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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
UC 330/1– 6 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 15, 2017

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Joe Clinch, Blackstone Launchpad
- b. Board of Regents meeting, March
- c. Student Regent Application
- d. Update on ASUM Childcare Funding
- e. Legislative update
- f. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Committees
- b. Attendance
- c. Minutes
- d. Professor Johnstone
- e. 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: \$1,077.30

- a. Travel Allocaton Request: The FLAT \$219/**\$252.00**
- b. Budgeting Thank You
- c. Liaison Reminders
- d. Birthdays
- e. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. MontPIRG Reaffirmation Election Petition Language
- b. SB63-16/17
- c. SB64-16/17
- d. SB65-16/17

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
UC332/333, 6 p.m.

Chair Engebretson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: President Forstag, Vice President Engebretson, Business Manager Greenfield and Senators Ricci, Morrill, Harrison, Fitzpatrick, Cooley, Barnes-Smith, Fitzgerald, Schafer, Kuiper, Lowry, Welch, VonLindern, Butler, Fettig, Ward, Chestnut, Durnell, Adler, Colenso (6:08 p.m.), Adler, Love, and Barnes-Smith. Excused: Senator Quist

The minutes from the February 15, 2017 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- Mary O'Malley, Director of the Off-Campus Renter Center
 - She will be leaving at the end of the year
 - Please let her know of any ideas to re-vamp the OCRC
- Rick Curtis, Director of the Curry Health Center
 - Update on Two Initiatives
 - Telephone System: there were many issues with the telephone system currently in place, so there are efforts being made to make it more efficient for students
 - Health Holds: they are also working to help students understand health holds on their registration bill
- Sandy Schoonover, Director of Residence Life
 - Updates
 - Recruitment Seasons
 - Resident Assistant announcements are coming up
 - Custodial positions available
 - Looking into the types of capital improvements to make over the summer
 - Expansion of Childcare facility plans are underway
- Sean Grove, from Veteran's Office
 - Thanks for accepting Team Red, White, and Blue as a student group
 - Veteran Student Association has kind of dissolved, but this will be the first semester of female veteran's group and their first meeting is taking place tomorrow.
 - They have three positions opening this fall
- Cheryl Mennick, from Academic Enrichment
 - Academic Enrichment supports the Extracurricular opportunities outside of class
 - They are looking for more ways to get students involved in these programs
 - Academic Enrichment has seen a lot of success with students over the past year
- Doug Coffin, Professor of Molecular Genetics
 - Former Montana State legislator
 - He came to speak to the Senate about President Trump's 10% cut to the US Department of Education, specifically Pell grants, Americorps, and student loan subsidies.
 - There is a need to organize for the special election to replace Congressman Zinke (May 25, 2017).
- Soazig Le Bihan, Professor of Philosophy
 - Came to speak on Spinal Cord Industry Research Facility
 - She has spent time over the past couple months reading journals regarding these types of facilities
 - Research is of poor quality
 - Spinal cord industry animal models have failed to transfer. Many animals have been able to recover, but results have not transferred to humans
 - Neuropathology; animals cannot walk the same way people do. They are very significant differences between animals and humans
 - The question is whether or not UM is going to invest in a facility that is expensive.

- She is not opposing animal testing research, she is opposing the spinal cord research facility because science has proven it does not work
- Scott Wetzel, Professor
 - Highlighted factual errors with the resolutions arguments
 - There have been cases of success in animal research
 - Many studies have been done regarding traumatic brain injury
 - Many sources in the resolution are not credible in regard to animal research
 - This kind of research is necessary
- Denver Henderson, Alum of UM
 - Came to speak in support of the research facility
- Claire Babcock, Student of UM and Kristian Contens, Students of UM
 - Came to speak in support of the resolution
 - Wishes people would give the same moral consideration to animals as they give to other students
 - How might this affect the University and Students?
- Joanna Kritinger, Student
 - Currently researching mice and autoimmune diseases
 - Her spouse suffers from a spinal cord injury from serving
 - She understands the value of pigs in spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries
- Laura Berg, Graduate student
 - Also does animal research
 - Shared a personal story about a family member who was hit by a truck and now has a spinal cord injury
 - Pigs are the best non-primate animal to perform this research with
- Jessica Wexler, Laboratory Animal Technician
 - Dedicates her time to taking care of animals used for research
 - Laboratory Animal Technicians love the animals they work with
 - She is part of the Post-Approval Monitoring Program, which oversees the scientists' experiments on animals.
 - Research can also benefit animals
- Graduate Student of Philosophy
 - Came to speak in support of the research facility
 - Wanted to expand the conversation regarding animal research
 - Does not know if he could justify using animal models for research on spinal cord injury
- Jim Reed, Graduate Student of Cellular-Molecular Biology
 - Student in opposition of the resolution
- Student from the Political Science Department
 - She is in strong support of the resolution
 - She is suspicious of the timing of the program
 - She thinks we should hold off on the program until it is approved since many other programs are getting put on the chopping block
- Genevieve Lind, Neuroscience and PhD student
 - Was asked to read a statement from VP Whitenburg of the UM
 - VP Whitenburg wanted to express how academic freedom and enrichment are important aspects of the University
 - Speaking as herself, she expressed dissatisfaction over the resolution and how it has been presented
 - Animal research is highly regulated
- Jill Farnsworth, Student
 - Addressed criticism related to SB64
- Kris Short, Student Vaccine Research
 - Pigs are an excellent model for vaccine research
- Lewis Shorer

- Animal research is not a blank check to do whatever one wants in scientific research—there are regulations
- Hannah Morgan, Graduate of Biochemistry,
 - Works with model systems with Fruitflies
 - She chose this school based on research
 - This presents a great opportunity for people like her
- Jonathan Andrews, Neuro Science Program
 - Wanted to address line 31-33
 - Researchers use the best tools available to them.
 - One of the most important things an educator could do is expose students to current methods of research
- Jed Syrenne, Undergraduate junior
 - Wanted to speak in full support of the Animal Research Facility
- Alex, undergraduate research in biomedical labs
 - He has benefitted more from research than any other aspect of his education
 - Research has done a lot for this student
- The following are a list of students also present at Public Comment
 - Blake Ginsburg
 - Jessica Bailey
 - Kevin Trout
 - Alex Riffey
- Please email asum.secretary@mso.umt.edu for any corrections.

President's Report

- Joe Clinch, Blackstone LaunchPad
 - Wanted to introduce himself to the Senate
- Anthony Johnstone, Professor at the Lawschool
 - General overview of free speech in order for the Senate to be properly informed to vote on SB63-16/17
 - Professor Johnstone also took questions from the Senate
- Board of Regents Meeting-Helena, March 9-10
 - Leaving from the ASUM Office, 4 p.m.
- Student Regent Application
 - Applications can be found at the front desk in the ASUM Office
- Update on ASUM Childcare Funding
- Legislative Update
 - Net-metering bills are moving forward
 - Sexual assault bill failed in committee

Vice President's Report

- Committees
- Attendance
- Minutes
- Other

Business Manager's Report

- Travel Allocation Request: The FLAT
 - A motion was made by Senator VonLindern to approve the request in the amount recommended by the Board on Budget and Finance, with unanimous consent called by Senator Harrison.
- Budgeting Thank You
 - Results are posted in the ASUM Office
- Liaison Reminders

- Birthdays

Committee Reports

- Sustainability (Harrison)—The committee assigned sub-committees last night. There is a marketing class available for those interested in sustainability. The committee is also working on sprinkler initiatives. Plans for Sustainaganza are also underway.
- Board on Budget and Finance (Greenfield)—The committee went through the special allocation requests and line item changes seen at tonight’s meeting
- Publications Board (Greenfield)—The committee will be holding an important meeting tomorrow in the conference room
- Board on Members (Fitzpatrick)—Student group approval. Forthright Forum.
- Relations and Affairs (Fitzpatrick)—A resolution seen tonight needs signature lines
- Elections Committee (Chestnut)—Met with IT on Monday morning to hold a mock election
- Graduate Student Association (Barnes-Smith)—The committee is reviewing their website. GradCon will happen in April.
- Legal Board (Ricci)—The committee will be meeting on Friday at 10 a.m. in the ASUM Conference Room
- Student Political Action (Fitzgerald)—The committee did not meet on Sunday.
- Advising Committee (VonLindern)—The committee had some faculty visit their last meeting. Their resolution has been finalized
- Childcare Oversight Committee (Forstag/Barnes-Smith)—The committee met and discussed expanding and their budget
- Academic Calendar Restructuring Committee (Forstag)—The committee formed and discussed the future of restructuring the calendar
- Faculty Senate (Forstag)—The Faculty Senate debated and passed a resolution regarding program prioritization
- University Budget Committee (Forstag)—The committee will meet tomorrow, with hopefully some numbers and budgets
- UM Productions (Kuiper)—The committee has not met yet, but will meet this month and discuss the Adam’s Center Director

Unfinished Business

- A motion was made to take up SB64-16/17, SB63-16/17, and SB65-16/17 in that order by Senator Adler, with unanimous consent called by Senator Harrison.
- SB64-16/17
 - After a brief authorship by Business Manager Greenfield, there was discussion about whether ASUM should take a stance on this issue, or whether it should be passed or failed.
 - A motion was made to refer the resolution back to committee by Senator Fitzpatrick. Motion failed.
 - A motion was made to post-poner the resolution indefinitely by Senator Harrison, with discussion and objection called. The motion passed by roll call vote.
- SB63-16/17
 - After a brief authorship by Senator Morrill, a motion was made to post-poner the resolution for two weeks by Senator Ricci. The motion failed by roll call vote.
 - A motion was made to amend the resolution by Senator Ricci. The amendment was amended by Senator Ricci. With no further discussion, the amendment passed by placard vote.
 - A motion was made by Senator Barnes-Smith to amend line 57. The motion was withdrawn.
 - A motion was made by Senator Harrison to amend line 58. The amendment failed.
 - SB63-16/16 passed by roll call vote
- SB65-16/17

- After a brief authorship by Senator Chestnut, a motion was made by Senator Adler to amend the resolution. The amendment passed.
- The resolution passed by roll call vote.

New Business

Resolution regarding Legal Board Bylaws (1)—Recommended to Legal Board

Resolution Regarding Submitting Resolutions (1)—Recommended to and Relations and Affairs

Resolution Regarding the Montana Clean Slate Act (1)—Recommended to Student Political Action

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Augustine Menke
ASUM Senate Secretary

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

Date: March 1, 2017

SENATE MEMBERS

		Time	SB63 PP	SB64	SB64- PP	SB63	SB65
	ROLL CALL						
Ricci, Anisa	p		y	n	a	y	y
Morrill, Garret	p		n	n	y	y	y
Harrison, Kaden	p		n	n	y	y	y
Fitzpatrick, Connor	p		n	a	a	y	y
Cooley, Kelsey	p		y	n	a	y	y
Quist, Matt	ua						
Barnes-Smith, Seth	p		n	n	y	n	y
Fitzgerald, Braden	p		n	n	y	y	y
Schafer, Alexandria	p		y	n	y	a	y
Kuiper, Benjamin	p		n	n	y	y	y
Lowry, Brandon	ua	half	n	n	y		
Klawitter, Lexi	p		a	n	n	n	y
Welch, Mariah	p		y	n	y	n	y
VonLindern, Courtney	ua	half	n	a	y		
Butler, Alex	ua	half	n	n	y		
Longo, Max	ua	half					
Fettig, Elle	ua	half					
Ward, Daisy	p		n	n	n	y	y
Chestnut, Caleb	p		n	n	y	y	y
Thomas, John	p		y	n	n	y	y
Durnell, Bailey	p		n	n	y	n	y
Adler, Julian	p		n	n	y	y	y
Colenso, Sarah	ua		y	n	y	n	y
Love, Brenna	p		a	n	n	y	y
Beard, Nicole	p		a	n	y	y	y

Sam Forstag, President	p		n	n	y	y	y
Elizabeth Engebretson, VP	p						
Chase Greenfield, Business Mgr	p		n	a	n	y	y

FACULTY ADVISOR

Professor Stark	p						
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VOTE TALLY

(Subtract 1 for Voting) P	21	Y	6	0	16	15	21
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