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ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, August 29, 2018
UC225, 6:30 p.m.

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Senators Belcher, Carpenter, Davis, Koerber, Hohenstein, Grewell, Anderson, Parsons, Iverson, Haggart, Brown, Hanley, Cohen, Willmus, Kraft, Paz, Cowley, Carley, Liechty, Corkish, Borstad, Gregory, Hiatt, Koch; Business Manager Schafer; President Butler; and Vice President Welch

The minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

President's Report

- a. Motion to approve Ona Renner-Fahey as faculty advisor
 - a. Motion by Koerber, second by Gregory, unanimous consent
- b. Cabinet held today
 - a. UPC update for students is in preparation
 - b. Cabinet is looking to ASUM for input from students, and President Butler wants to effectively seek feedback from senators and other students
 - c. Comments:
 - a. Carpenter: a good way to do this is share ASUM info on personal Facebook pages
 - b. Brown: two-sided conversations are more useful
 - c. Additional ways to engage students via UM app. Will communicate to Cole
 - d. Cowley: tell students about all of the app features, like the interactive map
 - e. Belcher: integrating the app into the application and admissions process so students are used to it
 - f. Parsons: are ASUM senators allowed to attend floor meetings in residence halls?
 1. BM Schafer: the first round of floor meetings happened already, so we would need to contact residence life
 - d. Next week is ASUM's agenda week. President and VP will reach out to senators
- c. SB04-18/19 Resolution Establishing the Enrollment and Retention Committee
 - a. BM Schafer authorship
 - b. Hanley: What would the committee makeup be?
 - a. It is an ad-hoc committee, so we don't have to specify. VP Welch would likely include whatever senators are interested
 - c. Belcher: has lots of plans for this committee

- d. Carpenter: What did this committee do last semester?
 - a. Belcher: heard from senators and met with Jed Liston from University Communications about events to attend
- e. Parsons: delete “can” in line 11
 - a. Called friendly
- f. Brown: did we involve outside campuses last year?
 - a. Belcher: no, because this committee was only established for a short time. This year it will be more structured. Email Senator Belcher with suggestions
- g. Willmus: amend to put an apostrophe in line 14 in the word “administration’s”
 - a. Called friendly
- h. The resolution passes 25-0-1
- d. UM President Bodnar
 - a. Butler: Please speak about changes in student affairs, especially with the Dean of Students
 - a. Bodnar: in Spring, announced a restructure in University leadership to better articulate the story of the university
 1. Brought together recruitment/admissions and communications to coordinate
 2. Brought together academic student support and out of the classroom services
 3. In process of hiring Vice Provost for Student Success, including student representation
 - b. Right now, we have an acting director of student affairs (Amy Capalupo) who works with Brian French in Office of Student Success. Also work with student conduct officer
 - c. Reconsidering what the scope of Dean of Students should be, beyond just conduct issues
 - d. Bodnar cannot address individual employees’ situations
 1. Voorhees is on leave and an employee in good standing with the university
 - e. UM is focused on supporting its students most effectively
 - b. UM is poised to be a model for higher education nationally
 - a. Quality with accessibility will transform lives and enable our students to change their communities
 - b. Our job is to give opportunity to every student we can
 - c. We are going through a transition and wants student feedback
 - c. Questions:

- a. Carpenter: What are the options for positions in student affairs with increased workloads? How can they give feedback about their experiences?
 - 1. Putting these student affairs offices together should enable more successful collaboration among these offices
 - 2. We are working to identify the best staffing structure for this increased workload
 - 3. Not strategic reductions in this area in the past have not helped, so we are looking to identify the best structure
 - 4. We need to make sure that academic resources are allocated as effectively as possible across departments, according to student demand
 - 5. By increasing our retention rate (1st to 2nd year) and investments in people and processes, we can pay for these improvements in student experience and improve the lives of students
- b. Brown: As students on campus, a lot of interactions are brief. How would you tell the story of our institution? What is a clear version of the story?
 - 1. Bodnar: The answer to why UM? Is quality and accessibility. We play a critical role in our state and country. We are an elite education for people from many different starting points. When we talk to students, we can talk about the unique opportunities of a UM education. World-class programs in arts, sciences, professional schools, etc. Students here have the opportunity to be diverse and work across disciplines. Students need to be able to adapt and grow.
- c. Willmus: How will the students of Missoula College get support like the main campus students?
 - 1. Bodnar: We are working hard to improve this. How can students at MC be more aware of and able to participate in UM welcome activities? They don't have a plan yet, but they are working on making it a focus.
 - 2. Putting some student services over at MC. Improving transportation between the campuses. We are looking for your comments, especially from MC students.
- d. Cowley: Student insurance at the university has become cost-prohibitive and I am not aware of how students can learn about other options.
 - 1. Butler: We have been working with someone at Curry Health Center on this issue

- e. Parsons: Can you talk about the relationship between the UM Foundation and main campus? I have been hearing complaints about codependency, and that the University is relying too much on the Foundation
 - 1. Bodnar: the Foundation is a non-profit entity that has an agreement with UM. UM and the Foundation work together to create priorities for fundraising, which the Foundation then enacts. Starting a new campaign in October, which will be informed by campus priorities, decided on by the UM community
- f. Borstad: the Office for Student Success and advising is a complete mess. They need to know the prerequisites. I have been hearing complaints from students. Also there is understaffing in DSS. Also, ADA compliance needs to be a priority with the Foundation. Also residence halls. Also we need more parking on campus.
 - 1. Bodnar: The University needs to address ADA compliance and we are working within budget constraints to address it. The people in OSS and advising are working really hard.
- g. Belcher: I have had so many students talk with me about misinformation during advising from advisors and course registration at MC and UM. Is advising playing any role in the restructure of OSS?
 - 1. Bodnar: Absolutely. We are looking at national best practices for advising and student success. It takes resources, but we need to invest in them. Provost Harbor has been working hard on this. We know that advising is key to student success. Some of this means more people, and some of it is better tools.
 - 2. I would ask the Enrollment and Retention Committee to make substantive recommendations. What are you hearing from high school students? What can students do to help us there? Where are the spots that students are having trouble?
- d. 5 minute recess
 - a. Move by Cowley, second by Belcher, unanimous consent

Vice President's Report

- a. New senators Brown, Anderson, and Koerber sworn in
- b. Committees approved
 - a. Moved by Koerber, seconded by Hanley, unanimous consent
 - b. All committee information will be available in Drive tomorrow
 - c. All committees should have a meeting time set by Friday 5 pm
- c. UMP Space

- a. Meeting on Friday from 2-4 in that space
- d. Football event
 - a. Thursday at 2:30 information about how football works
 - b. Football game on Saturday. Sexual assault awareness event
- e. Freshman seminar update
 - a. Please sign up for a slot
- f. Office hours will start on Monday
 - a. Additional information will be available in the Drive
 - b. To adjust office hours, speak with VP Welch
- g. Board of Regents in Billings
 - a. September 11-13
 - b. Koerber has space in his car
 - c. Tuesday at 7 pm until Thursday at 6 pm
- h. Absence policy
 - a. Available in drive
 - b. If you need a break, that's ok, but send VP Welch a note
- i. Mentors
 - a. Email to VP Welch with top 3 by Friday at noon
 - b. Please include a paragraph about why you want those mentors
 - c. By the next senate meeting, the names will be available
- j. SB01-18/19 Resolution Regarding Senate Mission Statement
 - a. Willmus: on Line 14, there are 3 ands in the list and it would flow better a different way
 - b. Borstad: amend line 14 to replace the second and with "as well as"
 - i. Seconded by Willmus, Discussion called by Butler
 - ii. Borstad authorship
 - iii. President Butler has different suggestions
 - iv. Grewell: prefers "modeling"
 - v. Borstad: withdraws her motion, so does second
 - c. Butler: Amend line 14 to replace first and with "that"
 - i. Seconded, and unanimous consent called
 - d. Grewell: previous question
 - i. Discussion is ended
 - e. The resolution passes 23-1-0
- k. Previous question cannot be withdrawn
- l. SB02-18/19 Resolution Regarding the ASUM 2018-2019 Vision Statement
 - a. Hohenstein: amend line 14, seconded by Brown, discussion by Borstad
 - i. Authorship: the purpose of ASUM isn't to make relationship, it's to empower students to make their own relationships
 - ii. Borstad: we are supposed to make relationships with students
 - iii. Brown: I don't have an opinion, but this has changed the meaning of the sentence
 - iv. Borstad: we should keep them separate because we don't just empower them to build relationships
 - v. Amendment fails
 - b. The resolution passes 21-2-0

- m. SB03-18/19 Resolution Regarding Core Values
 - a. Brown: Why are these our values?
 - b. Corkish: Bodnar did a good job of describing the kinds of students at UM and we should take that into account without taking away from diversity, but I'm not sure how
 - c. Borstad: I don't like keeping the same values, but this Senate is better than last year's senate at doing these things, and I also think diversity is the best word for what we are describing, and can refer to many things. Transparency is also important
 - d. Brown: (to Borstad) Why is it important for our senate to have values?
 - i. Borstad: I didn't hold myself to these standards until I was a senator, and I now have a better appreciation of diversity. I also try to be transparent. I want to be innovative on issues students care about. We need to do something and not just sit here.
 - e. Cowley: Being interdisciplinary and celebrating that on campus is important. You can't be diverse if you don't celebrate being interdisciplinary. We should interpret diversity to mean being interdisciplinary
 - f. Belcher: Part of being a good leader is recognizing that we don't need to fix what isn't broken. We should look at how we are using our time
 - g. Iverson: We should have values and be an example. A lot of kids coming out of high school don't have values, and we should be an example to them
 - h. Willmus: Not all values have to be universal. We all have personal values, so we don't have to include all our personal values on this list. The list should stay on universal values
 - i. Borstad: People will ask you about your core values and ethics, and I know that some of these values are also my personal values. These values can help us outside of senate, too.
 - j. The resolution passes 20-3-0
- n. A reminder to uphold the values that we have just voted on
- o. Questions
 - a. Brown: How will we share with the students?
 - i. These will go on our website and Facebook page
 - b. Borstad: Does the group of concerned students still meet?
 - i. VP Welch: not sure
 - ii. President Butler would be happy to meet with any concerned students

Business Manager's Report

Zero-Base Carryover: \$207,747

S.T.I.P.: \$216,933

Union Emergency: \$6,195

Special Allocation: \$13,200

Travel Allocation: \$33,108

- a. Kaimin business manager

- a. Previous business manager resigned, so the editor in chief put out a call and has hired a new BM
- b. When2Meets for committees chaired by BM will be sent out by Friday

Committee Reports

- a. Belcher: Interview committee will meet on Tuesday at 8, probably at liquid planet
 - i. Enrollment and Retention will meet Fridays at 9, first meeting next Friday
- b. Hohenstein: Housing will meet sometime in September, with Jordan from Renter Center and discuss the direction of the committee and the agency
 - i. Will meet with Jordan to find a good time and then let others know. Will be a once a month meeting
- c. Carpenter: ASCRC meets every Tuesday in GBB 225 from 2-4pm. Be prepared
 - i. Recycling will meet, but not sure when yet
- d. VP Welch will share reports from previous chairs
- e. Corkish: If you are on sustainability, send your phone number to her
- f. Grewell: Jordan from Transportation will send out a doodle poll for the first meeting
- g. Willmus: Bitterroot and Missoula College committee will meet on River campus next week in Rm 101
- h. Hanley: working on finalizing an R&A meeting time. Probably on Fridays, around 5 pm, in the ASUm conference room
- i. Davis: SPA meeting time will be set next week
- j. Anderson: please reach out to parents who would like to serve on child care. On Tuesday at 1:30, and after that, meetings will be Tuesdays at 2. May be more busy in a few weeks
- k. Cowley: The committee about the food pantry will meet next week. Contact her or President Butler for more information
- l. BM Schafer: Please speak loudly enough so the whole room can hear you
- m. Borstad: Music union leadership is changing. There have been many faculty and advisor changes.
- n. BM Schafer has met with co-curricular student group advisors, so she has a direction for fiscal policy on that topic
- o. Carpenter: Senator Parsons isn't here, but he sent out an email about Legal board

Unfinished Business

- a. None

New Business

- a. Borstad: resolution about playing music at end of semester, to go to Relations and Affairs

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Daisy Ward
ASUM Senate Secretary