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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 24, 2018

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Drew Colling, SARC Director
   b. Betsy Story, SPA Director
   c. Brenna Love, ASUM Lobbyist
   d. Committee reports
   e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee updates
   b. Committee reports
   c. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

Zero-Base Carryover: $199,741
S.T.I.P.: $216,602
Special Allocation: $13,090
Travel Allocation: $22,944
Union Emergency: $6,195

a. ACUI update
b. Website update
c. Student Group Resource Center update
d. Research and Creative Scholarship Fund update
e. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Senators Akmal, Brown, Cohen, Corkish, Cowley, Davis, Gregory, Grewell, Haggart, Hall, Hanley, Hiett, Iverson, Koch, Koerber, Liechty, Pablo, parsons, Paz, and Willmus; Business Manager Schafer; Vice President Welch; President Butler; and Advisors Deboer and Renner-Fahey. Senators Anderson, Belcher, Borstad, and Carpenter were absent.

The minutes from the October 24, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

Roll Call

Public Comment

President’s Report

- Approval of the SPA Director and ASUM Lobbyist
  - Betsy Story, SPA Director
    - 3rd year law student, former ASUM Vice President
    - Approved unanimously
    - Wants to create well-defined legislative priorities, which the student survey will help to clarify
      - Wants to help student lobbyists throughout the state to be efficient during the session
  - Brenna Love, ASUM Lobbyist
    - Former ASUM Vice President and experienced with lobbying on behalf of ASUM
    - Has worked with MAS in the past
    - She will live in Helena next semester
    - Approved unanimously
    - Has been serving as an SAL on SPA
      - Helped to develop the student survey which was sent out today
      - Senators should take this survey and encourage others to take it, too
  - The whole senate should be involved in developing and approving priorities
  - Koerber: How else has the SPA survey been promoted?
    - So far, just the campus communication. Senators should share the survey on Facebook, etc
  - BM Schafer mentioned that notifications on the UM App are easier to get than Campus Communications
    - The survey could also be sent out to the list of student groups
  - Senator Brown has contact info for department heads, as well

- City Club
  - Meets monthly in Missoula to facilitate discussions about Missoula issues
  - Like to have 2 opposing people or a group
o Drew Colling from SARC, Mark Collier, Kristen Pabst, Mary Pat Hansen will discuss sexual assault this week
  o They are hoping to involve more students
    ▪ Willing to pay for 5 students to attend. Monday from 11:30 – 1 at the Doubletree
    ▪ Please tell President Butler if you want to participate by Thursday
• Athletic Committee
  o Discussed the budget in detail at this week’s meeting
    ▪ $25 million/year. About 27% comes from institutional support, which is the lowest percentage in the Big Sky Conference
    ▪ Combined ticket revenue is about $5.5 million per year
      ▪ This is the most in the Big Sky Conference
  o Senators should contact President Butler if they want more info
• Cabinet is looking at priorities for action
  o Talked about centering student success
  o President Butler wants to communicate more with faculty about their perspective on student success
    ▪ Will meet with Matt Semanoff, Faculty Senate Chair, in the near future
    ▪ Share your comments with him
  o Hanley: Did that group discuss more information on strategic investment?
    ▪ No, they did not. Provost Harbor will be at the ASUM meeting next week

Vice President’s Report
• Committee updates
  o Motion to approve by Cowley. Approved unanimously.
• Search committee for VP of Operation and Finance has set Zoom interviews for 10 finalists
  o Information about student forums forthcoming
• VP and President looked at options for students who will be on campus during Thanksgiving
  o Will likely be a group meal on Wednesday night
  o In the future, will look at matching students and families
• Commencement committee
  o Fall commencement this year will happen in the UC Ballroom
    ▪ About 200 students will graduate
  o Koerber: Did you discuss Spring commencement in this meeting?
    ▪ Not this meeting, but VP Welch thinks it is likely that the format of commencement will be similar to last year
• Student Group Fair
  o Thursday, November 15th will need student volunteers to take the Regents around campus during BoR
• MAS Lobbyist position has been opened
  o Will only be open for 2 weeks, so please promote it
**Business Manager’s Report**

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- **ACUI Update**
  - BM Schafer and Senator Cowley attended the conference at Gonzaga
  - ASUM is unique in that we operate many services that are usually managed by student unions
  - The UM App is unique among similar schools
- **ASUM Website update** has been completed and is in the queue
  - It should be published very soon
- **Student Group Resource Center**
  - Furniture is mostly completed, but don’t touch the conference table (yet)
  - SGRC is officially opening on November 15th during BoR meeting
  - Atrium will be reserved during BoR for the Student Group Fair
    - BM is looking for senators to help out with this
- **Research and Creative Scholarship Fund**
  - ASUM’s main collaborator in the Financial Aid office is no longer at the university
  - BM has been working with Financial Aid and Academic Enrichment
  - Application will open on November 5
    - Anyone can apply, undergraduate and graduate students
    - Will be considered a scholarship instead of a grant
  - RCSF funds can also cover travel
  - Committee will not know student names this year

**Committee Reports**

- **Cowley:** Also went to ACUI. Got helpful information for the new UM Food Pantry.
  - Can the Cats is starting. Looking for volunteers for the Cat-Griz game.
  - UC Board will meet on November 17th at 9 am to talk about the budget
  - Food Pantry will officially open on February 1st
- **Davis:** Student Voter Day was very successful
- **Grewell:** Transportation will meet on Friday at noon
- **Koch:** Motion to approve American Indian Business Leaders and Betterside Women’s Rugby as student groups. Passed unanimously
- **Cohen:** Interview committee met and interviewed 4 people for the 2 open spots. Will be decided by end of next week
- **Corkish:** Sustainability will meet on Friday at 3 in the Branch Center
  - Looking at plastic reduction
- **Parsons:** Legal will meet on Tuesday
  - Gen Ed proposal is advancing to ECOS
• Hiett: Enrollment and Retention will meet tomorrow at 7:30pm
• Liechty: Athletic committee also talked about recent Kaimin article about concussions. Athletics does keep track of concussions
• Hanley: Relations and Affairs will meet on Friday at 5pm
• Paz: Diversity Advisory Council is going to present to Cabinet on November 14th
• Marketing and Outreach discussed their goals
  o Will have one event per month promoting ASUM
  o Will have Senator of the day on Facebook
  o More posts on Facebook and Instagram
    ▪ “day in the life” of senators
  o Promoting ASUM for elections

Unfinished Business

New Business

Comments

Motion to adjourn by Paz at 7:36 pm. Passed unanimously.

Daisy Ward
ASUM Senate Secretary