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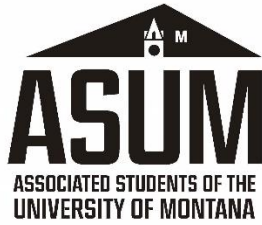
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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
UC 225 – 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 28, 2018

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Rosi Keller, Vice President for Administration and Finance
- b. SB16-18/19: Resolution Regarding ASUM Legislative Priorities
- c. Public Comment: Independent Student Organization leadership
- d. Committee Reports
- e. University Planning Committee
- f. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. End of the year reports
- b. Committee updates
- c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero-Base Carryover \$199,741.00
S.T.I.P. \$209,918.00 (\$189,959.00)
Special Allocations total: \$10,833.00 (\$10,733.00)
Fall: \$3133.00 (\$3,033.00) Spring: \$7,700.00
Spring Travel: \$23,944.00
Union Emergency: \$6,195.00

- a. ASUM Lobbyist Housing STIP \$3,600.00 (\$3,600.00)
- b. Physics Society STIP \$12,388.00 (\$12,388.00)
- c. Pacific Islanders STIP \$3,410.00 (\$3410.00)
- d. Fire Ecology STIP \$560.22 (\$561.00)
- e. Pacific Islanders Special Allocation \$100.00 (\$100.00)
- f. Committee Reports
- g. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB17-18/19: Resolution Prompting Family Rooms
- b. SB18-18/19: Resolution Requesting that Business Services Bill Graduate Students Enrolled in Two Programs Once for the ASUM Fee
- c. SB19-18/19: Resolution Regarding Primary Elections
- d. Impeachment proceedings – Senator Borstad

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
UC225, 6:30 p.m.

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present: Senators Akmal, Anderson, Belcher, Borstad, Cohen, Cowley, Davis, Flanagan, Gregory, Grewell, Haggart, Hall, Hanley, Hiatt, Iverson, Koch, Liechty, Pablo, Parsons, Paz, Schei, Willmus; Business Manager Schafer; Vice President Welch; President Butler; and Advisors Deboer and Renner-Fahey. Senator Corkish was absent (excused) and Senator Koerber was absent (unexcused). Senator Brown arrived late.

The minutes from the November 28, 2018 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- Roy Savage, PRO and Health Coach from Curry
 - National College Health Assessment Survey
 - Fewer UM students are reporting dangerous alcohol use
 - Tobacco use has decreased significantly
 - Long-term contraceptive use has increased
 - Large percentages of students report feeling lonely, sad, and anxious
 - PROs will focus on mental health in the future
 - Iverson: High levels of coursework seem to contribute to anxiety
 - Savage: Resources available on campus can help students a lot. It's not just the amount but also the pressure. Behavioral health coaching can help students with stress relief
 - Parsons: What was the response rate on the survey?
 - Not sure, but the full report is on the CHC website
 - Belcher: If social media is contributing to anxiety, what we can do help?
 - They aren't sure yet, but PROs will switch their focus to how to help students deal with stress and anxiety. More resources will be available at Curry in the future
 - Paz: How do the UM numbers compare to national numbers?
 - UM numbers for drinking are slightly higher than national
 - UM students also report higher rates of mental health issues
 - Schei: How will Curry make sure that services continue to be affordable for UM students?
 - CHC is not planning to increase prices of services, they are working to keep prices affordable
 - Borstad: Will Curry do specific outreach within the residence halls?
 - Yes, to target freshmen and sophomores. They have a first year student stress program and have talked to the freshman seminars. Will probably send out a survey for input in the future
 - BM Schafer: Took the survey and thought it would be interesting if the survey looked at the amounts of time students spend doing different activities. Would like to know what students do in their free time, etc.

- A big difficulty is that students don't know what resources are available, even with freshman seminar. Important to get students involved and let them know what is available.
- Haggart: Do you compare data with other schools in Montana?
 - Not sure, but will look into it
- UM Pacific Islanders Club, Kaaumoana Ahina, President
 - Have requested several times from ASUM, so wanted to share what they have been doing this semester and the mission of the club
 - Have attended several events locally and around Montana. Also collaborate with other student groups and ASUM events.
 - Put on a weekly hula practice for ~40 people
 - Have an office in the Branch center – the Aloha Center
 - Open from 10am-12am every day
 - Meet biweekly and hold regular community events, including dinners and craft nights
 - Requests are for their first annual luau show, which will sell about 300 tickets

President's Report

- a. Rosi Keller, VP for Administration and Finance
 - a. Mandatory and Non-Mandatory fee process
 - a. Will start looking at fees now
 - b. Better to centralized, not everyone can have their own fees
 - c. Want to know proposed increases in January. She has been working with campus auxiliaries
 - d. OCHE wants to know fee changes before May, when they are voted on
 - e. Non-mandatory fee creators are being contacted. Has a chain of approval ending with VP or Provost.
 - 1. Non-mandatory increases will be submitted in February
 - b. Borstad: Wants to know if they are looking at a UMPD fee so that ticketing is less incentivized
 - a. UM has hired parking consultants and the report was delivered today
 - 1. They will look into options. We have to become less dependent on parking for UMPD funding
 - 2. Want to look into partnering with the city in the future
 - b. Borstad is concerned about online course fees and joint degree fees
 - 1. Keller isn't sure about the online issue
 - 2. Joint degree conversation as begun
- c. Parsons: How many fee proposals are you currently looking at?
 - a. Everyone wants to increase their fees, which is why they are taking a unified approach
 - b. Auxiliaries are having a hard time because of decreased enrollment, so they are working on a balance
 - c. Once fees are established, they can be hard to change, so her office wants to look at rearranging existing fees. Maybe lower fees for part-time students

- d. Anderson: Is a law student who pays the ASUM fee and the law program fee. Wants to change the classification of non-mandatory fees. Changes whether or not tuition waivers cover certain fees.
 - a. Mandatory fees are fees that every student, no matter the program, has to pay
 - b. Law school program tuition is non-mandatory because it is a specific program
 - 1. Non-mandatory classification is set by BOR
- e. Grewell: Part-time students could opt into campus rec fee on Cyberbear, but not for some other fees
 - a. Want to look at making this system easier for part-time students
- f. Senators with follow-up questions can contact President Butler or VP Keller
 - a. Fee proposals will come to Senate and we will have an opportunity to vote on them
 - b. This level of fee proposal does not go to a vote of the full student body
- b. SB16-18/19: Resolution Regarding ASUM Legislative Priorities
 - a. Butler: The fourth priority about identity protection is added
 - b. Belcher: Amend to remove lines 52-54
 - a. Repetitive, and funding Medicaid expansion is too big of an issue for the lobbyist to take on
 - b. Lobbyist shouldn't ask for two things out of the same money
 - c. Identity protection doesn't cost money and Medicaid does
 - d. Akmal: Affordable healthcare and education are not mutually exclusive is put in both the whereas and therefore sections
 - 1. Will not look at every Medicaid bill, only the ones that will affect students
 - 2. Will focus on healthcare that is pertinent to students
 - e. Borstad: BCBS price increases affect students a lot. Also a large proportion of UM students are on Medicaid. If these prices increase, students with children cannot afford health care and school
 - 1. Want to look at bills that adjust who is covered by Medicaid
 - 2. The argument about the general fund is not good. These issues seriously affect students
 - f. Belcher: Healthcare is important to students, but ASUM is not a valuable voice in that discussion because so many other groups will be lobbying on that issue
 - 1. This would be a waste of the lobbyist's time
 - 2. Minimizing BCBS premiums is appropriately specific to students without getting too involved with Medicaid expansion
 - 3. Medicaid expansion will take up too much time of the lobbyist and SPA director time
 - 4. The other groups will not focus on higher ed funding, and health care will be well covered
 - g. Willmus: There is no such thing as an invaluable voice. Students will suffer if this is not a priority

- h. Borstad: These groups were lobbying last year when DPHHS programs were cut. Students who are on Medicaid need Medicaid expansion or they will not be able to afford insurance
 - 1. Health care was ranked highly on the student survey
- i. Akmal: Would Belcher be ok with keeping health care access and affordability as a priority?
 - 1. Yes
- j. Akmal: Maybe this priority could be put lower down
- k. Belcher: These priorities are ranked. The top 2 cost money and the second 2 don't really cost anything
 - 1. The lobbyist will be asked if higher ed or Medicaid is more important, and she will have to say education, so her focus on Medicaid won't be taken into account
 - 2. Specific policies that affect BCBS are specifically relevant to students
 - 3. We should not ask for large allocations from the general fund
- l. Cowley: have these priorities been sent to the lobbyist in ranked order in the past?
 - 1. They have been ranked in the past. That is also what other MAS bodies are doing
- m. Schei: What does MSU have ranked?
 - 1. Not sure, but we shouldn't be letting their priorities affect our lobbyist
- n. Akmal: Lobbyist has been talking to other MAS lobbyists so that they can work together on MUS funding, but our priorities are unique to UM
- o. Borstad: We need to make sure students have access to health care. That means Medicaid expansion. Doesn't want students to drop out because they can't afford insurance
 - 1. This issue matters to students so we need it on our priorities
 - 2. We need to show the minority of students that they matter
- p. Grewell: Called previous question. Discussion continues.
- q. Belcher: everyone is asking for money from the general fund. It is not strategic for one lobbyist to ask for both things.
 - 1. Higher ed funding and health care funding are not mutually exclusive, but one individual advocating for both things is not effective
- r. Paz: How many other groups, other than universities, will support higher ed funding?
 - 1. OCHE, MAS members, occasionally Forward Montana and other nonprofits
 - 2. These hearings are not nearly as popular as health care hearings
- s. Hall: We should be realistic and should focus on higher education funding
- t. The amendment passes 13-11

- c. VP Welch: Move to amend the resolution to switch the second and third legislative priorities
 - a. Senate doesn't have to have our priorities in the exact same order as the survey
 - b. Landlord tenant issues are a big focus for ASUM. We don't have to stay on the defense and can be more productive here.
 - c. Belcher: We need to evaluate what these rankings mean to us. Switching these two doesn't make a tangible difference to what the lobbyist will spend time on.
 - 1. Housing issues are critical to students
 - d. Akmal: Supports the amendment. Students who responded to the survey may not have been aware of housing issues, and it has a big effect on students
 - e. Amendment passes 19-2-2
 - d. Grewell: Motion to amend lines 38, 42, 49, 55, 61, 68, to capitalize first letter after resolved.
 - a. Called friendly by Butler
 - e. Davis: SPA spent a lot of time working on these and no senators provided feedback on the priorities. Should support the resolution.
 - f. Grewell: motion to move apostrophe after veterans, called friendly
 - g. Grewell: move to put hyphen between well and being. Called friendly
 - h. Belcher: Moved to amend line 69 to change SPA to Student Political Action. Called friendly.
 - i. Resolution passes 21-3.
- c. Public comment from Independent Student Organization leadership, Brittney Mada
 - a. Hiett: How involved were you with these conversations throughout the semester?
 - a. Notified in early October that conversations were happening, but did not know details
 - b. Told that ASUM funding had been available in the past. That was the first time she knew there was funding outside of SBA available
 - c. Asked SBA members and as told that the MOU was not yet developed. On November 24th, she was told that a tentative agreement had been reached and the general SBA meeting was called
 - b. Akmal: What is your opinion, as ISO president, on how the MOU would affect your group?
 - a. She thinks it would help because law students would be paying more money. As she understands it, law students would pay more money under the MOU.
 - b. SBA told them that this additional money would result in more funding for student groups
 - c. Akmal: Now that you know about ASUM funding, would you apply for it in the future?
 - a. Yes. Her group is looking to expand across campus and seek ASUM funding.
 - d. Anderson: Can you discuss the SBA meeting?

- a. There were about 21 non-exec members at the meeting. She felt there were too many ambiguities to be able to vote either way, which were clarified this morning.
- b. MOU says that law groups will not be recognized by ASUM and that law groups would not be eligible for ASUM funding.
- c. She is very excited about ASUM recognition and how it could help her group.
- d. She is confident paying more money to SBA, but thinks that ASUM recognition also has benefits.
- e. Parsons: Did your group apply for SBA funding last year, and how did that work?
 - a. Yes, they did. SBA has a similar budgeting process to ASUM. They suggest that groups over-request, but she did not. Her group received half of what they asked for.
- f. Cowley: Why do law groups ask SBA for more than what they need? We try to discourage that during the budgeting process.
 - a. She felt uncomfortable doing that and wanted her budget to reflect reality.
 - b. Groups were told there wasn't much money available from SBA. She doesn't know why they were told to aim so high.
- g. Cowley: Did groups that over-ask get closer to what they needed?
 - a. Those groups got more than hers, but she is not sure exactly how it works. The information is available on the website and these numbers have been sent out via email to senators.
- h. Akmal: Do you think that you would have gotten sufficient money from ASUM, if you had asked? Do you think that it would be better for groups to be funded entirely by SBA or partially by each?
 - a. She thinks that the larger amount of funds from ASUM means that groups could get more funding (as an individual)
 - b. Most students aren't sure. Law students trust SBA more so like keeping the money "in-house"
 - c. ASUM's funds are made to be accessible to student groups
- i. Schei: The MOU doesn't limit law student's access to ASUM services. How is that understood at the law school, and do you think law students use those services?
 - a. There is a lot of information and misinformation on this topic at the law school
 - b. As she understands it, services were never going to be removed under the MOU. She isn't sure about how many law students use services, but she knows that a lot of them do, even if they don't realize they are ASUM services.
 - c. There was misinformation in the law school that ASUM services would be taken away, but it was never actually considered as a possibility
- j. VP Welch: Is there anything else that you heard from other student group leaders?

- a. No, they are not very interested. They kind of want to stay with SBA, which is what they know. Most of the law student body is tired and hasn't been paying that much attention.
- d. Betina Matoni, law student
 - a. Has spoken with the Dean of the law school, student group leaders, etc since last week
 - b. Is aware of the progress that's been made and wants to promote the relationship between SBA and ASUM. Wishes that more law student groups had come to be involved with ASUM
 - c. Proposed law students just paying the full ASUM fee and no SBA fee. Probably not popular. Student groups like receiving money from SBA and the SBA relationship, which is unique to the law school.
 - d. Now feels that the agreement under the SBA is not as bad as she previously thought.
 - e. VP Welch: It is good for ASUM to hear from law students. Hearing from law students does not damage the relationship.
 - f. Cowley: Would you agree that there is a sense of fatigue and disinterest from the law students on this topic?
 - a. Yes, most students, especially those who aren't involved in student groups, don't care. When they hear that it is about money they are more interested.
 - b. We need to look at this again after finals because now is not a good time for law students.
 - g. Schei: Thanks to Tina for coming. If the MOU had gone out at a different time, do you think it would have generated a different response?
 - a. Doesn't know if SBA could have asked for feedback earlier, but would have liked to be involved sooner
 - b. SBA sent out a detailed email about the MOU and more information is now available
 - h. Flanagan: What do you think is the best way to reach out to law students?
 - a. Flyers on bathroom doors, pizza lunches. Hopes things like this will happen in the future.
 - i. Haggart: If SBA did advertise more, do you think general law students would have been more involved?
 - a. She doesn't know. Students either don't care or they will do research
 - b. Thinks it's unfortunate that the law students are not more involved
 - j. Belcher: Do you think that law students would be interested in hearing more from ASUM?
 - a. Yes, she wants more people to hear about the services that ASUM offers. Wants student groups to see what they're giving up by losing ASUM recognition
 - k. President Butler: President Butler and VP Welch went to SBA this morning to talk about what ASUM offers and its budgeting process
 - l. Paz: Will this MOU be up for review in a set amount of time, and can we change the terms of the MOU in the future?
 - a. Yes, it's a possibility

- b. We need to change BOR policy before the MOU is signed
- m. BM Schafer: Are there spending restrictions for ISOs through SBA?
 - a. Once the money is received, groups communicate with the law school front office instead of SBA. She has not heard of the groups being held to the line items they requested.
 - b. It is pretty flexible and groups can spend their money how they want
- n. Paz: Is there a restriction on how many times ISOs can request funding?
 - a. Once a year
- o. Akmal: If an ISO runs out of money, is there any way for them to request further funds?
 - a. This morning, SBA implied that they take individual requests from groups. She had never heard of that before.
- p. Akmal: Do you think groups are aware of that option?
 - a. It's not written anywhere, so she thinks it is up to the SBA exec board
 - b. Could change year to year
- q. Cowley: Does SBA have anything like ASUM's travel or STIP funds?
 - a. No, they don't. Groups like National Lawyer's Guild couldn't travel without SBA funds
 - b. Many groups are not worried because they think that the increase in funds would provide plenty of money for them to do what they want
 - c. There just hasn't been much money for SBA in the past. With more money, SBA would probably implement a more sophisticated system.
- r. Paz: What do most ISOs spend their money on?
 - a. Most groups do one big fundraiser each year, but it varies group to group
 - b. Many groups have relationships with community non-profits, but groups pretty much spend their full budgets
 - c. Chapters of national organizations are sometimes fully funded by them instead of SBA
- e. Cierra Anderson
 - a. SBA fiscal policy says that they can discriminate based on outside funding sources
 - b. This all happened during a very bad time for law students to be involved. They don't see the point because the monetary amount is so small compared to the tuition they pay
 - c. Joint-degree students don't want to pay the extra 30%. They don't want to pay more because they are taking advantage of the double degree program.
 - d. Hanley: How many joint degree students are declared?
 - a. 4 1L, 16 2L, didn't state how many 3L
 - e. Parsons: SBA said they would send out a survey to law students, but she has not yet received it
- f. General Discussion about law student fees, etc
 - a. Belcher: ASUM pays an 8% administrative assessment on every fee that we collect. Worried that ASUM will lose extra money through the MOU as it stands. Would administrative assessment be assessed before or after the 30% goes to SBA?

- b. President Butler: SBA had voted to move forward with the MOU, but did not vote either to approve or disapprove the MOU. It was only decided that discussions would move forward
 - a. SBA is still getting feedback from law students, including holding listening sessions and sending out a survey
 - b. Will bring it forward again when ASUM has a better sense of SBA and law student feelings
 - c. No students will be lost to law students. The only change is that student groups would not be able to register with ASUM
 - d. BOR policy must be passed before the actual MOU is signed. But BOR policy will be designed based on what the MOU says. So we need to finalize MOU language before taking it to BOR
- c. Parsons: Will the MOU be repropose after hearing more from law students? When will President Butler feel comfortable?
 - a. Once SBA votes to approve or not the MOU. ASUM execs will defer to SBA's representation of law students
- d. Parsons: Would President Butler be worried about the representativeness of SBA surveys?
 - a. Butler: doesn't have specifics yet. Doesn't want to step on SBA's toes but wants to represent law students.
- e. Hiatt: Wants to look at this like how we fund unions, so that SBA could get a lump sum but groups could still apply for other kinds of ASUM funds if something comes up.
 - a. Senate approves union budgets in advance and then can only get certain kinds of funds later on
 - b. That kind of arrangement hasn't been considered for law students, but SBA didn't want the money to come to ASUM first and then be reallocated. They would prefer that the money go directly to SBA.
 - c. Schafer: ASUM office manager handles all receipts, etc for sports union. Music school accountant handles music union purchases.
- f. Schei: Concerned about SBA lack of transparency with its students. Feels like they haven't had enough input from their student groups
- g. Paz: If the MOU passes, would ISOs have the ability to request funds from SBA more often?
 - a. Butler doesn't know what would change
- h. Anderson: SBA leadership told students that they would be kept informed of changes to fiscal policy. Those kinds of changes might happen, but would be decided in February
- i. Anderson: How will this 70-30 split be allocated? Will it go through or ASUM or business services directly?
 - a. VP Welch: All would go to Business Services and then allocate it 70-30 to each group directly
- j. VP Welch: Planning to address business services after the MOU policy is decided
- k. VP Welch: If this MOU happens, law groups would not be able to register as ASUM student groups. This means no free rooms in UC, dining discounts,

SGRC, etc. But it is possible that SBA could negotiate to get those same agreements

- l. Belcher: Very concerned about administrative assessment. Wants clarification on how it works and wants to make sure that it is made clear to SBA, also.
- m. Anderson: How will this affect law students who are in non-law groups?
 - a. 85% of ASUM groups must be made up of fee paying students. If law students exceeded 15% of a group, the individual group would have to decide how to proceed.
- n. Schafer: Administrative assessment is a fixed cost that we predict in advance. Business services doesn't remove it as the fee is assessed.
- o. Borstad: Would this affect a pre-law student group?
 - a. No, because they are not law students
- p. Akmal: This is not fair to individual law students. A lot of students in the law school are heavily involved in their groups, and many didn't even know that ASUM recognition or funding was an option.
 - a. Not fair to proceed with taking away these options without them knowing
 - b. Feels like there is potential misinformation in the law school. Some seem to think that they will be losing other ASUM services.
 - c. If the MOU proceeds, SBA fiscal policy will have to change a lot because they will receive so much more money. Doesn't know how the student groups would feel
 - d. The MOU is unfair to ISOs and therefore students
- q. Willmus: When negotiations were started with SBA, what were they hoping to accomplish?
 - a. They didn't want to pay the fee at all, with the understanding that they would receive no services and have no representation on ASUM.
 - b. But ASUM services, especially child care, are important to law students and taking them away would have been bad for students
 - c. SBA was concerned that they would be paying more than what other students pay. Law students didn't want to pay full ASUM fee plus SBA fee, they thought it would have been unfair
 - d. Law groups like getting funding through SBA, but don't want SBA and ASUM to duplicate services
- r. Paz: Only requesting money once a year is very difficult for student groups. Would only support the MOU if she understood future changes to fiscal policy and student group funding.
 - a. Wants SBA to come back to an ASUM meeting so we can follow up
 - b. Wants more ISO feedback next semester when more groups will be available
- s. Parsons: What are the repercussions if we don't get the MOU to BOR by the May deadline?
 - a. Then the policy wouldn't get approved by BOR this year
- t. Parsons: What did BOR request?
 - a. They wanted us to work with SBA to come to a resolution

- u. Schei: Which is the largest ASUM-affiliated group and how much money were they allocated last year?
 - a. National Lawyer's Guild. Activity is a better measurement than membership because we don't know exact membership
- v. Flanagan: How can senators be engaging law students?
 - a. Go to the law school and talk to law students
- w. Anderson: SBA is not allowed to regulate student group membership, so law groups are open to non-law students as well
 - a. That might change under the MOU
- x. Cowley: Joint-program students are generally engaged but are busy with finals right now. We need to wait to hear from them.
- y. Schei: How much money did NGL get last year?
 - a. We funded them a special allocation request of over \$1,000 and funded them about \$800
- z. Schafer: Groups that were allocated funds during budgeting but aren't recognized have their funds return back to Zero-Base
- aa. Akmal: We will probably need to renegotiate, so what will the timeline of renegotiations look like?
 - a. Waiting to hear back from OCHE about specifics. We will not come to any decision before school starts next semester. Information will be provided to Senate early next semester.
 - b. This needs to be proposed as an information item at the BOR before it is voted on. Decision by end of January means it's a BOR info item in March and then voted on in May
- bb. Akmal: If previous negotiations weren't open to students, will the next round be open for feedback?
 - a. Previous negotiations weren't intentionally closed, but they happened over the summer. Moving forward they would want more to be open.
 - b. It happened over the summer because BOR wanted it to be on the September agenda
 - c. ASUM was not trying to be non-transparent
- cc. Schei: How can we combat the misinformation in the law school and help law students understand the MOU?
 - a. ASUM execs going to SBA meeting helps. ASUM will continue to communicate with SBA leadership. ASUM execs are open to feedback on how best to do this
- g. Society of Physics to discuss STIP request
 - a. SPS focuses on outreach with students and the community
 - a. Physics program has grown in the past 5 years
 - b. This imaging technology will help with outreach
 - c. Can help attract students to the program and will be usable for years into the future
 - d. There are people on campus who can help train students on the equipment
 - b. 5 total STIP requests

- a. Quotes go from bare bones to recommended, but some things don't have options
- b. STIP is doing well right now and this fits the definition of STIP
- c. Will last a long time
- d. Will write an agreement with ASUM for how the material will be used. Equipment is not for departmental use, but will be kept in Physics storage areas
- c. Belcher: B&F was very well informed by the SPS members
- d. Hiatt: When will this equipment be usable?
 - a. They will let Senator Hiatt know right away.
 - b. After the request is approved, the equipment will be purchased and the MOU written. Hoping to start organizing over winter break
 - c. This will have a huge effect on outreach and help get people interested in physics
- e. Cowley: How many student groups will use this?
 - a. Women in Physics, Robotics Club, and SPS would be the main groups, but other groups could also use it, including journalism and art students
- f. Akmal: What is the lifespan of this equipment?
 - a. A really long time, 20 years minimum but probably longer
- g. Akmal: Will the equipment be insured, or will you rely on the warranties?
 - a. Depends on what ASUM wants, but there are options
 - b. This equipment would be very highly protected
- h. VP Welch: Why did B&F go with the more expensive quote instead of the least expensive quotes?
 - a. Saw this as an opportunity to invest in future students, and wanted to make sure it would last
- i. VP Welch: What is the difference in quality for some of these options?
 - a. Some mounts can hold more weight and last longer
 - b. Telescope price varies based on quality
- j. Willmus: Will storage cases be included?
 - a. They come with cases and the physics department also has further options
- k. Parsons: It wouldn't make sense to fund one STIP request without funding the others, right?
 - a. Yeah, everything has to go together. The request is all or nothing.
- l. Iverson: How many students will use this equipment?
 - a. SPS events sometimes have more than 80 people come
 - b. Physics departments plus other interested students
 - c. About 2 dozen students are interested in actually using it, but more people will be involved
- m. Schei: Glad to hear about outreach efforts, especially for girls in STEM
- n. VP Welch: Large price difference between lowest and highest quotes, so it's important to discuss
- o. Paz: Is SPS already doing this kind of photography?

- a. They are not currently doing this kind of photography. They have been working on robotics outreach in the past, but are now looking for other areas of interest
- p. Paz: If we fund the lower price option in one area and a higher price in another area, does that work?
 - a. Yes, that is a possibility. Everything should work together
- q. Borstad: Wondering about community partnerships
 - a. SPS partners with Missoula and Montana groups
 - b. SPS could travel with this equipment to other areas of the state
- r. Belcher: Can you elaborate on the difference in lifespan of the different prices of equipment?
 - a. The more expensive mount will last much longer
 - b. More expensive cameras take higher quality photos
 - c. The telescopes should all last for the same amount of time. The bigger different is the quality of the image
- s. Willmus: You are using DSLR cameras?
 - a. There are different kinds of cameras, but this kind is the best for this activity
- t. Akmal: How often do you hold outreach activities?
 - a. Depends on the kind of event
 - b. Planetarium shows for school groups, etc, happen at least every month
 - c. Traveling star lab happens bimonthly
 - d. Large community-based events for the Physics department happen a few times a year and smaller ones more often
- u. Paz: Does the guidance computer system have to be updated regularly?
 - a. The system has a cheaper version for students. Other software is free
- h. Committee reports
 - a. Campus Entertainment zoom interviews
 - a. Finalists will visit campus during finals week
 - b. Legal Services director pick has been chosen, but can't report publicly until the offer is accepted
 - a. Do not ask
 - c. Online Program Management (OPM)
 - a. A committee has been looking at contracting online classes to remote faculty
 - b. Drafting a bid to see if other companies are interested in working with UM
 - c. Will be discussed at Faculty Senate tomorrow
 - d. There is a student position available. Would like for it to be a student who has experience taking online classes
 - 1. Including someone who is not on Senate
 - 2. Please put them in contact with President Butler ASAP
- i. University Planning Committee Update
 - a. Post APASP, other groups
 - b. Working on enacting priorities for action

- c. UPC is starting up again now, and they are looking for one more undergraduate student
 - a. UPC is a large time commitment and will meet on December 18 for the first time
- d. Belcher: When should students contact you by?
 - a. Contact President Butler by Friday if interested, including a paragraph about why you are interested
- e. Meeting will be Tuesday, December 18, from 12-1 in UC 329
- j. Vice Provost for Student Success
 - a. 4 finalists, in the middle of campus visits
 - b. Very important position for ASUM to have a relationship with this person
 - c. Contact VP Welch for more information about timing
 - d. If you cannot make search committee meetings, you must tell the President and VP so that your position can be filled with another student (also goes for non-senators)

Vice President's Report

- a. End of year reports
 - a. From every senator and committee chair, by December 20
- b. Retreat will be scheduled before break starts
- c. Committee updates approved unanimously
- d. VP of Operation and Finance chosen
 - a. Paul Lassiter, will be on campus in the spring
- e. University Grievance Committee
 - a. A case has come forward for the first time in several years

Business Manager's Report

Zero-Base Carryover: \$199,741

S.T.I.P.: \$209,918 (\$189,959)

Union Emergency: \$6,195

Special Allocation: \$10,833 (\$10,733)

Spring Travel: \$23,944

- ASUM Lobbyist Housing STIP Request (\$3,600)
 - Rent is \$900/month and includes utilities
 - Hanley: This was chosen for its price and location
 - Cowley: Is this standard rate for rent in Helena?
 - VP Welch: Did research over several alternatives and this was the best option. Rent is very high during the session in Helena.
 - Brown: Has lived in cities where he paid a lower rate in rent than this
 - The request is approved at \$3,600
- Society of Physics STIP Request (\$12,388)
 - Hanley: B&F had all of their questions answered about this request. They felt that the extended lifetime was worth the higher cost for the options.

- Cowley: Really important to note how many people will benefit, both current and future students
- Schei: This will also benefit the community and majors outside of physics
- The request is approved at \$12,388 in a roll call vote 25-0.
- Pacific Islanders Club STIP Request (\$3,410)
 - Akmal: Why did B&F approve the least expensive quote?
 - They didn't specify a difference in quality among the prices, so B&F went for the lowest one
 - The request is approved at \$3,410
- Fire Ecology STIP Request (\$561)
 - Belcher: Funded the OSHA-compliant options
 - Cowley: Was this group's liaison last year. They know what to ask for
 - The request is approved at \$561
- Pacific Islanders Club Special Allocation Request (\$100)
 - Belcher: This is a fundraiser for the club, and the request is to reserve the theater
 - The request is approved at \$100
- Radio Board and Publications Board
 - Pub Board will try to meet before the end of the year
 - Radio Board came up with a timeline for hiring KBGA general manager
 - Discussed strategic planning
- Belcher: When will RCSF meet?
 - Look for an email from BM Schafer
 - Working on scheduling a time
- Grewell: We can spend 45% of special allocations in the fall and 55% in spring

Committee Reports

- a. Cowley: UC Board will meet on Friday at 9 am in conference room to discuss budget and new chair
- b. Haggart: Advising discussed implementation of Starfish and the various goals of advising
 - i. Professional advisor vs faculty mentor
 - ii. Orientation action committee and Big Sky Experience subcommittee
- c. Hiatt: Elections is done for the semester.
 - i. Will send out an email with orientation updates in email. Please send in your feedback
- d. Paz: DAC will meet on Wednesday in UC 329 at 3 pm
- e. Liechty: Website committee has some goals and is looking into the website position
- f. Gregory: Motion to approve ADSUM and Aspiring Educators as student groups. Motion passes unanimously.
- g. Koch: Housing committee is looking at meeting times for next semester
- h. Hanley: R&A is done for the semester, but be on the lookout for the survey
 - i. Met with mentee Lucy France to discuss new free speech policy
- i. BM Schafer: Will send out a when2meet for B&F and needs it filled out ASAP

Unfinished Business

- SB17-18/19: Resolution Prompting Family Rooms
 - Borstad: Many student parents in the University Villages are in support of this resolution. These rooms are empty and facilities services has said they are willing to work on it
 - Borstad: Motion to add Dakota Hileman as a sponsor. Friendly.
 - Hiatt: Amend line 44 to change encourage to encourages
 - Brown: Have you made sure that there are unused rooms in each of these buildings?
 - Borstad: Yes, this list of buildings was provided by facilities services.
 - Brown: How are lines 8-9 different from 18-19?
 - Not sure
 - Anderson: Why is Vicki Olson included in the send-to area?
 - Borstad: She can distribute it to student parents who are currently using ASUM childcare.
 - Paz: Supports the bill but is concerned about some buildings. PFNAC has no currently unused rooms. How does the author take into account buildings that don't have unused rooms?
 - Borstad: This list was compiled in spring. This is a recommendation for our goal. This is a recommendation for what facilities services can do.
 - Paz: Will whoever is enforcing this need to go through buildings for approval?
 - Borstad: Not sure, but that process will be handled through facilities services
 - President Butler: Motion to change lines 26-27 to say "in some of the following buildings when available":
 - This wording will soften the requirement somewhat, and gives discretion to facilities services for what is available
 - Hiatt: This change is not enough and he would like to see more clear language
 - Borstad: Would like to remove "some of" from the amendment. A lot of universities already have these amenities. We are already saying "when available" so we don't need the "some of" too. We don't need to add more leniency.
 - Why not ask for rooms in these buildings? Facilities services has endorsed this resolution, and they are the ones who will do the work
 - BM Schafer: In support of the amendment. This is a long-term project, so the "when available" language matches what is actually going to open
 - Cowley: Rankin Hall is not accessible and doesn't belong on the list
 - Hiatt: Why isn't the list a therefore clause?
 - The list is a suggestion. This list was received from Facilities Services
 - Belcher: Supports the amendment and the clause should stay in a whereas clause. Putting family rooms in these buildings is something facilities services has already agreed to do, and the therefore clauses include directives

- The amendment passes
- Schei: What did facilities services say about adding sinks?
 - That's why the request is only if possible. Not all the rooms will be able to have sinks.
- Gregory: Why doesn't this list include the law building?
 - The law school and the UC already have family rooms
 - Paz: PFNAC already has a family room, but doesn't have the exact amenities listed
- Borstad: If there are other family rooms, facilities services doesn't know about them, which is its own issue
- Belcher: Will vote for the resolution. Facilities services has agreed and a lot of research has gone into it. It's ok to ask even if we don't get one in every room. Some are better than none.
- Brown: Asks Senator Willmus about the costs of labor and materials
 - Willmus: It depends on the space. The University itself will have to figure that out
- Hanley: Line 40 specifies that the University has agreed to donate labor
- Pablo: friendly amendment to capitalize the T after "resolved" in line 56
- Anderson: As a parent, this would be really helpful. It is hard to be a parent on this campus, and there are a large number of parents in school here.
- Butler: Amend line 31 to add Missoula College. Called friendly.
- Iverson: Is it possible to get an updated list?
 - This list was comprehensive at the time. This work was all done at the time.
 - Borstad: Didn't give a strict timeline to Facilities Services because they are already volunteering to do this.
- Gregory: Amend line 27 to say "Don Anderson Hall"
- Borstad: Added "as UM sees fit" to the amenities list so that we get what's possible. Not all of these amenities are required for every room.
- Butler: Will vote for the resolution. Was disappointed to find out how few amenities are available for parents on our campus. This resolution has gone through several phases already.
- Hiett: if this resolution passes, what would happen next? What would the author and senate do?
 - Borstad: Will meet with Facilities Services to talk about moving forward. First step is to get basic things, like seating, into the rooms. She will keep Senate up to date on what they can do.
- Belcher: Move to amend the clause starting at line 47 with minor grammatical changes. Ruled friendly.
- Belcher: Family rooms are also good for undergraduate students without children.
- The resolution passes 23-0-1.
- SB18-18/19: Resolution Requesting that Business Services Bill Graduate Students Enrolled in Two Programs Once for the ASUM Fee
 - Belcher: Surprised to find out that this was still happening on our campus. This is time sensitive because registration bills are already out. Senator Belcher will meet with Business Services next week to discuss.

- Anderson: ASUM also represents joint degree students. It is ridiculous that this is happening.
- President Butler: Friendly Amendment inserting “student” in-between “ASUM” and change 31.65 to 63.30
- Grewell: why doesn’t this reference future students?
 - Belcher: This may not be an issue in the future
- Brown: Does the math add up.
 - President Butler
 - Grewell: it is 30 cents off
- Belcher: Move to amend 26 impacted students to 27, called friendly
- Parsons: Why isn’t registrar included in the send to?
 - Authors: that would be a welcome amendment
- Willmus: on line 36 add “and all future semesters”
 - Hall Seconded
 - Cowley: This makes 37-39 Redundant
 - Belcher: No it doesn’t, those lines are still relevant
- President Butler: Move to amend line 19 to add 30 cents
- Parsons: add on line 44 Joe Hickman, Um Registrar, and Maria Mangold, Alexander Blewett III School of Law Registrar, Called Friendly
- Resolution passes 23-0-0.

- SB19-18/19: Resolution Regarding Primary Elections
 - Hiett: It is confusing for campaigns to not know if primaries will be held and this will help for clarify. Senate shouldn’t have discretion over holding a primary or not, because it leaves things up to Senate bias.
 - Senate primary language was confusing and this resolution takes that out
 - Parsons: How did you determine the appropriate number to have a primary?
 - The elections chair from last year is on the committee and gave reference for what would be a manageable number of teams for one election, and the committee trusted her judgment.
 - Parsons: Did you discuss whether or not to get rid of the primary process altogether?
 - We discussed it, but the committee thought that there was a certain number of teams that would be too many to handle
 - Cowley: Too many elections results in lower voter turnout for the general election
 - Grewell: Would the executives support this resolution?
 - VP Welch: There was confusion about dates and information about elections.
 - President Butler: Voter turnout was influenced by having two elections. It was hard to campaign for both elections.
 - Belcher: There was a problem last year, but she thinks that 3 is an appropriate number of teams for a primary. Thinks we should establish rank voting.
 - Willmus: Thinks this is an appropriate compromise
 - Hiett: A ranking system was discussed, but it is complex and confusing for voters. Is open to hearing other suggestions.

- Belcher: Doesn't want to see people win an election with a low percentage of the vote
- Hanley: Could we change to rank voting with just a bylaws change or would it require a Constitutional amendment?
 - Not sure
 - Schafer: In last year's primary, students could vote for 2 out of 3 teams, but they were not ranked
- Hiett: Elections didn't think ranked choice voting was the best option because ASUM elections don't have parties
- Belcher: How is primary voting decided, is it in the Constitution or Bylaws?
 - Execs think that that was decided by the elections committee
- President Butler: Careful reading needs to be done to see if ranking would be acceptable under the Constitution
- Hiett: Not completely opposed to ranking, but they preferred this option. Rank choice system requires a lot of work and they want to have this policy set before the upcoming election.
- The resolution passes 23-0-0.
- Senator Borstad has resigned, so there will be no impeachment proceedings.
 - Hiett: Wants to emphasize the objectivity of Senate impeachments. Thought it was important to have a discussion about expectations of senators.
- Absences start over at semester
- Parsons: Can senators who resign be reappointed?
 - Yes, they can, but interview committee would take that into account when deciding who is appointed to Senate
- Belcher: Senate should not decide on motions based on how much they like the senator who proposed them
- Belcher: It is very frustrating when people volunteer for things and then don't do them. If you don't have time for something, don't volunteer to do it.
- Parsons: Is it appropriate for someone to write a resolution about university committee oversight?
 - Senators can propose what they want, but there is not a good structure in place. VP Welch is working to improve this for next year.
- Hiett: Senators should attend their university committees and they are responsible for contacting committee chairs. If you can't make the meeting time, tell VP Welch so you can be reassigned.
- VP Welch: End of semester reports are the time for senators to communicate their preferences and frustrations with her. Tell her if there are committees or initiatives you want to work on next semester.

New Business

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

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