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**Associated Students
University of Montana**

**ASUM SENATE AGENDA
September 30, 1998
Mt. Sentinel Room**

Suite 105
University Center

Missoula, MT 59812
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 23, 1998
Corrections: Under Public Comment, \$200 should read \$100. Under President's Report item d., West should be East.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Arin Burdo - Student Resolution Officer
 - b. Jess Kobos - SPA Director
 - c. Ben Darrow - Legislative Director
 - d. Social Security Teleconference October 10 - Video 5-8 mins.
 - e. Class Evaluations
 - f. Differentiated Tuition
 - g. Homecoming - Singing on the steps, swing dance, UC float
 - h. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Kelly Murphy - Homecoming
 - b. Committee Appointments
 - c. Committee of Chairs
 - d. President's Breakfast
 - e. Center for Student Success
 - f. Other
 - g. Office Procedures - Carol
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
 - a. Travel special Allocation
 - *Intervarsity Christian Fellowship (\$819/\$319)
 - *Physical Therapy Student Association (\$930/\$390)
 - b. Used Computer Pool
 - *Panhellenic
 - *Association of Computing Machinery
 - c. STIP - ADSUM (\$438.95)
 - d. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. SB7-98/99 Resolution to Amend the \$100 Course Retake Fee
 - b. SB8-98/99 Resolution to Change Personnel Policy
 - c. SB9-98/99 Resolution to Create an ASUM Legal Services Task Force
 - d. SB10-98/99 Resolution to Form an ASUM Information Technology Comm.
 - e. SB12-98/99 Resolution in Support of Altering Campus Policy with Regard to Credit Cap Appeals
10. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. SB13-98/99 Resolution to Support University System Student Senate Approval of All Bonds on Said University Campuses
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE September 30, 1998

SENATE MEMBERS

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Deposit

Comments

CHAD BALLENTINE

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JAMES BEKIER

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BRETT BELL

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AMY BROWN

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SEISIN CHRISTENSEN

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SHANNON CONNOLLY

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JIM DRISCOLL

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RYAN HOPKINS

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MARCUS KOSENA

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JERRY LAMB

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DARCY LINDEMAN

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JOSHUA MAHAN

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AARON MURPHY

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CORY MYERS

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AMANDA PRESSLEY

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EMILY STRUVE

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SHAWNA SUTHERLAND

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CONNIE TIETZ

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CHRIS WOODALL

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ASUM OFFICERS

BARRETT KAISER

President

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PATIENCE LLEWELLYN

Vice-President

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BRAD McCALL

Business Manager

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FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
September 30, 1998
Mt. Sentinel Room

Chair Llewellyn called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Present: Kaiser, Llewellyn, McCall, Ballentine, Bekier, Bell, Brown, Connolly, Driscoll (6:07), Hopkins, Kosen, Lamb, Mahan, Murphy (6:06), Myers, Struve, Sutherland and Woodall. Excused were Pressley and Squire.

The minutes of the September 23 meeting were approved with two corrections: Public Comment - \$200 should be \$100; President's Report item d. - West should be East.

Public Comment - None

President's Report

- a. (With no objection, Kelly Murphy was moved to this report from the Vice-President's.) Kelly spoke about the homecoming schedule and asked for help with the lighting of the "M" Friday at 7 p.m.
- b. Arin Burdo was introduced as the new resolution officer. She expressed her enthusiasm for the job and explained about the new mediation service, which she will coordinate.
- c. SPA Director Kobos spoke about the Cooney press conference, and Kaiser showed KPAX and KECI clips, noting the emphasis they chose to put on the report. There will be an upcoming conference with Mayor Kadas. Help is needed tomorrow with a massive voter registration.
(The Chair recognized Driscoll Murphy and Sutherland.)
- d. Lobbyist Darrow circulated a legislative issues sheet and explained how we hope to contract with Butte and Dillon for lobbyist work. A short clip from a social security video was shown, and registration papers were circulated for interested Senators to attend the teleconference on Saturday, October 10.
- f. Dialogue has started about having student access to faculty evaluations.
- g. Alternatives to differentiated tuition are being discussed.
- h. Kaiser encouraged Senators to attend Homecoming festivities. ASUM has been invited to walk along with the UC float.

Vice-President's Report

- a. The following slate of committee appointments was approved on a motion by Hopkins-Brown: ITPAC - Jerry Lamb; UC Board - Jerry Lamb; University Court - Tara Keniry, Kelley Hubbard.
- b. Llewellyn recognized Woodall for his "cool" committee minutes.
- c. Committee of Chairs will meet Tuesday, October 6, at 8:30 a.m.
- d. The Alcohol Advisory Committee will be making some recommendations for Drug and Alcohol Policy changes. There will be discussion next week.
- e. Llewellyn gave the history on the Center for Student Success. Kaiser withdrew his resolution last Spring for student input, due to the lack of time before school ended. The Board of Regents approved the bonding for the Lodge addition at their June meeting when V-P Hollmann cited a new funding source other than a student fee - increased Lodge rent. She stressed the importance of student representatives on the committee. She can see the potential for discussion on the future of the facility.
- f. There will be no Senate class tomorrow night so that the Senators can enjoy the Homecoming weekend.
- g. Senators were reminded that next week's meeting would be at COT East in HB01. Hayes said any Senate notebooks left in the mailroom would be put in the file drawer. She also asked that resolutions come to her first for numbering and copying. It is preferred that she or receptionists do copying.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Travel Special Allocation: Intervarsity Christian Fellowship was awarded \$319 for vehicle transportation; Physical Therapy Students Association was awarded \$390 toward plane fares.
- b. Used Computer Pool: Panhellenic and Association of Computing Machinery were each approved to receive one of ASUM's used computers.
- c. S.T.I.P.: ADSUM was awarded \$438.95 to purchase a laser printer.

Committee Reports

- a. SPA - Struve needs help with voter registration tomorrow and circulated a sign-up sheet for various activities.
- b. UC Board - Christensen went to California to view video systems. She explained what the company had to offer for \$75,000.
- c. Board on Membership - Sutherland offered the following slate of groups for ASUM recognition, which was approved by Senate on a motion by **McCall-Kaiser**: Presbyterian Campus Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, Pre-Health Sciences, Mortar Board and Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.
- d. ASUM Affairs - Sutherland reported a do pass recommendation for SB8, SB9 and SB10.
- e. University Affairs - Bell reported a do pass recommendation for SB12.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB7-98/99 Resolution to Amend the \$100 Course Retake Fee - in committee
- b. SB8-98/99 Resolution to Change Personnel Policy (Exhibit B) passed on a motion by **Llewellyn-Woodall**. (Llewellyn passed the gavel to author SB8 and SB9.)
- c. SB9-98/99 Resolution to Create an ASUM Legal Services Task Force (Exhibit C) passed on a motion by **Llewellyn-Woodall** after an amendment by **Llewellyn** to add "An ASUM Senator will chair the Task Force" at the end met with no objection.
- d. SB10-98/99 Resolution to Form an ASUM Information Technology Committee (Exhibit D) passed on a motion by **Kaiser-Connolly** after a friendly amendment by **Kaiser** was accepted to add at the end "A Senator will chair the Committee" and that the Committee would be entered in the Bylaws under Article IV, Section 11.
- e. SB12-98/99 Resolution in Support of Altering Campus Policy with Regard to Credit Cap Appeals (Exhibit D) passed on a motion by **Hopkins-Kosena**.

New Business

- a. SB13-98/99 Resolution to Support University System Student Senate Approval of All Bonds on Said University Campuses
- b. Resolution to support changing credit cap appeal policy
- c. Resolution to change policy on withdrawals and audits
- d. Resolution to oppose differential tuition

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carol Hayes
Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Legislative Issues**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Though by no means exhaustive, the following list reflects the major, and some of the minor, pieces of legislation that will require students' attention during the next session. Two important issues to remember during the process of researching the issues and setting priorities is that (1) we only have limited resources so we need to pick our battles well and (2) we should avoid becoming involved in issues which are not in some way connected to the representation of our constituents.

GENERAL FUND

This, of course, is the highest priority for the Montana University System. The more dollars the MUS receives in General Fund money, the easier it will be for the Regents to meet needs without increasing the cost of higher education dramatically.

MTAP

This or other financial aid programs will probably be a top priority of the Regents and of students. Obviously, the more financial aid we can provide to students the more accessible higher education will be. MTAP needs over \$5.2 million dollars to be fully funded. Currently \$2 million for MTAP is in the Governor's budget recommendation.

DISTANCE LEARNING

The Regents, the Commissioner and the Governor all seem hooked on the idea of distance learning. In a perfect world where money is plentiful it would be a great investment. However, as it currently stands this tends to take money away from students on campus and invest it in technology that will help students off campus.

LRBP

Distinct from funding in HB 2, the Long Range Building Program provides bonding funds to many state agencies, including the University system. We need to make sure that the \$7 million matching makes it into the bill this time.

NATIVE AMERICAN FEE WAIVERS

These fee waivers came under attack last session and may well come under attack again. ASUM was very effective in defeating this legislation last time.

PARKING BILLS

Last session, the administration attempted to remove the mandatory \$10 cap on parking fines. If this bill had passed then the schools would have been able to set their fines at any level they felt "appropriate." The Commissioner's Office has given us the assurance that they do not plan to push this legislation, but it may come from a campus.

HOUSING BILLS

One of the major problems in the urban areas in Montana is housing. Affordable housing and related issues affect students immensely, and while it will probably not be the top priority for student governments, it should at least be on the list. In particular, protection for students seeking to get back their damage deposits would be a good bill to push.

STUDENT FEES

Currently students do not have a substantial say in what their fees can be used for. Certainly we get a vote that goes to the Regents, but that vote is not binding. Indeed, the Regents have the authority (by statute) to bond with or cross-pledge with all student fees (including student activity fees). This statute could be amended to give students a binding vote on fees used for bonding.



RESOLUTION TO CHANGE ASUM PERSONNEL POLICY

WHEREAS, the internet has become an effective use of advertising and getting information out to the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the world wide web is a free medium for advertisement; and,

WHEREAS, many people use the web to become informed about concerts, plays and events; and,

WHEREAS, UM Productions is financially dependent on successful attendance to each event in order to continue providing great entertainment to the campus and the community; and,

WHEREAS, UM Productions wants to maximize outreach to UM students and the public and advertising capabilities.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: The ASUM Senate approve the addition of Item 4.56 to the ASUM Personnel Policy that reads as follows:

Webmaster/ Advertising Assistant. The individual in this position is responsible for designing and maintaining the Web page for UM Productions as well as assisting with other advertising for UM productions.

Authored by: Patience Llewellyn, ASUM Vice President

*Passed
9/30/98*

SB 9 - 98/99
Ephraim C

RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN ASUM LEGAL SERVICES TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, ASUM Legal Services has been without a permanent director for approximately two years; and,

WHEREAS, The personnel makeup of ASUM Legal Services has been in transition for approximately two years; and,

WHEREAS, It is important that the ASUM Senate find the most efficient way to staff the ASUM Legal Services office so as to maximize the amount of students the office assists; and,

WHEREAS, Six months should be an adequate time for a task force to analyze the structure and workings of ASUM Legal Services.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED: An ASUM Legal Services Task Force be created to analyze the Agency and make a recommendation to the ASUM Executive Officers and ASUM Senate as to the best way of staffing the Agency.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED: The Task Force will stay in formation from October, 1998 until April, 1999. At the completion of this period the Task Force will make a presentation and offer a formal recommendation to the ASUM Executive Officers and Senators.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED: The Task Force will consist of at least two ASUM Senators, two UM Law School Students, two Students At Large, and the ASUM Legal Services Director. *An ASUM Senator will chair the Task Force*

Authored by: Patience Llewellyn, ASUM Vice President

*Passed
9/30/98*

Exhibit D

RESOLUTION TO FORM AN ASUM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- WHEREAS Information technology is becoming increasingly vital to the educational community
- WHEREAS Students provide approximately \$800,000 yearly in the form of the student computer user fee
- WHEREAS It is important to have a standing committee to represent student interests in information technology

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED

- 1) The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) Senate endorses the formation of an ASUM Information Technology Committee
- 2) The Information Technology Committee shall consist of two Senators and three students at large. The Committee will conduct twice monthly meetings, once per month with the Director of Computing and Information Services (CIS) or his/her designee. The Committee chair shall also serve on ITPAC, and at least one of the Committee members shall sit on the Student Computer User Fee Committee. A Senator shall chair the Committee.
- 3) Article IV of the ASUM Bylaws is to be amended to insert Information Technology Committee under Section 14 along with the description noted in 2) of this resolution. The information previously under Section 14, along with the remaining information in Article IV shall be renumbered accordingly.

Authorized by: Shawna Sutherland

Passed
9/30/98

A Resolution in Support of Altering Campus Policy with regard to Credit Cap Appeals.

WHEREAS the current credit cap appeals policy states that "appeals should be handled through the normal campus, university, and system processes; however it is assumed that appeals will be granted only in unusual circumstances";

WHEREAS the number of appeals will dramatically increase as the credit cap decreases to 144 in the Autumn Semester of 2000;

WHEREAS the ASUM Senate recognizes the purpose behind the credit cap to monitor student progress and motivate students to actively pursue degree attainment;

WHEREAS the current appeals process is inadequate in that an appeal, by its very nature, should be a re-presentation of the facts to a neutral party; based on the wording of the current policy, an appeal examines situations with a predetermined negative scope;

WHEREAS the appeals committee is currently composed of 9 members, only three of which are UM students. The remaining 6 have been hand-picked from UM faculty and administration; this creates, in effect, an unequal distribution of decision-making power and representation;

LET IT BE RESOLVED,

(1) The Associated Students of the University of Montana advocate the rewording of the appeals policy in order to insure an objective, impartial mind set within the committee's membership.

(2) Additionally, ASUM requests that the membership of the appeals committee be increased by two students, creating an eleven member committee; this will better reflect the synergy between administration, faculty, and students at the University of Montana.

Sponsored by:

Brett Bell, ASUM Senator
Marcus Kosena, ASUM Senator
Ryan Hopkins, ASUM Senator

Passed
9/30/98