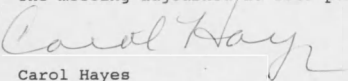
- a. SB35-98/99 Resolution to Put the Fee for a New Recreation and Fitness Center to Referendum in April during the General Student Elections. A friendly amendment by Sutherland to delete ONLY in the second sentence of the referendum and to change NO to No in the "NO loss of parking spaces" was accepted. Author Connolly changed the last paragraph of the resolution to read "Therefore let it be resolved that the Associated Students of The University of Montana will put the attached referendum to a student vote in April during the general student elections." The resolution and attached referendum passed on a motion by Hopkins-Connolly (Exhibit B).
- b. SB42-98/99 Resolution to Bring a \$4 Transportation Fee to a Student vote was recommitted to committee on a motion by Sutherland-Hopkins.
- c. SB43-98/99 Resolution to Alter Personnel Policy, Item 3.0 (Radio Policy) - in committee
- d. SB44-98/99 Resolution to Form a Music Organization Union - in committee
- e. SB45-98/99 Resolution Supporting a \$2.00 Increase in the UC Operating Fee. A friendly amendment by Lamb to add one more WHEREAS at the end and replace THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED to read "WHEREAS: The student body deserves a vote on this proposed fee increase since there was an understanding between students and Administration regarding a freeze in the UC operations fee that arose during last year's referendum concerning the 3rd floor renovation. THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED: That ASUM Senate will send the proposed UC operations fee increase of \$2/semester to referendum during the April 14-15 elections" was not accepted. Lamb-McCall moved the same, which passed. Lamb-Connolly moved to recommit the resolution to committee for referendum ballot wording. A previous question call by Kosena passed and the motion failed. A friendly amendment by McCall to add "1999" after April 14-15 and add "provided that referendum language is approved by the Senate" at the end of the resolution after "elections" was accepted. A previous question call by Murphy passed, and the resolution passed as amended (Exhibit C).
- f. SB46-98/99 Resolution to Oppose the Installation of Bike Lids - in committee.

New Business - None

Comments

*During comments, with no objection, Mahan was allowed to propose a resolution for consideration next week to use 100% PCW paper.

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.


Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Open Letter to the ASUM Senate:

I write in regard to the proposed ASUM referendum to increase the University Center fee by \$2. I was a student member-at-large of the UC Board last year. As such, I was involved with the negotiations between ASUM, UC Administration and UM Administration which culminated in the referendum for a student fee to pay for the UC third floor renovation. As you know, those negotiations culminated in a written agreement between Gary Ratcliff, then-ASUM President Jeff Merrick, then-UC Board Chair Mike Obland and President Dennison. Unfortunately, I understand some confusion has arisen as to the intent behind that agreement. Thus, I offer you my perspective.

The confusion seems to have arisen out of language in the Agreement and on the ballot which promised a five year freeze of the \$60 UC fee if the referendum passed, subject to student override. The specific reference to the \$60 infers that the freeze began immediately. It is Gary Ratcliff's position that the freeze was not to go into effect until the renovation is complete.

I wrote the first draft of the Agreement. The first draft referred to the UC fee only, not specifically to the "\$60 UC fee." The term "\$60" was added by Jeff Merrick or Ben Darrow and subsequently appeared on the ballot. There are two interpretations of that change. The language was added either to signify that the freeze should begin immediately or simply for clarification.

My understanding was that the freeze should not take effect until the renovation is complete. Indeed, that is the only reasonable possibility. The students on the Board felt that if the students would be paying for a renovation that was likely to generate income, the students should benefit from that income. Thus, we insisted that part of the income stream be applied to offset the UC fee. However, it would not have made sense to argue that the fee be offset or frozen *before* the revenue stream was in place.

That said, I think the issue is moot. The core of the negotiations was to give students, through ASUM, more control over the UC fees and revenue. I believe we accomplished that. The fee may only be increased by ASUM (in theory). It is entirely your prerogative to freeze the fee, raise the fee or put the issue to student vote.

Sincerely,
Jeremy Hueth

Revised B

SB 35-98/99

Resolution to put the fee for a new recreation and fitness center to referendum in April, during the general student elections

Whereas, the issue has been examined and a significant number of students wish to vote on the issue, and

Whereas, it would be right and proper to sponsor a referendum, and

Whereas, the Student Referendum Committee has determined that a new \$65 per semester fee will provide the facility with all of the features and uses that students desire and need. (This fee would be in addition to the \$16 fee that students currently pay per semester for Campus Recreation).

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Associated Students of University of Montana support the idea to put the fee for a new recreation and fitness center to referendum in April, during the general student elections.

Authored by
Shannon Connolly, ASUM Senator
Keith Glaes, Campus Recreation
Cathy Bigelow, Campus Recreation

Passed 3/24/99

Currently the Campus Recreation fee is \$16 per semester. This referendum proposes increasing the fee by \$65 per semester, for a total of \$81 per semester. This fee will be assessed ~~ONLY~~ when the new facility is complete, in approximately Spring 2002. This \$65 fee will be assessed for 20 years. The proposed Rec Annex improvements included in this \$65 fee are:

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| *An 8,000 square foot weight training center | *A renovation to the Grizzly Pool & Sauna |
| *New cardiovascular and fitness machines | *Eight racquetball/handball courts |
| *Indoor jogging/walking track | *An improved customer service area |
| *A 60 foot high rock climbing wall | *A childcare facility |
| *An expanded Outdoor Program with improved accessibility | * NO loss of parking spaces |
| *A three court basketball gym which would include indoor soccer and volleyball | |
| *A multi-purpose room for Aerobics and Martial Arts | |
| *A Bike & Ski Repair Room and Boat Storage Facilities | |
| *Expanded and improved locker rooms for both men & women with a sauna or steam room | |

☐ Yes, I support a \$65 per semester increase, making the recreation fee a total of \$81 per semester.

☐ No, I do not support an increase in the recreation fee.

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☐ No, I do not support an increase in the recreation fee.

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Exhibit C

SB45-98/99

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A \$2.00 INCREASE IN THE UC OPERATING FEE

- WHEREAS: the UC has not had an operational fee increase in seven years, and
- WHEREAS: the cost of living, utilities, wages, and salaries are steadily increasing, and
- WHEREAS: the UC is nationally known for its programs, and without funding, these could be eliminated, and
- WHEREAS: the UC offers support, recognition, and many other services geared toward the benefits of students, and
- WHEREAS: the University Center is a place of connection for the University, the students, visitors, and the community; and
- WHEREAS: The student body deserves a vote on this proposed fee increase since there was an understanding between students and Administration regarding a freeze in the UC operations fee that arose during last year's referendum concerning the 3rd floor renovation,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED:

That ASUM Senate will send the proposed UC operations fee increase of \$2/semester to referendum during the April 14-15, 1999, provided that referendum language is approved by the Senate.

Authorized by:
Seisin Christensen

Passed
3/24/99