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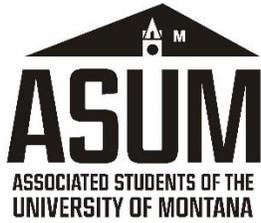
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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, October 3, 2018**  
**UC 225 – 6:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 26, 2018

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

- a. Job update
- b. Eva Rocke, Parking update
- c. Sandy Curtis, UM Housing Office
- d. Rick Curtis, Curry Health Center
- e. Public comment on budget targets for instructional staffing plans
- f. Other

**6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

- a. Kat Cowley, Real College update
- b. Committee updates
- c. Events
- d. Other

**7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT**

**Zero-Base Carryover: \$207,747**  
**S.T.I.P.: \$216,602**  
**Special Allocation: \$13,200**  
**Travel Allocation: \$33,108**  
**Union Emergency: \$6,195**

- a. Student Group Coordinator
- b. Student Group Resource Center update
- c. Start a Student Group workshop, October 9
- d. Website update
  - a. Bios, photos, majors, hometown, year in school
- e. Other

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

## **11. COMMENTS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**ASUM Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 3, 2018**  
**UC 225, 6:30 p.m.**

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

The minutes from the September 26, 2018 meeting were approved.

## **Roll Call**

### **Public Comment**

- a. Colin Kelley, UM sophomore and Amber Sherrill, Executive Director of 5 Valleys Land Trust
  - a. ASUM should endorse Missoula open space bond and city stewardship levy
  - b. UM students and classes use surrounding open spaces
  - c. This is not a bond for a specific project, but one of the projects they are looking at is connecting the university with Miller Creek
  - d. The open spaces are a big draw to Missoula and UM
  - e. The open space bond is for \$15 million (countywide) and \$500,000/yr stewardship levy (city only)
    - i. Would increase taxes by \$2.50/month on the average house

### **President's Report**

- a. Hiring update
  - a. Lobbyist job is posted on Facebook, so please share it. Apps available on Handshake and ASUM desk
  - b. Legal Director position is open and being advertised. Open until October 29<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Offered by December 7<sup>th</sup>, start by February
    - ii. Annie Hamilton will stay until May 2019
    - iii. Direct questions to President Butler and Senator Parsons
- b. Eva Rocke, Director of Sustainability, with Parking Management Plan
  - a. Parking survey was completed about 3 years ago, which resulted in a set of strategies for increased access
  - b. Additional comments and questions can be emailed to her
  - c. Potentially offering more parking pass options
- c. Dennis Burns and William Reynolds, representatives from Kimley Horn
  - a. Project kickoff, which means they are just starting out
  - b. Looking at parking best practices and how best to use the resources we have
  - c. Relationships between parking and other methods of transportation
  - d. How best to collect and manage parking revenues
  - e. Encourage sustainable transportation options
  - f. Suggestions on different payment options
  - g. Hanley: is the university looking at making more parking spots?
    - i. We need to look at revenue before we can talk about large changes

- ii. They would consider dramatic changes, including technology and organization
- d. Sandy Curtis, Director of UM Housing
  - a. Change of name from Residence Life to UM Housing
  - b. Facilities upgrades over the summer
    - i. Lock changes in Pantzer and Miller
    - ii. Dunaway air, painting, and bathrooms improved
    - iii. New flooring in Lewis and Clark
    - iv. Improved parking lots and painting in University villages
  - c. Gender inclusive housing floor in Miller
  - d. Coed floor in Miller
  - e. New and improved application process for next year
  - f. New programming model for RAs and residence halls
  - g. StepUp presentations and recognition in residence halls
  - h. KPCN working on a video about residence halls
  - i. Worked with ASUM representatives to change the credit requirement to 6 credits for apartments
  - j. Once UMHO's bond payments are done by 2025, they can look more at new residence halls. Until then, it is not fiscally feasible.
  - k. Senator Hiatt would like to have screens on windows in more residence halls
  - l. Living on campus increases retention and academic success
- e. Rick Curtis, Director of Curry Health Center
  - a. Curry is getting a new roof
  - b. Increased portal features in progress
  - c. Working on collaboration among providers to help students best at the time of their visit. Referral process does not work well.
    - i. Curry 360
  - d. UM students report being extra stressed out, and often struggle to access care
    - i. Full report available on their website
  - e. Hopes to work with ASUM to address these issues, especially within budget
  - f. Wants to encourage students to come to Curry, especially the first time
  - g. Concerns about insurance payment process
    - i. Montana Privacy Act means they can't release insurance claims to parental insurance
    - ii. Insurance billing increases costs dramatically
- f. Public comment on budget targets for instructional staffing plans
  - a. Dusty (on behalf of Ronan Kennedy)
    - i. Phasing out is not the solution
    - ii. MCLL budget cuts are not strategic. How can the University provide an outstanding experience with fewer faculty, especially with regard to MCLL?
    - iii. Fears of alienating alumni base
    - iv. Temporary solutions will lead to long term problems
    - v. Need new strategies for recruitment and retention that aren't student recruiting people they know
  - b. Dusty Keim
    - i. Even graduating students are worried about the future of their school
    - ii. Very involved across campus
    - iii. UM can help students see a global perspective
    - iv. Students should have to keep defending their majors
    - v. I know we need to change things, but worried about where the money we have is going

1. Athletics funding inequality. Marching band vs coaching contract
  2. Bodnar said that the University is spending more money per student than 10 years ago, but tuition has gone up more
- vi. Would like a rider on athletics donations that requires some part of them go to academics
  - vii. University needs to focus more on recruitment, enrollment, and retention
  - viii. Carpenter: Cathy Cole is working on many of these issues right now. These recruitment suggestions can't be done without money, and some of these budget changes are intended to direct more money to those programs
  - ix. Students are invited to ASUM Enrollment and Retention committee at 9am on Fridays!  
Or email Senator Belcher
  - x. Anderson and Cowley meet with Cathy Cole every other Friday and also would like to hear student concerns
- c. Maren Schiffer, Graduate student in English department
    - i. Writing program is 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest in the country and 1<sup>st</sup> in Western US
    - ii. One of the best creative writing programs in the country, with several famous alumni
    - iii. Cuts to the English program will affect both MFA and creative writing programs
    - iv. Graduate students have been leaving the program because of lack of support
      1. Losses to administrative staff have been very difficult
    - v. Course looking at incarceration in Montana. Information should be available online in around December
  - d. Andrew Mendoza, Grad student from Maryland in English department
    - i. Close relationships with faculty are valuable, and these cuts will seriously affect workshop class offerings
    - ii. English faculty are not interchangeable and their different areas of expertise are important
    - iii. Morale is low among faculty and that affects students too
- g. Information about Instructional Budget Targets
    - a. Presumptive Instructional Budget = what the budget would be if we maintained the same faculty:student ratio as the average from 2009-2013
    - b. Strategic Investment = extra money given to departments or not, which makes up the difference between Presumptive and Target budgets
    - c. Budget Target is to be reached by 2021
    - d. Koerber: Why aren't there numbers from FY19 yet?
      - i. We only have projected expenses, but won't have actual spending until the end of the year
    - e. Willmus: How did they arrive at these numbers?
      - i. They compared the current budget to the average ration from 2009-2013.
    - f. Willmus: Does the administration think that these are realistic cuts?
      - i. Yes, even though they are difficult
      - ii. Provost Harbor knows that we need to maintain accreditation and are taking that into account
    - g. Koerber: What happens if we don't meet spending projections for FY19?
      - i. Those savings will go into zero-based to cover the university's deficit
    - h. Brown: Will the responses only look at accreditation?
      - i. They will look at ensuring there are enough course offerings to allow students to graduate
    - i. Iverson: What enrollment data did they look at?

- i. All UPC data is public and on the UPC website, if you want to look at the metrics
- j. Parsons: Will these cuts all happen in 2021 or be phased over the next few years?
  - i. The target is by 2021, and departments must make plans that show them meeting that target by then
- k. Paz: What happens if the budget targets are not met?
  - i. President Butler will find out, but most likely they will just not be allocated the funds
- l. Borstad: What will happen for students that just started in some of these majors?
  - i. All students will be able to graduate with the major they currently have
- h. Invitations from Child Care at 10:15 on Friday

### **Vice President's Report**

- a. Real College update from Kat Cowley
  - i. Importance of having students involved in student affairs decisions
  - ii. Double-diamond decision making model (Sam Zucker)
  - iii. Student-focused syllabi
  - iv. Food scholarships
    - 1. Farmer's market where students can come in and shop, depending on income
    - 2. Student government sponsors food scholarships via UMoney (like a short term loan)
  - v. Food pantries aren't the full solution. We need to look at the full picture
    - 1. The root of the problem is the high cost of college and cost of living
    - 2. It's hard for financial aid to report cost of living for FAFSA purposes
  - vi. Important to take the full cost of attendance into account
  - vii. How to get funding and for donors to buy in
  - viii. ASUM is ahead of the curve in having the Renter Center resource
  - ix. Tweet Dr. Sara Goldrick Rab and tell her that Jordan Lyons should speak at next year's conference
  - x. Food insecurity is a real problem on our campus and in our community
- b. Committees are approved
- c. Events
  - i. Tomorrow, 9-12 in UC Theater, UM Foundation
    - 1. President Butler speaks 11:20
  - ii. Friday at 8pm, Pep Rally on the Oval, speech from President and VP
  - iii. Homecoming parade Saturday morning
  - iv. Big Brothers Big Sisters bowling date and time is posted in ASUM office
- d. If senators have questions about absences, they can contact VP Welch
- e. Professionalism on the senate floor
  - i. No passing notes or eating during public comment
  - ii. Senator attendance at 6 Mill Levy press conference was disappointing
    - 1. Resolutions mean nothing if senators don't follow up
  - iii. Voting for a resolution means senators should follow through

### **Business Manager's Report**

- a. Student Group Coordinator
  - a. Now sharing an officer with BM and has office hours
  - b. Will be in the student group resource center when it is complete
- b. Student Group Resource Center update

- a. Furniture is out and cleaning is scheduled
- b. New furniture request will go to B and F
- c. Start a student group workshop on October 9 (Thursday, 6-7pm, UC 225)
  - a. If senators want to help, tell BM Schafer
  - b. Tell student groups about it
  - c. Facebook event will be posted tomorrow
  - d. There will be food and student group recognition forms
- d. There are also mandatory sessions for presidents and treasures, which are October 24, 25, and 26
  - a. Last year, ASUM reacquired a large amount of money that it had given to student groups
  - b. Want to help groups use their funds
- e. The website will go live soon
  - a. Will need bio, photo, major, hometown, and year in school from every senator
  - b. Send this information to VP Welch
  - c. There may be a photo session in the ASUM office
  - d. Bio should be 4 sentences and in the first-person

## Committee Reports

- a. Hohenstein: Housing will meet on Friday at 2:30 pm in ASUM office
- b. Brown: Core committee will meet tomorrow at 12 in ASUM office
  - a. Tabling on Friday to hear student feedback on general education
  - b. Writing symposium November 1-3, would like students to attend
- c. Corkish: Sustainability will meet Friday 3-4 in Branch Center
  - a. Movie screening and s'mores October 16 from 5:30-9
  - b. Please share the Facebook event
- d. Willmus: BMAC will meet at River Campus on Friday
- e. Grewell: Transportation will meet on Friday at 12 in ASUM conference room
- f. Gregory: Motion to approve the following student groups:
  - a. University of Montana Big Sky Taekwondo
  - b. Anime Club
  - c. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers
  - d. UM Cycling Club
  - e. UM Lambda Alliance
  - f. Southeast Asian Student Association
  - g. Botanical Club
  - h. Honors Student Association
  - i. Trendsetters at the U
- g. Davis: SPA will be meeting with Dr. Rinfret soon about the 6 Mill Levy. Meeting Monday at 5
- h. Parsons: Legal discussed Know Your Rights forum
- i. Iverson: Met with mentee Camp Howard
- j. Cowley: UC Board will meet Friday, October 12 at 9am
  - a. Can the Cats will meet next week
- k. Anderson and Cowley will meet with Cathy Cole on Friday
- l. Anderson: Child Care met this week and toured the classrooms
  - a. GPSA will meet tomorrow at 5pm
  - b. Will discuss financial aid situation for law students
- m. Koch: Motion to approve the following student groups:
  - a. Model Unite Nations
  - b. UM Jesters Rugby Club

- c. UM Lacrosse
- n. Butler: ASUM staff meeting on Tuesday. Discussed UM's Clearly Act violation fine.
  - a. Best beginnings rate went up, which is good for child care
  - b. Cabinet talked about findings from Enrollment and Retention committee and Core committee
  - c. 6 Mill Levy discussion
  - d. Campus entertainment has posted the job and created a search committee, which doesn't have a student
    - i. President Butler will discuss with Rosi Keller
- o. Anderson: Child care waitlists aren't as long as usual right now, so tell student parents about it
- p. Hanley: R and A will meet on Friday at 5. Will send an email update about meeting structure soon
- q. Belcher: There will be no M and O tabling this week, because others have volunteered to table

### **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

### **Comments**

Motion to adjourn by Carpenter. Meeting adjourned 9:54pm.

Daisy Ward  
ASUM Senate Secretary