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ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
February 12, 1997 - 6 p.m.  
Mt. Sentinel Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - February 5, 1997
4. Public Comment
5. President's Report
  - a. Senate Appointment
  - b. LRBP
  - c. General Ed
  - d. Lobby Day
  - e. Montana Academic Forum
  - f. HB500
  - g. Other
6. Vice President's Report
  - a. Committee Appointments
7. Business Manager's Report
  - a. Special Allocation - Montana Model UN
  - b. Special Allocation - Lacrosse Club
  - c. STIP - Lacrosse Club
  - d. STIP - Kaimin
  - e. STIP - Legal Services
  - f. STIP - Students Tutoring Students
  - g. Budget Schedule
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
  - a. SB11-96/97 Resolution to Implement an ASUM Hotline
  - b. SB14-96/97 Resolution for the Establishment of the ASUM Graduate Student Affairs Committee
  - c. SB17-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Personnel Policy Item 4.12
  - d. SB18-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws Article II Section 2.A.3
  - e. SB19-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws Section 7.A
  - f. SB20-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Personnel Policy Item 4.12
10. New Business
11. Comments
- Adjournment



**ASUM SENATE MINUTES**  
**February 12, 1997 - 6 p.m.**  
**Mt. Sentinel Room**

Chair O'Leary called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Thielman, O'Leary, Merrick, Arnold, Bartkiewicz, Foote, Freeman, Gardner, Gradnigo, Anderson, Iacopini, Johnson, Kennedy, Longacre, Luke, Milliken, Obland, Reed and Wenz. Excused were Alexander, Krinock and Shimanek.

The minutes of the February 12 meeting were approved.

**Public Comment**

\*Becky Shea, intern at University Communications, informed the Senators of a new student newsletter and asked them to call her with any input at x5914. The newsletter will be distributed in COT mailboxes, the Lodge, the UC and various other high traffic areas.

**President's Report**

- a. Senate passed Thielman's nomination of Laura Garber to fill the Senate vacancy.
- b. A recommendation will be coming from the Long Range Building Plan Committee on how much the State should spend on buildings, and it will be forwarded to the Governor.
- c. A change may be coming in General Education requirements to require a year of a foreign language unless a high score exempts a student. Also, a proposal has been made to have a test and essay at the end of the Sophomore year to determine proficiency levels before advancing in college.
- d. HB500 has been proposed to eliminate private and public sector competition. This could be a problem for UM Production, ASUM Child Care and ASUM Legal Services. Contact Bob Frazier through the President's Office.  
About 18 students went to Helena for Lobby Day and spent some of the time talking with Mike Cooney about issues.
- f. Senate Advisor Professor Ausland introduced Professor Kia, Senate's other advisor, who has been on sabbatical.

**Vice-President's Report**

- a. The following committee appointments were approved by Senate as a slate:  
University Affairs - Michelle Gradnigo; Radio Board - Ben Wobker;  
Publications Board - Ryan Mayer; Sports Club Union - Britt Reed.

**Business Manager's Report**

- a. Model UN - Special Allocation: Board on Budget and Finance approved \$2,288. A motion by **Freeman-Arnold** to increase it by \$712 to \$3,000 failed. The original amount passed.
- b. Lacrosse - Special Allocation: Board on Budget and Finance approved \$2,635. After discussion about Fiscal Policy interpretation, which was meant to eliminate Special Allocations for a budget and only use the account for a specific project, **Merrick** moved to recommit to committee. This was objected to, and a five-minute break was called for consultation, after which the original amount of \$2,635 was approved.
- c. Lacrosse - STIP: The amount of \$500 was approve for a goal.
- d. Kaimin - STIP: The amount of \$1,750 was approved, after a motion by **Gradnigo** to return to committee was objected to.
- e. Legal Services - STIP: A call of previous question by **Gradnigo-Wenz** passed, and the request of \$1,655 was approved.
- STS Tutoring - STIP: The request for \$2,258.95 was approved.
- g. Merrick reminded the Senators that Formal Lobbying and Final Budgeting sessions are mandatory.
- h. Categorical percentages proposed were submitted for approval. Since they did not go through Budget and Finance, a motion was made by **Iacopini-Wenz** to suspend House Rules to consider the percentages. The motion failed.

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A proposal by Reed to have Senate adjourn for a Budget and Finance meeting at 8:45 p.m. to consider categorical percentages with Senate reconvening at 10:00 m. to vote on the proposal passed.

**Committee Reports**

- a. SB21 Resolution to Oppose Elimination of Native American Fee Waivers came as a seconded motion from SPA (Exhibit A). A previous question call by Longacre-Wenz passed, and the resolution passed.
- b. Wenz reported that University Affairs discussed SB11. Also, a survey has been proposed to poll students on Intersession matters.
- c. Milliken of UC Board announced an open forum to be held in the UC on third floor renovation ideas.
- d. SPA is working on a letter writing campaign.

**Unfinished Business**

- a. SB11-96/97 Resolution to Implement an ASUM Hotline was amended with a friendly amendment by Foote to change "semester" to "year" under A)2. and passed by Senate (Exhibit B).
- b. SB14-96/97 Resolution for the Establishment of the ASUM Graduate Student Affairs Committee - in committee.
- c. SB17-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Personnel Policy Item 4.12
- d. SB18-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws Article II Section 2.A.3
- e. SB19-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws Section 7.A
- f. SB20-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Personnel Policy Item 4.12

**New Business - None**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Chair O'Leary called the meeting back to order at 10:00 p.m. Present: Thielman, O'Leary, Merrick, Arnold, Bartkiewicz, Foote, Freeman, Gardner. Gradnigo, Henderson, Johnson, Longacre, Luke, Milliken, Obland, Reed and Wenz. Excused were Alexander, Iacopini, Johnson, Kennedy, Krinock and Shimanek.

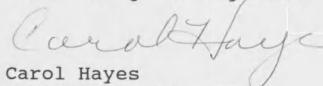
**Business Manager's Report**

- a. Freeman-Wenz called the question, which passed, and the following categorical percentages were approved by Senate.

Broad-based	\$33,697.00	ASUM Administration	\$263,986.36
Professional	\$47,651.62	Student Programming	\$ 81,094.38
Sports Union	\$16,062.20	Support	\$ 72,008.44

**Comments**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

  
Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager

## RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT AN ASUM HOTLINE

- Whereas; Students ought to have an effective channel of communication to air their concerns, and,
- Whereas; ASUM has an obligation to listen to students and the hotline adds to that process, and,
- Whereas; ASUM and University departments cannot better their services without students input.

Therefore Let it Be Resolved: Student concerns be transcribed by telephone services and forwarded to the appropriate departmental head, the ASUM President and the Dean of Students.

The University Affairs Committee of the ASUM Senate forwards a recommendation on the following proposal:

**A) Implement an ASUM hotline and e-mail address to provide a communication link between ASUM and it's constituents.**

- 1. The hotline and e-mail address will be funded by ASUM.**
- 2. They will be evaluated after one <sup>year</sup> semester to judge cost-effectiveness.**

Authored by:

Jason Thielman and amended and passed by University Affairs committee on 2/10/97.

Passed  
2/12/97

## RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ELIMINATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN FEE WAIVERS

- Whereas,** Justice Marshall wrote in 1832 that the Native American Tribes have always been distinct political entities . . . to whom the federal government owed a duty, and;
- Whereas,** in *Morton v. Mancari* the court noted that statutes granting preferences to Native Americans are permissible because they are political entities rather than racial entities, and;
- Whereas,** Native Americans are under represented in the Montana University system, and;
- Whereas,** It is in the best interest of the state of Montana to have a highly educated population, and;
- Whereas,** The students of The University of Montana support increased access to higher education, and;
- Whereas,** The state of Montana would better serve its constituency by providing greater access to fee waivers to more students rather than by providing fee waivers to fewer students, and;
- Whereas,** *Article X* of the Montana Constitution commits the state's educational resources to the preservation of Native American Culture, and;
- Whereas,** Providing fee waivers to Native American students promotes an increased exposure of the Native American culture on the campuses of the Montana University System;
- Whereas,** HB 303 is "an act prohibiting preferential treatment in employment, education . . . based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, or sex; abolishing existing preferences, and;
- Whereas,** House Bill 303 excludes fee waivers to Native Americans while retaining fee waivers for other segments of the population;

**Therefore Let It Be Resolved:** The Associated Students of The University of Montana oppose the section of HB 303 which amends Section 20-25-421 of the *Montana Code Annotated* and thus eliminates the Native American fee waivers.

Authored by:

Jason Thielman

Approved by SPA unanimously

Passed  
2/12/97