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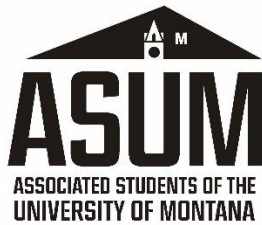
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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
Missoula College West Campus – 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 3, 2018

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Steve Thompson – Director, Campus Rec
- b. Shawn Grove – Director, VETS Office
- c. Cindy Williams – CEO and President, UM Foundation
- d. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Committee updates
- b. Website Bios
- c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

Zero-Base Carryover: \$207,747 (\$202,515)

S.T.I.P.: \$216,602

Special Allocation: \$13,200 (\$13,090)

Travel Allocation: \$33,108 (\$22,789)

Union Emergency: \$6,195

- Travel Allocations \$17,253.00 (\$10,319.00)
 - Dance Club \$120.00 (\$120.00)

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, October 10, 2018
UC 225, 6:30 p.m.

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Present: Senators Akmal, Anderson, Belcher, Brown, Carpenter, Cohen, Corkish, Cowley, Gregory, Grewell, Haggart, Hall, Hanley, Hiatt, Hohenstein, Iverson, Koch, Koerber, Pablo, Parsons, Paz, and Willmus; Business Manager Schafer; Vice President Welch; President Butler; and Advisor Deboer. Senators Borstad, Davis, and Liechty arrived late.

The minutes from the October 3, 2018 meeting were approved. Motion by Cowley with unanimous consent.

Roll Call

Public Comment

President's Report

- a. Steve Thompson – Director of Campus Recreation
 - a. Financial situation of Campus Rec
 - i. Rec Center, Grizzly Pool, sports fields around campus, intramural program, FEW, recreation classes
 - ii. 75-125 student employees and 12 professional staff
 - iii. Entirely auxiliary funded (no general fund support), mostly by student fees
 - iv. Budget has gone down a large amount due to decreased enrollment. They have cut everything they have that won't affect students
 1. Biggest cut has been deferred capital improvements
 - v. They are going to ask for a \$15 fee increase in the coming biennium. The only other increase has been to cover increased staff pay
 1. If this fee increase does not happen, students will notice the changes
 - a. Reduced hours, reduced programming
 - b. Cowley: Would you ask for increases all at once or over time?
 - i. It would be all at once. The increase only needs to last until the bond ends in 2026.
 - c. Welch: Hour changes
 - i. Now open 5:30 am to 10:30pm. Students have seemed to appreciate the change
 - d. Hohenstein: What are the barriers to fee increases?
 - i. Raising the price of attendance is not popular
 - e. Schafer: The increase would be \$15 per semester.
 - i. The fee projection looks at a weighted average that takes into account enrollment decreases
 - f. Koerber: Would this allow any expansion or just to keep what we have?
 - i. It would allow Campus Rec to keep the hours it has and to address the most important capital improvements

- g. Grewell: If this increase doesn't happen, what would happen other than hour decreases?
 - i. They don't know yet. The decisions will be carefully made.
 - ii. ASUM Senate will have a say in what fees are passed on to the Board of Regents
- h. Anderson: How many students use the Campus Rec services?
 - i. 43,000 visits since the start of the semester
 - ii. About 68% of students who pay the rec fee use the rec center
- i. Senators can come by and talk with him any time
- b. Shawn Grove – Director of VETS Office
 - a. There are some national problems with the VA computer system, so many people are getting paid at last year's rate or are not getting paid at all
 - b. They are trying to direct students to resources on campus, including short-term loans from financial aid and ASUM
 - c. VETS office now has a full-time employee at MC River Campus who works on VA education benefits and Prior Learning Assessment credit. Will be visiting West Campus one day a week
 - i. Highest concentration of veterans at UM are at MC West Campus
 - d. All of their funding comes from the general fund, so they have suffered many budget cuts in the past
 - i. Percentage of students using GI bill has gone up (smaller decreases in enrollment than overall student population)
 - e. October 22nd Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training at 12:30 pm
 - i. Will be in the Alumni boardroom with a trainer from the VA
 - ii. Shawn will send the information to VP Welch
 - f. Welch: When will GI benefits be up to date?
 - i. It is still unknown by the VA
 - ii. ASUM also has short-term loans available that are a resource
 - g. Anderson: With the tuition delays, are there holds placed on registration?
 - i. Yes, there are financial holds placed on the account. He will put in a request with financial aid to have the hold lifted every day during registration
 - ii. Work with Ruth Williams, financial aid student advocate, to have financial holds lifted
 - h. Butler: update on the mentor program
 - i. VETS office has a social work practicum student working on it
 - ii. Focus on new veterans coming into school and helping them navigate the systems
- c. Cindy Williams and Suzanne Peterson from UM Foundation
 - a. Suzanne Peterson is the new chair of the UMF board
 - b. Cindy Williams is the President and CEO
 - c. UMF is working on a master plan for MC West Campus
 - d. New Campaign Montana information and video are on the campaignmontana.org website
 - e. The campaign planning started in 2014 and will go until 2020, with a goal of raising \$400 million

- i. The largest portion of funds goes to scholarships (397 new scholarship funds). \$100 million so far.
 - ii. \$60 million for academic programs
 - iii. New endowed faculty positions and construction programs
 - f. UMF has revised their mission and vision statements
 - g. Questions about Campaign Montana
 - i. Koerber: Who runs the Campaign Montana website?
 - 1. Please send suggestions to Cindy at the Foundation
 - ii. Welch: Are donors worried about the situation on campus? Are they more or less interested in donating?
 - 1. Donors are very passionate about UM and they don't seem concerned, but the Foundation was worried about it at first
 - 2. Donors give because of students on campus and have leaned in
 - iii. Haggart: What percentage of donors give to athletics vs academics?
 - 1. There are tools on the website to look at this, but athletics is about 6th on the list
 - iv. Brown: Bodnar said that the funds from this campaign would be directed toward enrollment priorities. Can you elaborate?
 - 1. The contributions from the local business drive that UMF does every fall will be used for enrollment and marketing
 - v. Parsons: Students are worried about transparency at the UMF. Can you talk about the Foundation's involvement in the Paradise Papers situation?
 - 1. UMF buys into mutual funds, which trade in and out of different stocks
 - a. Doesn't buy stocks directly
 - b. Sometimes funds contain these things, but the purchases aren't done to avoid taxes.
 - c. The UMF doesn't directly invest those things, but is sometimes included in the portfolio
 - d. UMF tries to make the most money it can in the most secure way it can
 - vi. Cowley: Would it be possible for UMF to sponsor food scholarships for students?
 - 1. Yes, one of the priorities is emergency grant funds for students, which could include food
 - h. Connection between the UM and UMF
 - i. Foundation exists only to benefit the University
 - 1. Operate under an agreement with UM that is renewed by BoR every 2 years
 - 2. This agreement can be found on the UMF website
 - ii. The Foundation hires its own fundraising staff, manages donations, and manages endowment
 - iii. There are staff assigned to each school, athletics, President, Provost, special things like Flathead Biological Station
 - iv. UMF collaborates with leadership on priorities
 - i. How is student input taken into consideration?

- i. Priorities are set by university leadership, through SPCC, UPC, and President's Cabinet
 - ii. Fundraising priorities come from UM's strategic objectives
 - j. Do you have students interact with donors often?
 - i. Scholarship receptions, events on campus, campus meetings with current and potential donors (people like the Franke and Eck families), gift announcements, classroom guest lectures, phonathon
 - ii. Students don't always know that the people are donors during the interaction
 - k. How often does the UMF Board meet?
 - i. In person twice a year and phone committee meetings more often
 - l. Borstad: Do you think that conservation-minded donors will be worried by our investments in things like Paradise Papers?
 - i. No
 - ii. UMF Board has issued a statement about its investment strategy, which is available on the website and will be shown to senators
 - 1. It is very hard to ensure divestment of a specific thing when investing in mutual funds
 - m. Welch: When will the UMF agreement with the university be up for renewal?
 - i. Early next year
 - n. Borstad: Will more UMF meetings be made open to ASUM executives and senators?
 - i. The UMF is not required to have open meetings
 - ii. The Foundation is transparent for donors and the public so that they know where there money is going
 - 1. Their audited financial statements are available on the website
 - iii. UM President or designee is a liaison to the UMF and can bring ASUM concerns directly to the board
 - o. President Butler and UMF leadership are talking about how exactly to structure this role. At the latest UMF meeting, President Butler spoke and senators were invited to attend
 - p. Suzanne is available and happy to meet with students
- d. Tour of campus
 - e. President Butler sent out an email about open positions on search committee for Director of Campus Entertainment
 - a. Committee will start meeting next week
 - b. Tell students about the position who might be interested
 - c. President Butler will go to

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee updates
 - a. Hiatt moves to add Colin Milton as SAL to elections
 - b. Belcher moves to make Hiatt Vice Chair of Enrollment
 - c. Motion to approve by Cowley, passes unanimously
- b. Senators have mailboxes by the Business Manager's office

- c. Senators can dress up for the Halloween meeting, and must send VP Welch their costume by October 24th
- d. Please respond to VP Welch's emails
- e. Senators are always welcome to check their absences with VP Welch
- f. VP Welch is reaching out to university committees about scheduling

Business Manager's Report

- g. Travel Allocations
 - a. Each semester, ASUM can allocate about 50% of travel allocation budget
 - b. There are more travel allocation requests in the spring, so B&F is trying to prepare for that
 - c. B&F was trying to look at funding per student/number of students served
 - d. Biggest priority was travel and registration fees, which were funded first
 - e. According to fiscal policy, we can only fund \$400 maximum for lodging
 - f. Requests
 - i. Motion to remove Operation Smile request from the slate made by Hanley passes
 - ii. If students do not use funding allocated for travel, the money will return to be reallocated in the spring
 - iii. B&F made these decisions by prioritizing non-flight travel and registration fees. There are some variations group to group
 - iv. Koerber moves to remove WRC from the slate. Motion passes
 - v. Hiatt moves to remove NSSLHA from the slate. Motion passes
 - vi. Fiscal policy says we can spend \$20 per student per night maximum on lodging
 - vii. Corkish moves to remove National Lawyer's Guild from the slate. Motion passes
 - viii. Motion to approve the slate by Koerber is approved
 - 1. Dance Club - \$120
 - 2. Criminology Club - \$28, \$460, and \$229
 - 3. UM MASA - \$117
 - 4. UM Pacific Islander's Club - \$216
 - 5. UM FLAT - \$248
 - 6. Chi Alpha - \$643
 - 7. Simple Truth - \$353
 - 8. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship - \$500 and \$1255
 - 9. ASUM Younglife - \$1420 and \$1130
 - 10. UMEM - \$80
 - ix. National Lawyer's Guild
 - 1. Borstad moves to fund lodging at \$200. Discussion called by Koerber
 - a. Borstad: we should fund some lodging
 - b. Koerber: their priorities have been covered already
 - c. Cowley: this is not the only group who did not receive lodging funding

- d. Grewell: not every group should get the same amount of funding because every request is unique
- e. The motion passes
2. Vote on approving NLG for \$1195 passes
- x. NSSLHA
 1. Koerber moves to fund lodging at \$0. Motion passes unanimously
 2. Hiett moves to fund registration fees at \$300.
 - a. Koerber: they don't have car travel, so their next priority is registration fees, so we should fund those.
 - b. Belcher: There are a low number of students attending, but many groups attend annual events where only a low number of members attend, but are important for the group's existence. Circumstances are explained in the cover letters
 - c. Cowley: If you don't pay conference registration fee, you can't go
 - d. Motion withdrawn
 3. Motion to fund NSSLHA at \$450 passes
- xi. Women's Resource Center
 1. Borstad: Motion to fund lodging at \$100
 - a. Hanley moves amends the motion to fund at \$0. Called friendly
 - b. Butler: dollars per student results in arbitrary decisions. There isn't a good enough reason as to why we should decrease
 - c. Belcher: Oppose because of the importance of attendance
 - d. Borstad: This the only group getting this much lodging funding
 - e. Willmus: The amount for lodging is according to fiscal policy
 - f. The motion fails
 2. Hall: I didn't read the materials so I don't know what they're doing
 3. Hanley: You can ask to see the cover letter from B&F members
 4. Koerber: It is more important to look at the group's priorities then arbitrarily deciding a number per student
 5. Cowley: We shouldn't look at the purpose of any of these trips, but instead only at the request
 6. Akmal: All of these student groups are going to different events in different places. It doesn't make sense to compare them
 7. Borstad: This is unequal because we are funding more line items.
 8. Vote to approve WRC request for \$1030 passes
- g. Motion to suspend house rules and move Operation Smile request to unfinished business. Objection called by VP Welch. Motion passes 16-7-3.
- h. Zero-Base Request for Student Group Resource Center
 - i. It would have cost \$30,000 to have the same company that did the Branch Center furnish this space
 - ii. Cowley: How was Wayfair selected?

1. UC pays for a subscription to Wayfair Professional, which gives us a discount rate and has industrial furniture
2. Welch: There was a big emphasis on finding the lowest price possible
- iii. Motion to approve the request for \$5232 by Koerber. Motion passes unanimously.
- i. Special Allocation Request from Marketing and Outreach
 - i. ASUM owns a TV to display information, which costs \$10/month
 - ii. Motion to approve at \$110 by Hanley. Unanimous consent called with objection called by Koerber.
 1. Motion passes. Koerber abstains.
- j. Birthdays

Committee Reports

- a. Anderson: GPSC will now meet monthly
- k. Parsons: Legal will partner with Pi Sigma Alpha and National Lawyer's Guild for Know Your Rights forum
 - i. Talked about Lucy France about Cleary Act
- l. Cowley: someone from Missoula Food Bank will come on November 7 to talk about Can the Cats. Senators should bring food if they are able to
 - i. UC Board will discuss Alpha Graphics at 9 on Friday in ASUM conference room
- m. Koerber: M&O will meet on Thursday at 7pm
- n. Gregory: Motion to approve the following student groups. Passed unanimously.
 - i. Operation Smile
 - ii. Student Recreation Association
 - iii. MontPIRG Students
- o. Grewell: ASUM Transportation heard from Free Cycles about their partnership that supports students' ability to build bikes
- p. Belcher: Enrollment and Retention will present to UM Forward tomorrow. Interview committee will meet again and an email has been sent out. She will be the new UC marketing intern that helps with ASUM stuff
- q. Hohenstein: Housing will meet at 2:30 on Friday in ASUM office
- r. Davis: SPA met on Monday and made a legislative timeline. Student survey will go out next week. Sunday is a statewide 6 Mill Day of Action
- s. Hanley: R&A will meet on Friday at 5 in UC 216
 - i. Set guidelines last week about what is expected
- t. Brown: ASCRC met this week. UM Core is working on a survey about general education. Meeting with Bodnar on Friday to talk about it.
- u. Butler: Shannon Parsons is the Cleary coordinator for UMPD and talked with ASUM execs at staff meeting. ASUM is doing well.
 - i. Also met with Branch Center members to talk about final budgeting and student employees, and how they can provide more information to ASUM.

- ii. We are paying these employees, so how much supervision does ASUM have over them? Looking for ways to improve final budgeting
- iii. Cabinet meeting structure is changing so that more work is done during meetings
- v. Corkish: Share the Awake screening event on Facebook. Will meet with Rick Curtis, who is looking for student opinions on Curry Health Center
- w. Carpenter: Meeting with Harbor tomorrow. ASCRC work group will talk about hardship withdrawals and who can advocate for students. Send advising feedback to her for the ASCRC Advising workgroup
- x. Willmus: BMAC will meet at West Campus on Friday afternoon
- y. Borstad: talk with her about 6 Mill class raps. Send an email if you have time to help out.

Unfinished Business

- a. Operation Smile Travel Allocation Request
 - i. Motion to approve at \$885 passes.

New Business

- a. Brown: Resolution regarding administrative transparency to Relations and Affairs
- b. In the future, please have a sentence describing the resolution available for the minutes

Comments

Motion to adjourn by Cowley at 9:58. Passed unanimously.

Daisy Ward
ASUM Senate Secretary