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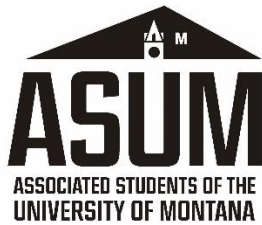
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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, November 28, 2018
UC 225 – 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 14, 2018

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Drew Colling, SARC Director
- b. Information item – ASUM/SBA MOU:
 - a. Summer Carmack, SBA President; Zac Hixson, ABA Representative
- c. Sam Forstag, MAS Lobbyist
- d. Information item – 2019 ASUM Legislative Priorities draft:
 - a. Betsy Story, SPA Director; Brenna Love, Lobbyist
- e. Committee reports
- f. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- a. Committee updates
- b. Senator reports
- c. Accountability
- d. Committee reports
- e. SB15-18/19: Resolution Regarding Student Group Resource Center
Mission Statement
- f. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero-Base Carryover: \$199,741

S.T.I.P.: \$216,602 (\$209,014)

Special Allocation: \$11,625 (\$10,833)

Travel Allocation: \$23,944

Union Emergency: \$6,195

- Resolution Regarding Student Group Resource Center Mission Statement
- Chinese Student Association - Special Allocation \$500.00 (\$500.00)
- ASUM Legal Know Your Rights \$291.75 (\$292.00)
- UM Freeride Club S.T.I.P. \$1,774.00 (\$1,204.00)
- ASUM Lobbyist S.T.I.P. \$5,320.00 (\$6,384.00)

a. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB14-18/19: Resolution Regarding Summer Appointments to Senate

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Impeachment proceedings

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
UC 225, 6:30 p.m.

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

The minutes from the November 14, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously. Present: Senators Akmal, Anderson, Belcher, Borstad, Carpenter, Cohen, Corkish, Cowley, Davis, Flanagan, Grewell, Haggart, Hall, Hanley, Hiatt, Iverson, Koerber, Parsons, Paz, Schei, and Willmus; Business Manager Schafer; Vice President Welch; President Butler; and Advisor Renner-Fahey. Senator Brown arrived late. Senators Gregory, Koch, Liechty, Pablo; and Advisor DeBoer were absent.

Roll Call

Public Comment

- Betina Matoni, 2nd year law student
 - Wants the proposal to be looked into further, since not all law students are in agreement on it
 - Afraid that this will decrease funds available for law school student groups in the future
 - Law school students were informed about the proposed changes via email, but not all were aware of how they could provide input
 - Law students enjoy the full set of ASUM services, like legal services, transportation, and child care. Law students should pay the full ASUM fee, in addition to any SBA fee

President's Report

- Drew Colling, SARC Director
 - Has seen a large increase in the number of students accessing their services this year
 - #metoo movement and Kavanaugh hearing have affected their numbers
 - Less stigma around accessing mental health services
 - SARC has had about 600 total visits to their office this semester
 - 24 hour hot line
 - Outreach
 - bystander intervention training
 - classes, faculty, and staff interest in trainings
 - Provost Harbor has asked that she provide a training on bias for faculty and staff
 - Hate crimes panel
 - Cowley: Will SARC be open over winter break?
 - Yes
 - Parsons: What are some volunteer opportunities for students?
 - Advocacy program – 40 hour training to staff the hot line

- If interested, email SARC
 - Outreach volunteers
 - Social justice fair, self-care fair, etc
 - Schei: Are there some groups of students that don't use SARC, and how can we help more students access SARC?
 - There has been an increase in men accessing services
 - Would like to reach out more to students with disabilities
 - Work with DSS and community providers
 - President Butler: What information is gathered when a student visits the SARC office?
 - It depends what a student is comfortable sharing and their situation
 - SARC has their own food pantry
 - Borstad: Costs of SARC
 - SARC services are free, sponsored by the student health fee
 - Koerber:
 - SARC works with student athletes both in their NCAA class and the standard bystander training
 - Borstad: Disabled students and students who are in domestic violence situations have an especially difficult time staying in school. Can SARC help them?
 - SARC has seen an increase in domestic violence situations
 - UMPD has trained on lethality of domestic violence situations so they know how to respond and can help connect with SARC services
 - SARC trains Residence Life staff on what to do in domestic violence situations
 - Give presentations on what healthy relationships look like
 - Schei: How can SARC do more with Greek life?
 - They gave additional presentations at the beginning of this semester
 - SARC goes to the houses to talk about the services they offer
 - SARC is paying attention to what happens in Greek life and they track trends
 - Akmal: Would like more information about bystander intervention training
 - Have been doing it since 2012. Started with juniors but then changed to freshmen
 - DOJ suggested that the training should be provided to all incoming students, so now it is
 - Borstad: Will SARC help students in domestic violence situations find funding?
 - SARC will help students find resources, including food and housing, but don't really have funding available
- MOU with SBA is an information item. We are not voting on it tonight, just discussing, with Summer and Zac from SBA.
 - SBA is the student government for the law school.
 - In 1969, BOR policy said that law students did not have to pay the full student activity fee. They currently pay 45%, but there are no official documents about why
 - SBA and ASUM have been discussing the MOU since summer

- Law students will no longer pay the SBA fee, but instead the full ASUM fee
 - 70% to ASUM and 30% to SBA
 - Law student groups will no longer register as student groups with ASUM. These groups will not have access to student group funds through ASUM, and 30% is about what percent of ASUM funds go to funding student groups
 - The 30% that goes to SBA will provide funding for student groups through SBA
- Students in joint-JD programs currently have to pay the full ASUM activities fee twice, in addition to the SBA fee. With this MOU, they will only be paying the amount of the ASUM fee, plus the 30% fee to SBA. These students will be considered full ASUM students and full law students.
- The MOU will go into effect when everyone has signed it. Are waiting to hear if Jon Harbor and Rosi Keller need to sign it before it is effective
 - If this passes, ASUM will also work with BOR to change their policy
- Hiett: What will happen if this MOU does not pass?
 - ASUM and SBA would go back and discuss more
- Carpenter: What is the process with BOR? What happens if they don't change their policy?
 - MOU does not go to the BoR, it is only campus-specific.
 - BOR policy supercedes UM policy, but BOR asked ASUM and SBA to negotiate. Execs are confident that BOR will accept the agreement that ASUM and SBA have come to. BOR has been updated throughout the process.
- Cowley: If this passes, are law school student groups unable to be recognized by ASUM?
 - Yes. Law student groups are those that are eligible to receive funding from SBA. That will also require a change in the ASUM bylaws.
- Belcher: Would groups made of mostly joint degree students be eligible for ASUM funding?
 - Yes
- Because law students would not pay the full student activity fee, they would not be counted as full members of other ASUM-recognized student groups. However, students in joint degree programs would be counted as full fee-paying students.
- Zac Hixson, ABA Rep, and Summer Carmack, SBA President
 - This MOU is the result of a lot of work and careful consideration. This MOU is agreeable for all parties and the BOR.
 - SBA is made up of all law fee paying students. There was a call for a general SBA meeting to discuss this MOU. SBA had a meeting that did not make quorum, but a straw poll of students present was supportive of the MOU.
 - Carpenter: What has input from students looked like?

- Waited to look at the terms of the agreement before bringing it before the full SBA. Joint degree students make up less than 5% of the law school population. Regular law students will be paying \$80 more in fees, but still the majority of students polled were in favor.
- Cowley: Are law student groups ok with not being able to access ASUM resources?
 - Yes, they are
- Corkish: How do SBA student group funding requests work?
 - Student groups submit a yearly budget application in the fall semester. Outside of that, groups will come up with specific requests for events.
 - Law student activity fees paid will go directly to SBA
 - This agreement will help SBA fund student groups in both the fall and spring so that they can react to their needs as they arise
 - Simplifies things for UM Business Services and how law students pay fees
 - Student groups are excited about accessing funds in both semesters
 - This agreement will increase funding specifically for SBA groups. Student groups are very supportive of this proposal.
- Hiatt: Why weren't student groups involved in the conversation from the beginning?
 - They were. The student body as a whole wasn't involved from the beginning, but the student groups were involved from the beginning.
- Willmus: If this passes, what are the benefits to individual students?
 - Student groups at the law school put on events that benefit all law students
 - Law students will now be paying the same total fees as the rest of campus, instead of more or less. This is a more fair agreement.
- Willmus: Are there any downsides to individual students?
 - Some law students don't know as much about ASUM services, but these discussions have helped the student governments work together and increase awareness in the law school about ASUM services.
 - There are not downsides for individual law students, there are more benefits
- Parsons: Questions about the SBA general meeting
 - Without quorum, SBA cannot pass general motions, but they had a discussion with the students present. There were 28 students present and 30 are required for quorum.
 - SBA was elected to make these kinds of decisions, just like ASUM Senate
- Borstad: Aren't students worried about the increased fees?
 - Students are ok with increasing their fees to have access to more resources, and they will be made more aware of available ASUM services.
 - What is the difference in SBA funds from the \$25 fee to the 30% now?
 - SBA has received about \$5,000 in the past. With increase, they would receive \$4500 more and ASUM would receive \$9500 more
- Cowley: Specifically concerned about joint-degree program students. How many SBA exec members are joint program students?

- None of the exec board members are in the joint program, but the percentage of students is so small
- Joint degree students are specifically mentioned in the MOU because they had been paying double fees in the past. This number is less than what those students are currently paying.
- Cowley would like to see joint degree students involved in conversations more. SBA is working with these students to consistently provide them information. This MOU is a better solution than the current situation.
- Belcher: How much money did ASUM allocate to law student groups in the last fiscal year?
 - BM Schafer doesn't know exactly, but those groups didn't request much money from ASUM. Their requests were primarily special allocation and general budgeting. Those requests will now be handled by SBA.
- Schei: How many non-traditional students are in the law school?
 - Most law school students are non-traditional in the way undergrads would be considered.
 - ASUM childcare is a big benefit for law students, because many are parents, and SBA wants to make sure that law students have access to those services
- Anderson: The two law student groups who applied for funding were allocated nearly half of what this MOU would increase SBA's budget. Given this, I want to know why this proposal was better for them as opposed to just having more student groups apply for funding.
 - In the past, law student groups did not receive much money from ASUM. ASUM has felt that because law students pay less, they should receive less from ASUM and has not allocated as much to law groups. This will help to remedy that discrepancy.
- Hiett: There are a lot of additional things that come from recognition as an ASUM student group, like access to rooms in the UC, etc.
 - SBA student groups already have many of these benefits. Dining discounts, can reserve rooms in the law school and advertise on the website.
 - SBA is looking into discounts in the UC for their student groups, as well
 - As of now, the law student groups don't really use those ASUM services because they are using more of the SBA services. Want ASUM to communicate about what services law students will remain eligible for
- Paz: How many student groups do you have? How many are recognized by ASUM?
 - 17. Only one is recognized so far this fall.
- Parsons: How does SBA get its discretionary spending authority?
 - BOR and the state bar. The state bar is organized under the ABA, and so is SBA
- Hiett: Have you heard any concerns from law students?
 - This is Summer's third year on SBA and the first year that they have had public comment. Students have come and asked questions, which they have answered.

- The general meeting had a minority of students that were opposed, but the majority present were in favor. The executive board voted to move forward with the MOU.
 - This dispute has been going on for a long time, and this really is a good resolution for both groups.
- General Senate discussion about the MOU.
 - Anderson: The law school is about 15% joint-degree students according to her research
 - Carpenter: How can we get feedback from law school students before moving forward on a vote?
 - That is the role of SBA
 - Parsons: When will we actually approve the MOU? What is the timeline?
 - Next meeting. If approved by ASUM at the next meeting, Lucy France will make sure that all UM things are finalized.
 - Next step is to work on changing BOR policy to reflect the campus MOU. That could happen at the March BOR meeting.
 - Belcher: Not sure how this is a good thing for law schools. Doesn't see funding from ASUM as a problem for law student groups. Wants to make sure that joint program students get their fair share of SBA funding.
 - President Butler: Joint degree programs pay full ASUM fees and the equivalent of full SBA fees. The policy specifies that they are entitled to full funding by both bodies.
 - Wants to make sure that MOU clarifies the right of joint program students to both ASUM and SBA funds
 - Akmal: Where are law student groups defined?
 - SBA governing documents. ASUM execs decided that the definitions in SBA and ASUM bylaws are clear.
 - Borstad: Joint degree students are currently paying double fees.
 - This MOU will restructure so that these students are paying 130% of fees, which is less than they are paying now.
 - Hiatt: Do you have a full list of things that ASUM-recognized student groups can do?
 - The student group resource guide is on the website and has a full list
 - Flanagan: Really important that the relationship between SBA and ASUM is maintained
 - Corkish: If this MOU passes, do law students lose access to child care?
 - No, law students will have access to all ASUM services
 - Carpenter: Just because this is a good agreement doesn't mean there isn't a better one. We haven't had any mention of student feedback. ASUM always asks for student feedback, and that hasn't happened enough here. ASUM needs to hear more from law students before voting.
 - Corkish: Asks Anderson what law students are saying about this
 - Asked law students what they felt. Most didn't really understand why they couldn't just pay both fees. Some student groups feel like they are "losing something they didn't know they had."

- Willmus: Asked for clarification on the relationship between ASUM, SBA, and BOR
 - According to the ABA, SBA is the representative body of law students
 - ASUM represents all students
 - BOR has a policy of exemption for law students, which is what we are talking about here
- VP Welch: Will reach out to SBA about the services that ASUM provides, both as student groups and students. This relationship has been worse in the past.
- Belcher: Wants background on SBA from Anderson. What makes them different from other student groups?
 - Anderson is not as involved in SBA because it is her first year.
 - Exec board has 2-1L reps, 1-2L rep, 1-3L rep, and SBA rep. They allocate funds and recognize law student groups.
 - Belcher is still concerned that SBA isn't different from other student groups. Doesn't think that they should have special fee agreements. Is afraid that other large student groups are going to want special agreements.
- BM Schafer: If ASUM wants a different agreement, we still need to take into account that other solutions could increase law student fees further
 - Students in joint degree programs pay the fee twice because Business Services was collecting them twice. ASUM didn't direct them to do that. It was only discovered during these discussions.
- Koerber: Are SBA meetings open to the public?
 - Yes, at 7 am on Wednesdays. But non-law students will need to be let into the building.
- Borstad: JD students pay the 45% of ASUM fees each semester, plus the \$25 fee once a year. Joint degree students will save money. This will help provide more budget for SBA.
- Parsons: When and how will VP Welch inform law students about ASUM services?
 - Will talk with SBA and ASUM about the best way to do it
 - Wouldn't it be better to educate law students before we approve this MOU, so that they know how the changes will affect them?
- Carpenter: Moves that SBA is required to gather law student feedback and provide it to the ASUM president. Discussion called by Cowley.
 - ASUM is looking for feedback. This is a good start, but we can't move forward before getting more feedback from law students
 - Cowley: Are you asking that Butler gets the information, or that he asks SBA to do it?
 - SBA should be the ones to go talk to law students
 - Hiatt: ASUM represents law school students too
 - Parsons: Is there anything in our own bylaws that allows us to charge SBA with this?
 - No
 - Akmal: There were only 28 students at the SBA meeting and we need to hear from more of them.

- Brown: Does Senator Hiatt support the amendment? We can't enforce this amendment?
 - Hiatt would not support it
- Schei: Very upset that law students don't know enough about ASUM services. Would like VP Welch to talk with law students before moving on with the MOU
- Corkish: Is there a specific time we need to have this passed by so that it would be ready for BOR?
 - That is not exactly known
- Carpenter: This would only go into effect Fall 2019, at the earliest
- Koerber: Wants to know how Senator Hiatt wants to hear student feedback
 - Hiatt would like to see the results of a poll. Feels uncomfortable otherwise
- Parsons: We need more law student input, but this is the wrong way to do it. ASUM can't even charge them with this, and SBA would be open to doing it. Passing this motion is irrelevant and not a good idea.
- Carpenter: A lot of law students don't understand the services that ASUM provides. This will give law student groups a much smaller pool, and she doesn't know how they will feel about that
- Belcher: Moves to amend to say "I move to task the ASUM President with inviting all law school student group leadership to the next ASUM meeting, and reserving space in his report for their comments."
 - Borstad: We are stepping on SBA's toes with these motions. They have been talking with law school student groups since the beginning of this process. We should trust that they are doing their job. We are putting effort where it doesn't need to go. President Butler can just talk with SBA. If we start this process, nothing will be ready in time for March BOR
 - If we wait on this, students will continue paying higher fees. SBA has done so much work, with law students, student groups, and ASUM execs
 - Butler: Next BOR meeting will be in March, but there will be a phone meeting in January
 - Carpenter: We are just looking for law school student feedback, which we should do.
 - Parsons: Supports this amendment. A law student came to discuss her concerns, so there are probably more students who want to speak.
 - Anderson: Law students in non-law student groups may be threatened by this. As a law student, she didn't hear about this MOU until Thanksgiving.
 - Hanley: Will support the amendment. It is more specific. Student group leadership is who it will affect the most, and we have only heard that through SBA. We need to hear directly from them.
 - Borstad: Law student groups were notified at the beginning of the semester. Other law students may have been notified later. SBA is

empowered to make these decisions on behalf of law students. To execs: If you have to start over with this, could you come up with something better by March BOR?

- It's hard to say
- Carpenter: Just because students are going to be paying less money doesn't mean this is a good solution. We need to go back to the drawing board.
- Flanagan: This amendment is a good idea.
- The amendment passes 22-0-2.
- Cowley: Maybe we should open a reserved seat for a law student.
 - President Butler: That would require a ballot initiative to students
- BM Schafer: Concerns about other ASUM services. Those agreements are with other parts of campus, and ASUM could ask if those benefits could be expanded to SBA-recognized student groups.
 - ASUM had a \$40,000 surplus last year because of the end of UM Productions.
 - Final budgeting forms will be due February 1st, and she wants to be able to tell student groups their funding status. This will affect this year's ASUM final budgeting.
- Schei: Would like to echo previous sentiments. We need to keep a good relationship between ASUM and SBA, which should be done by reserving a seat for a law student.
 - President Butler: the grad student seat could be filled by a law school student also
- Parsons: Did senator Belcher want to include all law students or just leadership?
 - Belcher: Would like to hear from any law students, but it is easier for the ASUM President to invite just the leadership
- VP Welch: Important that this MOU should be seen at March BOR, so should be passed in time for that. This absolutely needs to be decided this year.
- Carpenter: The problem with this MOU is for the student group leadership, so it makes sense to speak directly with them. Impacts student group leadership more than general law students.
- Motion passes 17-3-3.
- Borstad: If the only drawback is non-monetary benefits for student groups, which we might be able to maintain for student groups, then why not just move forward with the MOU?
- Parsons: This is a good start, but we need more discussion
- President Butler will reach out to law student groups to invite them, and notify senators of the content of his email
- Parsons: Can senators assist the president?
 - President Butler will take input into consideration, but it his is prerogative
- Sam Forstag, MAS Lobbyist
 - Students are working hard to cover school costs
 - This year, the state budget is looking better than the past few years

- ASUM has always been the most active student government in the state
- State support for higher ed has been declining and tuition increasing
 - Really important for legislators to hear directly from students
 - Lobbyists do a lot, but they need students to be involved
 - ASUM has a responsibility to the students it represents to make sure they can afford to attend school in the MUS
- Cowley: Would like to see tuition addressed as an issue of needs insecurity. Higher tuition means students can't afford food, sometimes
- Parsons: How will you engage with leadership on other campuses?
 - Communication through MAS and directly with the leadership
 - Need buy in from students across the state to be effective
- ASUM SPA Draft Legislative Priorities
 - These priorities need to be set before winter break so that the lobbyist can start working immediately
 - Feedback from this meeting will be incorporated at the SPA meeting on Monday. The final priorities will be voted on at the next Wednesday.
 - These priorities are not the only thing the lobbyist will work on, but it forms the basis
 - Sustainability priorities will be clarified once bills from the session come out
 - Looked at the results of the survey sent out by SPA, which had 630 responses. Priorities weren't determined strictly by the survey, but it was taken into account
 - VP Welch: SPA committee size will be increased for the session, but senators need to be active. Will take several hours per week. Talk with VP Welch if you are interested in joining.
 - Cowley: Affordable housing and higher ed funding are very related, because students have a limited amount of funding overall
 - SPA subcommittees will be important for the specific priorities, especially healthcare
 - Belcher: Student tenant issues take up a lot of the lobbyist's time and require research. Health care needs to be narrowed so that higher ed and healthcare aren't competing for funding.
 - The same organizations will show up for many of these issues. ASUM doesn't have to be everywhere, all the time. Many of these issues will be covered by other groups.
 - Akmal: Tuition freeze was a long conversation because a tuition freeze may lead to a fee hike. Most of these issues are related to MUS funding.
 - President Butler: ASUM execs talked with Regents about the tuition freeze. Governor has called for a tuition freeze, which would involve a MOU between BOR and the legislature.
 - Governor has also called for an increase in funding to account for inflationary costs.
 - Tuition freeze is for in-state tuition only.
 - In the case of a tuition freeze, BOR will probably set a fee increase limit.
 - Governor proposes to add \$34.7 million total to MUS, but \$24 million would be to cover inflation. The additional money is to cover other things, including \$5million need-based aid.

- Parsons: How will you try to minimize premiums for health care?
 - Story: Will look at anything involving Blue Cross/Blue Shield to see how it would affect students. Student insurance is through BCBS.
- VP Welch: MAS needs to support a tuition freeze. If UM doesn't support a tuition freeze, we will not receive the \$24 million proposed by the governor.
 - ASUM will also need to look at revenue enhancements if we propose funding
 - Good to keep the overall leg priorities simple
- Belcher: Supports accessible and affordable healthcare, but not sure it should be a priority. Wants to make sure that the amount of time spent on it is kept minimal.
 - Legislators will ask if health care or higher ed is more important, and doesn't want the lobbyist to face that
 - Health care will be well covered by groups that won't be showing up for higher ed
- Borstad: Health care was one of the top priorities for students in the survey. The cost of BCBS coverage for students has been increasing.
 - Wants to know how much of a concern this is across other MAS campuses
- Belcher: Agrees with the importance of affordable health care for students. But asking legislators for both things at the same time is not a practical use of ASUM resources.
 - Other groups will not show up for higher ed. Only student lobbyists will do that, so ASUM is a really important voice.
 - ASUM has to pick and choose to be efficient.
 - Supports the tuition freeze in general, but ASUM needs to come up with a way to present this to legislators
 - Lobbyist will be asked why we support a tuition freeze when UM is broke
- Corkish: Sustainability met last night to discuss taking off the 4th priority. Sustainability is a priority for UM, but want to make it specific enough to lobby effectively on.
- Willmus: Healthcare will take a lot of work, but it is important
- Cowley: Full-time students don't qualify for low-income housing, so affordable housing is extra important
- Akmal: Very important to remember that affordable healthcare and funding for higher education are not mutually exclusive
 - In a choice between health care and MUS, we will pick MUS
- Schei: How will the tuition freeze affect out of state and WUE students?
 - WUE is tied to in-state tuition, so WUE will also freeze, unless WUE rules change
 - Love is not sure how this will affect admissions and recruitment, but the MUS is still substantially cheaper than other universities across the country
- Belcher: Priority should be added for general social justice and advocacy, to include issues like gender, sexual orientation, and race. Students are affected by bills like that

- During the leg session there is not much time for specific resolutions to be written and past
- It is likely that LGBT protections will attempt to be added to the Montana Human Rights Act again this year
- Hanley: to Corkish: What do you envision the lobbyist doing with regards to sustainability and the environment?
 - The lobbyist would not spend much time, since it is the 4th priority. Want to make sure that that time is spent on the issues that are most important to students on campus
- Love: Resolutions written later are still important
- Borstad: Social justice and advocacy is too broad to task a lobbyist with. Shouldn't be a priority because we don't know what will come up this year.
 - In the past, MAS lobbyists haven't coordinated as much as they could have. Hopes this will be improved this year.
 - We should put our efforts into specific areas where we can actually be effective
- Story: In the last session, ASUM lobbyist spent about 50% of time on bills that were not specifically within the priorities
 - Senate should consider the large amount of time that health care will take up in the lobbyist's schedule when considering additional future priorities
 - SPA will meet on Monday to rework the draft, which will be voted on next Wednesday.
 - Additional feedback can still be sent to SPA and will be taken into consideration until Monday
 - Hope to avoid amending on the floor as much as possible next week
- Very good UM cabinet meeting this morning
- Search for executive director of campus entertainment was killed. Job description rewritten and applications received. 6 finalists will be invited for Skype interviews. Title change to General Manager for Campus Entertainment.
- Legal Director Search
 - First candidate was on campus on Tuesday
 - One candidate will come on Monday and another on Tuesday
 - Please tell President Butler if you want to come to lunch with them
 - Decision made by Friday, December 7. Will start by February 4th
- If you serve on a search committee and have problems with the chair or meeting scheduling, reach out to President Butler.
 - please update on search committees during committee reports

Vice President's Report

- Committee updates have been approved unanimously
- VP Welch wants an update by December 20th from every Senator including:
 - Things you enjoyed
 - Issues or frustrations with ASUM or execs
 - What you want to be different in the next semester
 - How VP Welch can help you get the most out of ASUM
- Committee chairs also must provide a report for each committee, also by December 20th

- Accountability
 - VP Welch should be included on all committee emails and group chats
 - Parsons: How to track attendance for university committees?
 - Wants to find a better way, but it's hard. Will reach out to Cami
- VP of Operation and Finance
 - Candidates have been on campus
- SB15-18/19: Resolution Regarding Student Group Resource Center Mission Statement
 - SGRC work group approved this, but it has been forwarded by BM Schafer
 - Hiatt: This is what the work group came up with, but open to suggestions
 - Willmus: SGRC is a dedicated space for student groups
 - BM Schafer: Internally, ASUM will look to the mission statement to guide how the space will be used, including for future senates
 - Hanley: How will this mission statement be distributed to students?
 - BM Schafer: Would like to build a SGRC and SGC page on the website to include this information
 - Cowley: This mission statement is appropriately broad and is good.
 - Corkish: Motion to add an s to groups in line 23.
 - Grewell: Motion to replace between with among in line 21
 - Discussion called by Borstad
 - Amendment passes
 - Borstad: Move to amend line 20 to replace “creative” with “inclusive”
 - Creative space sounds weird because the space itself is not creative. Inclusive is in line with ASUM values.
 - Corkish: Creative is appropriate because this space is available for student groups to be creative
 - Cowley: This space is meant so that things can be created, and the original version is better
 - Belcher: Not opposed to having both creative and inclusive, but inclusive should be included
 - Akmal: Prefers creative to inclusive, because inclusive is implicit
 - Borstad: The space itself is not creative and it would be grammatically incorrect to leave creative there
 - Willmus: the space is creative, and student groups are already inclusive, so this is unnecessary
 - The amendment fails
 - Minor grammatical amendments
 - The resolution passes 22-0-2.

Business Manager's Report

- Special allocation request from the Chinese Student and Scholar Association
 - Approved at \$500
- Special allocation request for ASUM Legal Know Your Rights Forum
 - Legal services did not account for this event in last year's budget
 - Approved at \$292

- Hiett and Parsons abstain
- STIP Request from UM Freeride Club
 - Want to wait to hear more price quotes for the canopy, table, chairs, etc
 - BM Schafer is working with the student on another request for those
 - Willmus: Has an issue with the purchase of the drone. FAA considers all drones over half a pound as aircraft. If they're going to use it, ASUM might be liable. There is a \$5 online class that must be taken
 - Belcher: Motion to increase Quote #1 to \$909. Second by Corkish
 - Extra \$5 can be used to pay for drone certification
 - Koerber: STIP is specific for equipment only. The group can pay their own \$5
 - Willmus: Every person who operates the drone would have to do that registration process
 - Belcher: Can BM Schafer inform this student group about the relevant federal law?
 - Yes. If they won't follow the law, BM Schafer can prevent the purchase
 - Motion withdrawn
 - Willmus: Motion to reduce the amount by \$904. Seconded by Anderson.
 - We can't just hand the drone to people who might break the law. We should wait until they confirm that they know the laws
 - Borstad: BM Schafer will take care of them following the law. We should fund the drone.
 - Anderson: We shouldn't fund this if they are unaware of the law. Want to know more about who will be operating the drone.
 - Parsons: Can we postpone this request until next week, or is it time sensitive?
 - Friday is the last day to submit any requests, but we could still see it next week
 - Akmal: Can they get the license if they don't own a drone?
 - The license belongs to a person, not the drone
 - Willmus: They can get their licenses before they purchase the drone
 - Hiett: What is the legality of flying a drone in ski areas?
 - It depends on the area, but there are rules that happen to be follow
 - Koerber: Is it discriminatory to not fund based on them having or not having a license?
 - Probably not, because the license is a legal requirement
 - Grewell: Are any of the other drone options lighter than 250g?
 - No, they are not
 - President Butler: In favor of this amendment. Wondering about the liabilities of ASUM owning aircraft. We need more information before approving the purchase.
 - Once the questions are answered, they will likely receive this funding

- Carpenter: If they ever receive a fine, would ASUM or the operator be responsible?
 - There is nothing about our bylaws specifically addressing our responsibility for risk
 - Borstad: operator is at fault, not the owner
 - Anderson: That is incorrect. ASUM could be sued as the owner of the vehicle
- Belcher: Is the GoPro meant to go on the drone, or separate?
 - Separate
- Akmal: Are we looking at risk with this group right now?
 - BM Schafer: Not yet, but we could in the future
- Davis: Would this equipment be insured?
 - BM Schafer is not sure
- Motion passes
- Koerber: Motion to table the resolution.
 - This group will already have to talk with B&F, so the wait is not a problem. This will give us time to look into the legality.
 - Hanley: We should send this to committee instead.
 - Koerber motion withdrawn.
- Hanley: Motion to send back to committee
 - Passed unanimously.
- STIP Request for ASUM Lobbyist Salary
 - Fiscal policy states that all legislative funding will come from STIP
 - There are slightly more hours included to compensate the lobbyist for her work prior to the session, and some after the session in case the session goes long
 - If the lobbyist does not use all these hours, the money will stay in STIP
 - The lobbyist can only work 29 hours per week on average for the full year or else we would have to provide her with health care coverage
 - B and F increased the wage from \$10/hr to \$12/hr
 - Lobbyist will already be getting paid for fewer hours than they work, and this will help
 - Akmal: Minimum wage in Montana is \$8.30/hr
 - Koerber: There will be a future STIP request for the lobbyist rent
 - Cowley: How can B and F give this employee a raise?
 - The lobbyist wage is not in personnel policy, so B and F has more discretion
 - The request is funded at \$6384 and passes 20-0-2.
- Koerber: It is frustrating that this lobbyist position is not in personnel policy, so he would like to look at a resolution about adding it.
- BM Schafer will provide additional information about final budgeting coming up soon
 - Grewell: Will this be during a meeting or an informational session?
 - She is working on creating several trainings
 - This will definitely be covered during winter retreat, as well.

Committee Reports

- Hanley: R and A will meet Friday at 5 in UC 216
- Belcher: Interview committee will meet at the end of winter break
 - Enrollment and Retention is working on presidential action plan. Please email her with suggestions by end of semester
- Hiett: Elections will meet Sunday at 4:30pm. More information forthcoming about orientation, which he will send an email about
- Corkish: Sustainability will meet Friday at 3 pm. Poll going out on the UM App on December 3rd
- Carpenter: Withdrawal workgroup will update the website soon. Senators should check the website to help students stay informed.
- Koerber: M and O started Senator Sundays. Working on a marketing plan for elections. Met with Bodnar today, but he is very busy.
- Willmus: BMAC will meet on Friday at River Campus Rm 101
- Koch: Will send email update for Housing committee. Motion to approve Geology Club, Sierra Club Climate Action Group, College Baseball, and Ascend College Ministry as student groups. Motion passes unanimously.
- Anderson: GPSC will not meet until next semester. Hope to meet with Cathy Cole tomorrow.
- Cowley: Cathy Cole commented on her Facebook post. UC Board will meet next Friday at 9 am. Basic needs committee hopes to work on housing in the future. There will also be an oversight board for the food pantry.
 - Officer of Student Conduct search is underway
- Haggart: Advising will meet on Friday at 11
- Parsons: Know Your Rights forum tomorrow night in UC Theater at 6:30
- Grewell: Transportation will meet on Friday at 12.
 - Kent Haslam is doing cool things
- Akmal: SPA looked at how to incorporate student feedback into the priorities. Intend MUS as first priority. Also BCBS over Medicaid for healthcare priority.
- Paz: DAC presented at Cabinet. Looked at President's 5 areas of focus and how DAC can take action.
 - Want to evaluate the data that UM has to understand where the university is strong in diversity and where it is lacking.
 - More inclusive curriculum and research, especially about underrepresented populations
 - Chief Diversity Officer to oversee diversity plans across campus
 - Land acknowledgement and community events
 - Updating the diversity website and authentically promote student diversity to help recruit diverse students.

Unfinished Business

- SB14-18/19: Resolution Regarding Summer Appointments to Senate
 - Cowley: In the past, Senate has appointed people over the summer who lost elections. Students aren't here to oversee the process, so we should wait until the year starts.

- Cowley: Amend line 9 to remove “to the position they lost”
- Belcher: Will not support. Whereas clauses don’t explain why this is an issue of transparency. Doesn’t want to pass a resolution that says our organization is non-transparent.
 - Summer retreat makes a huge difference
 - Interview helps include student opinion. Otherwise, we would just go farther down the list to the person with the next number of votes.
 - This resolution doesn’t protect losing executive candidates, who are often some of the most qualified candidates.
 - This would deprive ASUM of experienced, talented applicants.
- Borstad: Losing executive candidates still got hundreds of votes, which is more than most senate candidates
- Anderson: If people lost the election, why would we just put them on to senate? That’s not very representative.
- Akmal: Not cool to appoint people who lost, but not sure this resolution does enough to explain and clarify the reasons for that.
- Cowley: Did not include protections for executive candidates, because they shouldn’t be treated differently. This resolution is not meant to address any specific people.
 - People shouldn’t be appointed when students aren’t looking.
- Hiett: The Senate needs to approve any appointments, so how can we approve summer appointments? Don’t we vote on them at the first meeting of the year?
 - No votes are done at retreat. They can attend summer retreat and then be sworn in at the first Senate meeting of the year.
- Flanagan: Interview committee is there for a reason.
- Koerber: Motion to end discussion.
 - Motion fails 10-12.
- Belcher: If our goal is to be representative and take votes into account, why is a candidate that got no votes better than a candidate that got some votes?
 - Some people don’t run, or didn’t have the opportunity to run.
 - Some people with a lot of votes aren’t great, and some people who don’t decide to run make good senators
- Hiett: Was leaning toward this resolution, but it seems like this resolution was brought forward because people aren’t here during the summer. But there isn’t much student feedback during the interview process during the school year either. If someone wants input, they can do so at the first meeting when summer appointments are sworn in.
 - This is not the best way to do it.
- Corkish: Motion to previous question.
 - Motion fails.
- Akmal: Change font size of line 11. Passed unanimously.
- Cowley: This is something that she felt strongly about, but it seems like minds are made up, so we should just vote.
- Paz: Motion to send back to interview committee, because they did not get to meet in person.
 - An in-person meeting is better for improving the resolution.

- Belcher: This is not the responsibility of the committee. Could be sent back to the committee for the author to work on, but there isn't much time.
- Cowley: Ok with it being sent back to committee.
- Koerber: How can we see this on the floor if the committee didn't meet in the first place?
 - Belcher asked if an email meeting was ok, and they voted over email. Interview committee will not be able to meet in person before the next senate meeting.
- Motion fails.
- President Butler: Will vote against this because it is addressing an issue that is not really a problem. Needs more context.
 - Does bring up the question about what committees should be doing over the summer
- Koerber: Will vote against this because it doesn't include mention of winter retreat
- Willmus: Students should be included on appointments to senate. Will vote it down.
- Motion fails 3-18-2.

New Business

- Impeachment proceedings
 - A seconded motion for impeachment at this meeting will put it on the agenda for next week's meeting.
- Senator Borstad
 - Has 3 5/12 unexcused absences, 2 1/3 excused
- Senator Carpenter
 - Has 3 1/3 unexcused absences, and 1 1/3 excused
- Belcher: Resolution requesting business services stop double billing joint degree graduate students for the ASUM fee to be sent to R & A and B & F
- Cohen: Resolution proposing resolution for funding for STD testing, to be sent to B & F
- Hiatt: resolution regarding primary election, to be sent to Elections
- Davis: Resolution regarding legislative priorities, to be sent to SPA

Comments

Motion to adjourn by Akmal at 12:02 am. Passed unanimously.

Daisy Ward
ASUM Senate Secretary