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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
March 4, 1998
Mt. Sentinel Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - February 18, 1998
4. Public Comment
5. President's Report
 - a. Swearing In - Chris Vonde
 - b. Gary Ratcliff, UC Director
 - c. Bob Giordano, Free Cycles Missoula
 - d. Student Health Service Fee
 - e. Legal Services
 - f. Resolution Officer
6. Vice President's Report
 - a. Committee Appointments
 - b. Knapp Luncheon
 - c. Budget Advisory Committee
 - d. Campus Walks
 - e. Final Budgeting - Food
7. Business Manager's Report
 - a. STIP (State Term Investment Pool)
ADSUM \$820.16 - tabled
 - b. TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION
Campus Crusade for Christ \$3,300
Interfraternity Council \$1,065
Assoc. of Computing Machinery \$350
SAVE \$152
 - c. Order of Funding Categories - Lottery
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. SB17-97/98 Resolution to Develop A Contract with the Faculty Senate
Dealing with Course Books
 - b. SB18-97/98 Resolution to Dissolve the \$100 Course Retake Fee
 - c. SB19-97/98 Resolution Urging the Montana Board of Regents to Lift
the Credit Cap
 - d. SB20-97/98 Resolution to Endorse An Increase in the Student Health
Services Fee
 - e. SB21-97/98 Resolution to Prohibit Credit Card Companies from
Soliciting in the University Center
 - f. SB22-97/98 Resolution to Change the ASUM Class Requirements
 - g. SB23-97/98 Resolution to Support a Bi-Weekly Student Payroll
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

SENATE MEMBERSROLL
CALL*Comments*

PETER BAROVICH

JIM DRISCOLL

JONATHAN FLEURY

STEPHEN FORREST

KEVIN HIGGINS

ERIN KAUTZ

JOHN LATR

Chris Coude

PATIENCE LLEWELLYN

VICKY LORENZ

BRAD McCALL

MARK McCUE

KELLY MURPHY

AL NAULT

MIKE OBLAND

AARON SCHENDEL

JEB SPENGLER

EMILY STRUVE

SHAWNA SUTHERLAND

JENNIFER WALEN

MICHAEL WEINHEIMER

ASUM OFFICERS

JEFF MERRICK

President

JENNIFER GARDNER

Vice-President

MATT SHIMANEK

Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
March 4, 1998
Mt. Sentinel Room

Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Present: Merrick, Gardner, Barovich, Driscoll (6:17), Fleury, Forrest, Higgins, Kautz, Llewellyn, Lorenz, McCall, McCue, Murphy, Nault, Obland, Schendel, Spengler, Struve, Sutherland, Vonde, Walen and Weinheimer. Excused was Shimanek.

The minutes of the February 18 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- a. Ben Darrow thanked ASUM for funding registration fees for the Model United Nations team to travel to San Francisco for competition. The team tied for 2nd, with individuals winning awards and recognition.

President's Report

- a. Dean Couture swore in Chris Vonde as a new senator replacing John Lair, who submitted his resignation recently.
- b. UC Director Ratcliff reported UC Board passed a proposal to increase the UC operating fee by \$3 per semester. However, an agreement was reached with President Dennison that he would pay \$60,000 over the next two years into the UC to offset administrative facility use, negating the need for a fee increase at this time. Merrick cited the hard work and tenacity of ASUM, and noted his excitement over this conclusion.
- c. Bob Giordano from Free Cycles Missoula requested \$1,000 from zero base carryover to aid in building an information hut near Madison Street bridge, the space for which has been approved by the University. He noted April 25 as the date for Festival of Cycles.
- d. Two students who serve on committees at the Student Health Service and who have been employed there spoke on the need for the fee increase.
- e. A letter of agreement has been drawn up between ASUM and the Law School for reorganization of ASUM Legal Services for an initial period of two years, resulting in better and increased service, seminars, etc.
- f. Resolution Officer Katja Stromnes has submitted her resignation, and applications (due March 23) are now available for the position.

Vice-President's Report

- a. On a motion by Nault-Lorenz, the following slate of committee appointments was approved by Senate: Elections - William Schaefer, Brice Adams, Mike Kiedrowski; SPA - Mike Weinheimer, Jessie Kobos; University Affairs - Bernadette Heckle.
- b. The main topic at the Knapp luncheon held last week was distance learning. An academic forum on academic advising will be held in April.
- c. Tuition, fees and biennial budget goals were discussed in the Budget Advisory Committee. A list of the goals will be put in Senator boxes.
- d. McCue, McCall and Weinheimer went on a campus walk with President Dennison - trying emergency exit doors, checking study halls, etc. A sign-up sheet is available for interested senators.
- e. Gardner asked Senators to arrive by 7:45 a.m. for Final Budgeting this Saturday for an 8 a.m. start. Coffee, donuts and bagels will be available. Senators will be responsible for their own lunch, with pizza and pop available for the evening meal if the meeting is in session.

Business Manager's Report (given by Lorenz in Shimanek's absence)

- a. STIP (State Term Investment Pool)
*ADSUM request for \$820.16 remains tabled.

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c. TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION

*Campus Crusade for Christ \$3,300 request was approved at the Budget and Finance recommendation level of \$725 on a motion by **Nault-Fleury**.

*All Greek Council/IFC/Panhellenic \$1,065 request was recommended for funding at \$435 by Budget and Finance. **Barovich-Weinheimer** moved to approve at \$615. A friendly amendment by **McCue** to put the amount back to \$435 was not accepted, but a friendly amendment by **Murphy** to set the amount at \$555 was accepted, and the motion passed.

*Association of Computing Machinery \$350 request was recommended for funding at \$190. Lack of group representation prompted a motion by **Merrick-Higgins** to table, which passed.

*SAVE \$152 request was recommended at zero funding on a motion by **Merrick-Higgins**, which passed. SAVE and International Wildlife Film Festival recognition papers have not been completed, so the groups will not be eligible for consideration during Final Budgeting. If representation had been available at this meeting, efforts would have been made to finalize the papers to Board on Membership's satisfaction.

*Six individual slips, each with one of the six budgeting categories, were drawn from a hat to determine the Final Budgeting order. The results: 1) broad-based; 2) ASUM administrative agencies; 3) programming; 4) sports union; 5) professional; 6) support.

Committee Reports

Elections - Fleury noted the next meeting will be at 8:15 p.m. Sunday in the Pantzer Hall Conference Room. Past minutes will be posted soon.

b. SPA - Kautz reported they talked about tuition today at 5 p.m. The last meeting on parking will be held at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow.

c. Library and Archives - Nault said the group will be reviewing faculty check-out policies

d. University Affairs - Nault reported they will meet Friday.

e. ASUM Affairs - Struve said they gave SB20 and 22 "do pass" recommendations. Two students at large are needed for the committee.

f. Board on Membership - Lorenz offered the following groups for recognition, passed on a motion by **Nault-Kautz**: The U of M African Students Association, UM Boxing Club, Student Indoor Soccer Association.

g. Administration and Finance - Murphy said they discussed future strategies. Surveys show students do not consider UM as a public Ivy school. A two-tier parking lot by the Field House is being discussed.

h. UC Board - Obland said they will discuss credit cards Monday.

Unfinished Business

a. SB17-97/98 Resolution to Develop A Volunteer Text Book Policy (Exhibit A) passed on a motion by **Merrick-Barovich**. (Title and wording amended in committee.)

b. SB18-97/98 Resolution to Dissolve the \$100 Course Retake Fee - tabled for one week by Nault.

c. SB19-97/98 Resolution Urging the Montana Board of Regents to Lift the Credit Cap (Exhibit B) passed on a motion by **Llewellyn-McCue** with an accepted committee friendly amendment reading: "Therefore let it also be resolved that a letter will be drafted to the Board of Regents compiling all reasons and concerns about the credit cap with this resolution attached."

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- d. SB20-97/98 Resolution to Endorse An Increase in the Student Health Services Fee (Exhibit C) passed on a motion by **Nault-Schendel** with an accepted friendly amendment by **Merrick** to change "endorse" to "approve" in the title.
- e. SB21-97/98 Resolution to Prohibit Credit Card Companies from Soliciting in the University Center - in committee
- f. SB22-97/98 Resolution to Change the ASUM Class Requirements (Exhibit D) passed on a motion by **Merrick-Higgins**.
- g. SB23-97/98 Resolution to Support a Bi-Weekly Student Payroll - in committee

New Business

- a. Resolution to support a \$12 renovation fee
- b. Resolution to have a representative from the UM Foundation speak at Senate
- c. Resolution to develop death of roommate policy
- d. Resolution to endorse contract between ASUM and Law School on ASUM Legal Services

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Carol Hayes

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Exhibit A

SB/- 97/98

RESOLUTION TO DEVELOP A VOLUNTEER TEXT BOOK POLICY.

- Whereas: The cost of attending college continues to raise every year;
Whereas: Recycling books is good for the environment;
Whereas: Extending the average number of semesters a text is used will reduce the cost to students while helping the environment;
Whereas: A volunteer contract between the Faculty & ASUM senates as well as the UC Bookstore would best resolve the situation.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved: The Associated Students of The University of Montana will develop a volunteer contract with the faculty senate to reduce the cost of books for students by extending the average number of terms a text could be recycled,

Therefore Let It Be Further Resolved: This contract should be developed by faculty senate and ASUM senate.

Authored by:
Albert Nault

Passed
3/4/98

SB 19-97/98

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS TO LIFT
THE CREDIT CAP**

Whereas; the students of the University of Montana attend a liberal arts institution,

Whereas; universities and liberal arts institutions specifically are created for the purpose of learning and exploring the fields of the mind,

Whereas; the credit cap instituted by the Board of Regents prohibits such exploration from taking place,

Whereas; the credit cap has continually allowed fewer and fewer credits,

Whereas; students pay out of state tuition for exceeding the credit cap, thus putting a fiscal drain of Montana students and families.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved:

The Associated Students of the University of Montana urge the Board of Regents to repeal the credit cap, in total.

In Addition:

The Associated Students of the University of Montana advises to complete the task of repealing with all due haste.

Authored By:
Stephen Paul Forrest
Brad McCall

Passed
3/4/98

Therefore, let it also be resolved that a letter will be drafted to the Board of Regents compiling all reasons and concerns about the credit cap with this resolution attached.

Approve
A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AN INCREASE IN THE STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES FEE

- Whereas: The Health Fee funds the operation and range of service offered by Student Health Services, including medical, dental, counseling, wellness, health education, substance abuse, and sexual assault recovery services;
- Whereas: A \$3.75 fee increase is necessary to fund personnel expenses (as determined by state pay plan), employee insurance benefit cost increases as mandated by contract negotiations (\$81,600);
- Whereas: An additional \$1.50 fee increase is necessary to fund inflationary increases for operational expenses including utilities, supplies, maintenance and repairs (\$38,800). Therefore;
- Be it resolved: That the Associated Students of The University of Montana endorse an increase of the Health Fee from the current \$114.25 per semester to \$119.50 per Fall/Spring semesters and \$88.00 to \$92.00 for Summer semester (an increase of 4.6%).

Sponsored by Vicky Lorenz

Passed
3-4-98