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ASUM SENATE AGENDA

November 12, 1998

Gallagher Business Building Room 201 - 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 4, 1998
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Board of Regents Meeting/MAS
 - b. Credit Cap: Petition, Rally, Letter to the Editor
 - c. Breakfast: Tuition
 - d. Griz Card Fee
 - e. Listserve
 - f. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - a. Committees: -Appointments -Accreditation -Students-at-large
 - b. Board of Regents Meeting
 - c. Faculty Senate
 - d. Department of Transportation Meeting
 - e. Staff Senate e-mails
 - f. Resignation(s)
 - g. Holiday Cheer
 - h. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
 - a. Zero-Base Carryover
 - Student Group Web Initiative Proposal - \$750
 - Student Organization Guides - \$900
 - b. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. SB26-98/99 Resolution Identifying Legislative Priorities for the Associated Students of The University of Montana
 - b. SB27-98/99 Resolution to Oppose Legislative Elimination of Montana University System Native American Fee Waivers
11. NEW BUSINESS
12. COMMENTS
13. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE November 12, 1998

SENATE MEMBERSROLL
CALL

Updated Roll Call

Comments

CHAD BALLENTINE

JAMES BEKIER

BRETT BELL

AMY BROWN

SEISIN CHRISTENSEN

SHANNON CONNOLLY

JIM DRISCOLL

RYAN HOPKINS

MARCUS KOSENA

JERRY LAMB

DARCY LINDEMAN

JOSHUA MAHAN

AARON MURPHY

CORY MYERS

AMANDA PRESSLEY

MELISSA SQUIRE

EMILY STRUVE

SHAWNA SUTHERLAND

CONNIE TIETZ

CHRIS WOODALL

P		P	Y			
P		P	Y			
excused		excused	Y			
P	12:25	excused	-			
P		P	Y			
P		P	Y			
6:10		P	Y			
P		P	Y			
P		P	Y			
P		P	Y			
excused		excused	-			
6:09		P	A			
P		P	Y			
excused		excused	-			
P		P	N			
Resigned						
P		P	Y			
excused		excused	Y			
P		P	N			
P		excused	-			

ASUM OFFICERS

BARRETT KAISER
President

PATIENCE LLEWELLYN
Vice-President

BRAD McCALL
Business Manager

P		P	Y			
P		P	Y			
P		P	Y			

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

P		P	Y			
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ASUM SENATE MINUTES

November 12, 1998

Gallagher Business Building Room 201 - 6 p.m.

Chair Llewellyn called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Present: Kaiser, Llewellyn, McCall, Ballentine, Bekier, Brown, Christensen, Connolly, Driscoll (6:10), Hopkins, Kosen, Lamb, Mahan (6:09), Murphy, Pressley, Struve, Tietz and Woodall. Excused were Bell and Sutherland. Unexcused were Lindeman and Myers.

The minutes of the November 4 meeting were approved as written.

Public Comment - None

President's Report

- a. Kaiser reminded Senators that the Board of Regents (BOR) meeting would be held on campus next Thursday and Friday. MAS presidents will be having a work session at 5 p.m., third floor of the Gallagher Building. Concurrently, Senators and others are welcome to attend a discussion of legislative issues in the UC. All will gather at Gallagher at 6 p.m. for a social and informational meeting. He also encouraged Senators to attend some of the BOR sessions. See him for an agenda.
- b. The credit cap issue may be introduced at next week's meeting for action at the January one, so Kaiser asked Senators to get as many signatures on the petitions as possible and have them in McCall's box by the 17th. A rally will be held at 1 p.m. the 17th to talk about the issue and inform students. Letters to the Montana Kaimin were also suggested.
- c. Executives and some Senators had breakfast with Vice Presidents Hollmann and Keller to discuss tuition models - high of 7.8% and low of 4%.
- d. Jorrun Liston talked to Kaiser about a possible \$5 increase in the Griz Card fee to cover renovations.
- e. Kaiser hopes to have the listserve up soon.
- f. Plans are in the works for an ASUM Christmas party with invited guests.
- g. The long-range building program offers help with state-funded cash projects and for matching funds for smaller bonding projects.

Vice-President's Report

- a. The following committee appointment was approved on a motion by Hopkins-Brown: University Court - Matt Mues. More students-at-large are needed plus a Senator for the Accreditation Committee.
- b. Llewellyn asked Senators to attend as many BOR meetings as possible.
- c. The Faculty Senate passed a resolution on the credit cap, which will be available on the Web page.
- d. Mountain Line will have a meeting the 18th. Students are encouraged to attend and request extension of hours and voice other concerns.
- e. Staff Senate will keep ASUM informed through e-mail.
- f. Squire has resigned from Senate. Llewellyn said she was sorry to see her go and applauded her tenure on Senate. Squire will be replaced through new interviews next semester. Llewellyn encouraged any other Senators contemplating a resignation to decide before budgeting.
- g. Senate will have a secret Santa party again this year, unless there is opposition.
- h. A video teleconference on alcohol abuse will be 11-1 tomorrow in SS127.
- i. A leadership conference will be held February 20. Help is needed with coordination and planning.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Discussion resumed on the Women's Law Caucus request for a new computer. The motion favoring funding at \$799 plus \$119.99 for a monitor was

withdrawn. An amendment was offered by **Bekier-Driscoll** to fund the group \$1,252 for a computer and surge protector. A friendly amendment by **Kaiser** to fund \$730 was not accepted, and a motion by **Kaiser-Kosena** for same failed after a previous question call by **Bekier** passed. The motion to amend passed. A previous question call by **Bekier** passed, and the amended request passed at \$1,252.

- a. A Zero-base Carryover request for \$750 to fund half of the cost for establishing group web sites passed as amended on a passed motion by **McCall-Hopkins** to fund at \$5 per page up to a maximum of \$750.
- b. A Zero-base Carryover request for \$900 to assist in funding the printing of student organization guides passed.

Roll call was taken during the Business Manager's Report to establish whether there was a quorum, and there was. (See Tally Sheet.)

Committee Reports

- a. SPA - Struve reported that SB26 and SB27 were given "do pass" recommendations. She announced a speak-out on the credit cap on Wednesday, November 18, at 1 p.m. in the University Center atrium.
- b. Elections - Ballentine is anxious for the committee to meet. (The Chair recognized Woodall who was absent during roll call for quorum.)
- c. ITPAC - Lamb said the Committee would recommend to President Dennison that filling the listserve position vacancy be a priority. The faculty computer monies used toward the shortfall will be replaced.
- d. Graduate Student Affairs - Woodall said they attended a Graduate Student Association meeting. The Association is rewriting the governing document to have a council direct the group - with one member from each graduate program.
- e. University Affairs - Kosena reported they had no quorum. Llewellyn requested that she be contacted if there is a need to change committee positions.
- f. ASCRC - Llewellyn said Faculty Senate passed on the math exit exam language. An exit exam in writing will also be considered. Faculty Senate meets Tuesday at 2 p.m.
- g. Budget and Planning - McCall reported discussion on quality and access pool monies.
- h. Drug and Alcohol Advisory - Kosena said there would be a tailgate survey at the Cat/Griz game. The next meeting will be November 24 at 8:30 a.m. in the Health Services basement.

Unfinished Business

With no objection to **Kaiser's** request, SB27 was given first consideration to accommodate guest speakers on the issue.

- a. SB27-98/99 Resolution to Oppose Legislative Elimination of Montana University System Native American Fee Waivers passed unanimously (Exhibit A).
- b. SB26-98/99 Resolution Identifying Legislative Priorities for the Associated Students of The University of Montana (Exhibit B) was amended in Committee, distributed to Senators and passed.

Lamb brought to the Chair's attention that the resolutions passed involved motions. **McCall-Kaiser** moved to pass SB26, which passed. **Lamb-Hopkins** moved to pass SB27, which passed with one opposing vote. Citing confusion on the order of the resolutions voted on, with no objection **Driscoll** changed his vote to support the resolution, making it unanimous.

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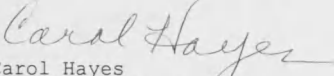
• New Business

- a. Resolution to amend Fiscal Policy regarding group categories and funding
- b. Resolution for Senate vote on ASUM Administration contract approvals
- c. Resolution to require Senate approval of ASUM Administration expenditures over \$250
- d. Resolution to adopt legislation to require binding student vote on all new and extended fees
- e. Resolution to encourage ASUM to educate student body on Native American fee waiver
- f. Resolution to amend Personnel Policy

Senate will not meet this week (Board of Regents meeting) and next week (Thanksgiving travel day), so resolutions are due by 5 p.m. Tuesday, November 24.

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.


Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

SB 27-98/99
Ephraim A

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE LEGISLATIVE ELIMINATION OF MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM NATIVE AMERICAN FEE WAIVERS

- WHEREAS*, Justice Marshall wrote in 1832 that the Native American Tribes have always been distinct political entities . . . to whom the federal government owed a duty, and;
- WHEREAS*, in *Morton v. Mancari* the court noted that statutes granting preferences to native American groups are permissible because they are political entities rather than racial entities, and;
- WHEREAS*, Native Americans are under-represented in the Montana University System, and;
- WHEREAS*, It is in the best interest of the state of Montana to have a highly educated population, and;
- WHEREAS*, The Associated Students of The University of Montana support increased access to higher education, and;
- WHEREAS*, the state of Montana would better serve its constituency by providing greater access to fee waivers to more students rather than by providing fee waivers to fewer students, and;
- WHEREAS*, *Article X* of the *Montana Constitution* commits the state's educational resources to the preservation of Native American culture, and;
- WHEREAS*, Providing fee waivers to Native American students promotes an increased exposure of the Native American culture on the campuses of the Montana University System, and;
- WHEREAS*, in the 1997 Montana Legislative Session, there was an attempt to pass an act "prohibiting preferential treatment in employment [and] education . . . based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or sex [and] abolishing existing preferences, and;
- WHEREAS*, that act would have eliminated Native American fee waivers while retaining fee waivers for other segments of the population, and;
- WHEREAS*, a similar act may be introduced during the 1999 Montana Legislative Session;

Therefore Let It Be Resolved: The Associated Students of The University of Montana oppose legislation which amends Section 20-25-421 of the Montana Code Annotated and thus eliminates the Native American fee waivers.

Sponsored by:
Barrett Kaiser, ASUM President
Jerry Lamb, ASUM Senator
Jess Kobos, SPA Director
Ben Darrow, ASUM Legislative Director

Passed
unanimously
11/12/98

SB 26-98/99
Exhibit B

**RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR
THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA**

WHEREAS, Students at The University of Montana deserve an affordable education and assume responsibility for an equitable portion of this as cost, as the State of Montana should also, and;

Tuition

WHEREAS, Tuition has increased at a rate that greatly outpaces the rate of increase of the average Montana family's income, and;

WHEREAS, The ratio of state funding to funding through tuition for education has tilted severely towards reliance upon tuition which results in more of the burden of the cost of education falling on students and their families, and;

Financial Aid

WHEREAS, There is a serious need for funding for programs that make education more affordable for low and middle-income Montana students, and;

WHEREAS, The 1997 Legislature partially funded the Montana Tuition Assistance Program (MTAP), but that level of funding was far below the \$5.2 million that is needed to fully fund the program, and;

Staff and Faculty Salary Increases

WHEREAS, ASUM is supportive of reasonable and appropriate salary increases for both the staff and faculty, and recognizes that such an increase will naturally come partially from a tuition increase, and;

WHEREAS, Salary increases for staff and faculty are the responsibility of both the students and the State, and;

Lab and Classroom Renovation

WHEREAS, over 50% of the classrooms and labs on this campus are in need of modernization or rehabilitation, and;

WHEREAS, Students have taken responsibility to partially fund these renovations, with the expectation that the state would meet the students' contribution with a matching financial contribution;

Therefore let it be resolved:

The ASUM Senate identifies the following fiscal issues as legislative priorities during the 1999 Montana Legislative Session:

Tuition: The ASUM Senate urges the Montana Legislature to recognize that a lack of funding in higher education ultimately results in higher tuition for students. The ASUM Senate further urges the Montana Legislature to appropriate enough general fund dollars to keep the tuition increase at The University of Montana below 5%;

Financial Aid: The ASUM Senate urges the Montana Legislature to appropriate the requested \$2 million to partially fund MTAP and further urges legislators to consider additional allocations in this area;

Matching funds: The ASUM urges the Montana Legislature to appropriate matching funds of \$6 million in the Long Range Building Program (LRBP) for lab and classroom renovation;

Salary increases: The ASUM Senate urges the Montana Legislature to limit student contributions for faculty and staff increases to 50% of the total by appropriating an adequate level of funding for those increases.

Sponsors:

Barrett Kaiser, ASUM President
Jess Kobos, SPA Director
Ben Darrow, Legislative Director

Passed
11/12/98