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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, February 8, 2017
UC 332/3– 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 1, 2017

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Senate Appointments
      a. John Thomas
      b. Max Longo
      c. Nicole Beard
      d. Lexi Klawitter
   b. Interim President Sheila Stearns
   c. Saif Al-Saegh, UM Student Affected by the Travel Ban
   d. UM Presidential Search, update
   e. February 14 Student Lobby Day, plans and update
   f. SB53-16/17: Resolution Regarding Renter-Averse Legislation in the 2017 Legislative Session
   g. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Writing Committee and ASCRC
   b. Committee Approval
   c. Schedules
   d. Student Groups
   e. Calendar
   f. Office Hours
   g. Professor Johnstone—Questions
   h. University Climate Surveys
   i. University Staff Ambassadors
   j. ASUM Advisor
   k. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

Zero-Based Carryover: $113,939.37
S.T.I.P.: $125,105.83
Union Emergency: $3,424.00
Special Allocation: $12,433.00
Travel Allocation: $13,520.95 [$1,009.67]

a. Budgeting Process Updates
b. Travel Allocation Process Reminder
c. Liaison Reminders
d. Birthdays
e. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB54-16/17
   b. SB55-16/17

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Engebretson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: President Forstag, Vice President Engebretson, Business Manager Greenfield and Senators Ricci, Morrill, Harrison, Fitzpatrick, Cooley, Quist, Barnes-Smith, Fitzgerald, Schafer, Kuiper, Lowry, Welch, VonLindern, Butler, Fettig, Ward, Chestnut, Durnell, Adler, Colenso (6:26 p.m.), Adler (6:47 p.m.) and Love. Unexcused: Senator Brewster-Smith

The minutes from the February 1, 2017 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
- Amy Capulupo, Director of Disability Services
  - There are 1,209 students registered with office. 10% at the mountain campus, 20% on Missoula College
  - There is a new office in the Branch Center
  - They are currently remodeling Test Center.
- Director of Global Engagement Office
  - Spoke briefly about Students from UM have been affected by the Travel Ban
  - Students also spoke to the Senate under the President’s report
- Genevieve Barlow from University Players
  - Came to invite the Senate to the 24-hour play festival in order for the Senate to understand what the student group does
  - All students interested in theatre are typically welcome to participate
  - The production is this weekend, February 11 at 7:30 PM
- Carol Bellun, Student of Political Science
  - Even though ASUM is experiencing busiest time, she asked for the Senate’s support for program prioritization and transparency as the process moves forward
  - The research program in the physical therapy department should go through the same process as the rest of the programs as prioritization is underway. She is very much in search of transparency and wanted to stress the importance of it with everything the university is going through

President’s Report
- Senate Appointments
  - The Senate approved John Thomas, Lexi Klawitter, Max Longo, and Nicole Beard unanimously as ASUM Senators
- Sheila Stearns, Interim University President
  - Introduced herself to the Senate
  - She feels very honored and privileged to be serving the role of Interim President of the University of Montana
  - Commissioner Clay Christian is very close to announcing the members of the Presidential Search Committee
  - The University of Montana will be celebrating 125 years this year
  - She has been visiting many classes to introduce herself and get to know students and professors. She has mostly attended lower-division classes, but will be hopefully attend more soon
  - The university has some hard decisions to make this year
    - Enrollment. The number is healthy and UM can adjust. Enrollment is an issue, but it is nothing to be ashamed of or disappointed in.
- UM is resilient
- Saif Al-Saegh, UM Student Affected by the Travel Ban
  - International Student from Baghdad
  - It is his sixth year as a student in Montana. Saif appreciated the support for international students at the University of Montana, which is not at all schools.
  - He was supposed to attend a screening of his film in Paris, but he cannot attend. His family is in Turkey, but it has been hard for them to leave.
  - There is a great feeling of uncertainty for students like Saif. From where he came from to now, The travel ban policy creates fear and uncertainty, where he could get sent back to a country that is not safe.
  - He is worried about how public he should be about his situation. How much support would the University and the students give him?
- Omed Ichormad, UM Student Affected by the Travel Ban
  - Omid is another student affected by the travel ban policy
  - He also wanted to voice his concern over the issues with the travel ban and being a student in the United States
- UM Presidential Search, update
  - There will be four students on the search committee
  - They have yet to be announced
- February 14, Student Lobby Day
  - The bus will leave at 7:45 a.m. and will return around 5 p.m.
- SB53-16/17
  - After a brief authorship by Mary O’Malley, there was some discussion. With no further discussion, the resolution passed 26Y-0N-2A by roll call vote

Vice President’s Report
- Writing Committee and ACRC
- Committee Approval
- Schedules
- Student Groups
- Calendar
- Office Hours
- Professor Johnstone—Questions
- University Climate Surveys
  - Doodle Poll
- University Staff Ambassadors
- ASUM Advisor
  - The position will be advertised
  - There will also be a resolution regarding a stipend for an advisor
  - Encourage professors and staff to submit a letter of interest
- Other

Business Manager’s Report
- Business Manager Greenfield went over the status of the accounts
- Tomorrow, all budgets are due from student groups
- All budgets will be posted on March 1, 2017
- Budgets are due tomorrow, February 9
- Travel Allocation requests are also due tomorrow with cover letters
- Birthdays
- Other

Committee Reports
- Sustainability Board (Harrison)—The committee will be assigning sub-committees soon. They met with Meredith Repke to discuss further efforts. The sustianaganza is coming up along with some KRELF proposals.

- Board on Members (Fitzpatrick)—Student group approval (Philosophy society)

- UM Productions (Kuiper)—The committee went over and approve their budgets. Unfortunately, they will also be discussing the absence of the Adam’s Center Director

- International Committee (Adler)—The committee currently has no bylaws, but are searching for them.

- Bitterroot College Campus (Adler)—Looking for interested members to form a board.

- Advising Committee (VonLindern)—Met and still looking at best practices for advising.

- Student Computer Fee Committee (Colenso)—The committee is looking for a Missoula College Member for more representation

- Marketing and Outreach (Love)—The committee shared tonight’s agenda on the Facebook page. They are also making social media cards for students, and re-vamping ASUM brochures

- General Education (Durnell)—Met today and cleared up language in the course catalog. They discussed more efficient ways to do assessments.

- Elections Committee (Chestnut)—The committee met on Sunday. They discussed language to be included in the app for ASUM Elections this spring. The committee is trying to resolve past mistakes in data collection. Senators will be beta-testing the app

- Budget Committee (Forstag)—The committee broke into sub-committees. The committee will hopefully hear back from other university committees about budgets soon.

Unfinished Business

- SB54-16/17
  - After a brief authorship by Senator Fitzgerald, there was discussion amongst the senate. With no further discussion, the resolution passed 27Y-0N-0A by roll call vote

- SB55-16/17
  - After a brief authorship by Senator Fitzgerald, there was a motion to amend lines 35-40 by Senator Morrill. There was an amendment to the amendment by Senator Chestnut to only strike lines 38-40. The amendment was withdrawn. SB55-16/17 passed 23Y-4N-0A by roll call vote

New Business

Resolution Regarding SPA City Council—Recommended to Student Political Action
Resolution Regarding Elections—Recommended to Elections Committee
Resolution Regarding Referenda Campaigning—Recommended to Elections Committee
Resolution Regarding Bylaws—Recommended to R&A (Relations and Affairs)
Resolution Regarding Recommendations for Undergraduate Advising—Recommended to Advising Committee
Resolution Regarding Free Speech and Protection—Recommended to R&A
Resolution Regarding the UM Mental Health Strategy—Recommended to R&A
Academic Scheduling Regarding Finals Week—Recommended to R&A
Resolution Regarding Unjust Syllabi Policy—Recommended to R&A
Resolution Regarding ASUM Advisor Stipend—Recommended to R&A
Resolution Regarding Personnel Policy—Recommended to B&F (the Board on Budget and Finance)

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ASUM Senate Secretary
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