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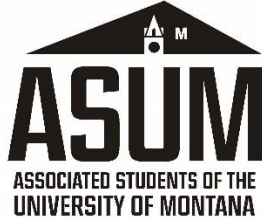
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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, January 30, 2019**  
**UC 225 – 6:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 23, 2019**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Joe Hickman, UM Registrar
- b. ASUM Childcare Update
- c. Information item – ASUM SBA MOU and BOR policy
- d. Committee reports
- e. Fee Proposal
- f. Other

**6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Committee assignments
- b. Committee attendance
- c. Basketball game – February 7
- d. ASUM Elections
- e. Committee reports
- f. Other

## **7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Zero-Base Carryover \$207,722.64**

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- a. Birthdays
- b. Other

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

## **11. COMMENTS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**ASUM Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 30, 2019**  
**UC225, 6:30 p.m.**

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: Senators Akmal, Anderson, Belcher, Corkish, Davis, Flanagan, Glueckert, Gregory, Grewell, Hanley, Hiett, Hutchinson, Johnston, Koch, Miranda, Nelson, Pease, Powell, Schei; Business Manager Schafer; Vice President Welch; President Butler; and Advisors Renner-Fahey and Stark. Senators Milton, Parsons, and Woody arrived late. Senators Haggart and Pablo were absent but excused, and Senator Paz was absent but unexcused.

Minutes from the January 23, 2019 meeting.

- Senator Pease moved to amend the minutes to add “Senator Pease gave her authorship, which can be provided by subpoena. Senator Anderson gave her authorship” at the beginning of the discussion of SB20-18/19. Seconded.
  - Brown: asked if this meant that ASUM went into a closed session.
  - The motion passes.
- Brown: Asked if this was a closed session.
  - VP Welch: It was not a closed session, but she has the discretion to add or remove from the minutes.
- Brown: Motion to amend the minutes to add “A determination has been made that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure.” NO second.
- Brown recommends that this amendment be made to abide by Montana open meeting laws.
- Parsons: Did the ASUM legal director determine this was the correct path to follow?
  - VP Welch: The legal director said that we are only legally required to include motions and votes in the minutes. We usually include more but are not legally required to do so.
- Brown: Wants to know if adding this amendment would be harmful
- Motion to approve the minutes by Akmal. Discussion called by Brown.
  - The minutes are approved.

**Public Comment**

- Sonny Capece, Forester’s Ball Treasurer
  - UM tradition since 1915
  - Dance Friday and Saturday night, community forestry day will be on Saturday afternoon
- Narcotics Anonymous representatives (Levi and Gabriella)
  - Have been holding meetings for over a year on campus
  - Gabriella found the meetings when she came back to school
    - Campus meetings help students feel comfortable
    - Convenient for students
  - Would like a senator to help their club stay in contact with ASUM
  - Most meetings are open to anyone
  - Parsons: What can ASUM do to help NA?

- President Butler has done a lot to help
    - Looking for an ADA accessible room so that everyone can come
    - Also spreading the word that a meeting is available on campus
    - Have a banner that they want to be hung in the UC
  - Flanagan: What is your role within the organization?
    - Levi is the leader of the campus group, which is a part of the larger organization
  - Flanagan: What is the role of NA Montana at other MUS schools?
    - We are the only campus group in the state
- Kat Cowley
  - UM Food Pantry will be open on Friday
  - Would like for senators to help spread the word, share the Facebook page, etc
  - Grand Opening is on February 12
  - Wants to say a thank you about the J. Doe ad hoc committee
    - Has felt powerless on UM's campus and been frustrated
    - Excited to work with the committee this semester
  - Johnston: Is the food pantry looking for volunteers?
    - Yes. Email at [umpantry@mso.umt.edu](mailto:umpantry@mso.umt.edu)
    - Food drives and personal care items drives are also helpful
    - Pantry needs bags and socks, also
  - Pantry is located at the former Source, behind the West Atrium desk
  - Flanagan: Are there family planning items in the food pantry?
    - No, but she is happy to include condoms. She is trying to include personal care items, especially those that aren't purchaseable with SNAP benefits
    - Please send her an email with suggestions
  - Parsons: Can student groups volunteer?
    - Yes, especially with food drives
  - Akmal: Have you been doing outreach to the residence halls?
    - Not yet, but she would like to
- Sophie Moon, MontPIRG
  - MontPIRG fee will be up for reaffirmation this year
  - Hopes that Senate will support the ballot language they see in the future
  - Grewell: What does the PIRG stand for?
    - Public interest research group
  - Hanley: Relations and Affairs will see the ballot language on Friday at 5 in UC 215
- Eli Brown, UM student
  - Speaking as a student and not as an ASUM senator
  - Critique of the January 23 ASUM senate meeting
  - Senate only gets "fired up" occasionally
  - House Rules say that ASUM senate meeting should be run by Robert's Rules
  - Sees several issues with the way the last meeting was conducted
    - Chair brought anonymous testimony forward, but did not allow discussion on the testimony
    - Chair allowed testimony in support of the resolution but did not allow discussion

- Chair did not allow information contrary to testimony
- Chair redacted testimony and discussion from the public record about the forwarded motion
- Chair did not call for suspension of House Rules
- Brown feels that these are violations of House Rules
- Montana code says that chairs of open meetings must balance public right to know and individual privacy
- University processes can't claim individual privacy unless investigations are ongoing
- Fears that ASUM is opening itself up to legal action
- This is only the most recent example of the decline of ASUM
  - No enforcement of House Rules or Montana open meeting law
  - Senate leadership and returning senators are the other main reason for ASUM's decline
  - Feels there should be more student interest in ASUM
  - Believes that past ASUM senates had more substantive discussions, including about animal testing
- UM is also failing
  - ASUM can have more influence during this time of crisis
  - UM will fail without ASUM leadership
- Brown has written a resolution apologizing to ASUM constituents, but cannot sponsor it as a Senator because he will resign
- Coaches speech and debate for high school students
- ASUM has good governing documents, but is not a representative body
- Will leave a copy of the resolution for senators to consider
- Will not take questions

### **President's Report**

- Joe Hickman, UM Registrar, had to leave before speaking. Will discuss regalia options the next time he comes to ASUM
  - Parsons: What was his purpose for coming?
    - Primarily the regalia policy, but if senators are interested in other topics he can also address those in the future.
- ASUM Childcare Update
  - More asbestos information will be available tomorrow. There is an information session on Thursday at 5:30pm in UC theater that is open to the public, but primarily for parents in ASUM childcare
  - Kids who had been in McGill Hall have been moved to the Education building
  - Parsons: Does the burden fall on ASUM or the University to fix the problem?
    - Currently the University, and likely will stay that way moving forward
- ASUM SBA Memorandum of Understanding and BOR Policy Information Item
  - The policy language would be sent to OCHE and be included in BOR policy
  - Would be voted on at March BOR meeting

- If ASUM approves this MOU, everyone listed would sign it
- Will come as a resolution next week for the Senate to approve
- Hanley: Will John DeBoer still be the advisor to sign, or will it change?
  - It will change to Advisor Renner-Fahey
  - The name Rosi Keller may change also
- Anderson: as a law student, was sent the SBA survey. Has some concerns with its methodology. Feels that the survey was worded in favor of SBA.
- Parsons: The data received wasn't broken down by year. Could we see it that way?
  - President Butler doesn't think that would be possible
- Belcher: Will not support any agreement that doesn't include the SBA paying the full ASUM fee. Sees the existence of SBA as tangential to ASUM. Thinks the SBA fee is basically a program fee, similar to other professional organizations
  - These other student groups would also like more money
  - The discrepancy in law student fees is not ASUM's responsibility
- Hanley: GPSA pays the full ASUM activity fee, and he doesn't see the difference between SBA and GPSA. Thinks the SBA fee should be in addition to the full ASUM fee.
- Grewell: Does Anderson think that other law students felt the questions were biased?
  - Yes
- Anderson: There are student groups realizing that ASUM funding is available, and they are starting to be recognized as ASUM groups
- Parsons: Can President Butler discuss the ramifications if we don't pass the MOU?
  - If it doesn't pass next week, Butler would have to meet with SBA, but isn't sure what would happen after that
- President Butler: Maria Mangold, Law school registrar, has answered some questions about the double fee for joint degree students. This is not currently happening, because these students are not registered in enough non-law credits.
  - As a result, President Butler will discuss removing section IV of the MOU, since that has not been a problem
- Parsons: Is SBA a recognized student government by BOR?
  - No
- ASUM Staff Meeting
  - Mostly focused on childcare
  - Jordan Hess from ASUM Transportation is working on a fee proposal
- UM Foundation

- Resolution was passed by ASUM advocating more diaper changing stations on campus
  - UMF is starting a crowdfunding platform
  - ASUM will start a fundraising campaign for diaper changing stations on campus
  - Student groups can also apply for their own page and use that to raise funds
    - Helps to resolve some issues with outside accounts for ASUM student groups
- Parsons: UMF is a 501c3 nonprofit that is associated with the University
- Schei: How are the ASUM childcare events affecting students that work for them?
  - The move isn't affecting student employees or hiring processes
- Capital Day
  - Please continue to share the Facebook page and spread the word
  - These interactions with Montana legislators are very important, and they like to hear from students
  - Will be seeing a STIP request
  - Will work with SPA Director Story on a student newsletter
  - Parsons: Is there a cap on the number of people who can come?
    - Only if we do not receive funding for transportation
  - Johnston: How many people have signed up to go?
    - 7 students from UM and 6 from Dawson Community College
- Fee Proposal
  - Rosi Keller, outgoing VP for Administration and Finance, will come to discuss mandatory fee proposal for BOR
    - Will be proposed at the March BOR and voted on at the May meeting
    - Fee amounts for FY20 and FY21
    - Will be available for questions at next week's meeting
  - Parsons: Will the Senate be able to amend any fee increases?
    - No, but can send suggestions. Can oppose, support, or take no position
    - The only one that ASUM must approve as a body is the Transportation fee, because it is an ASUM fee
      - Will come before Senate as a resolution

### **Vice President's Report**

- Committee Assignments
  - Hanley: motion to add Henry Curtis as SAL to Transportation. Friendly.
  - Motion to remove Eli Brown from all committees. Friendly.



- Schei: Motion to Correctly spell SAL's name. Friendly.
- Akmal: Motion to correct the spelling of senator Hanleys name. Friendly.
- Committee assignments approved unanimously.
- Men's Basketball Game February 7 at 7 pm President's Box
  - There is a sheet at the front desk to sign up
  - Need senator name and the name of a plus one. Must be signed by February 5
- Elections Update (Hiett)
  - Full schedule will be finalized this week
  - General Election: April 17 and 18, 76 days from now
    - Primary would be April 10 and 11 if necessary
  - Campaigning starts March 18
  - Will meet with IT tomorrow to discuss mock election
  - Elections committee will meet next week to discuss grievance process
  - Marketing plan to reach out to more students across campus
  - Everyone who will be running should reread the Elections bylaws, but don't start campaigning until March 18
  - Corkish: Since part of campaigning is over spring break, do you foresee any issues?
    - Hiett will be around, so they will figure it out
  - Johnston: Do you have ideas on how to reach out to other departments?
    - Class raps across campus, especially in underrepresented areas
  - Parsons: How many classes are you trying to reach?
    - Hiett will try to reach as many as possible. Political science majors seem to be more aware of ASUM, and they want to increase awareness around campus.
  - Hanley: When are campaign forms due?
    - Candidate forms will be finalized by February 25 and will be due before campaigning begins, probably the Sunday night before
  - Anderson: How are you planning to reach out to graduate and professional students?
    - Very open to suggestions. It is difficult to reach out to graduate classes. Would also like to do more class raps at Missoula College.
  - Flanagan: What is the election process?
    - Hiett will discuss campaigning next week.
    - Current senators must run again if they want to stay on Senate. There is 1 seat reserved for an MC student and 1 reserved for a graduate student.
    - There will also be information sessions for all candidates.
  - Akmal: Do you have a plan to reach out to Missoula College students?
    - Working on it, but definitely wants to do class raps
- Other
  - Schei: Wonders why a student did not bring up his concerns about last meeting during the last meeting
  - Parsons: Were the claims we heard tonight accurate? Are we not in compliance with Montana state law?

- VP Welch and President Butler will meet with Annie Hamilton again, but based on the information received from her, they were acting in accordance with the law
- Koch: Can you explain the email sent out to the full send to list today?
  - VP Welch: Some people in the send to line were confused when they received the resolution, so she sent a follow up email today to clarify.
- Nelson: Did the former senator bring his concerns about the minutes to any executives prior to the meeting?
  - VP Welch set up a meeting, to which he was late. The former senator was uncommunicative and they were not able to meet before this meeting.
- Hiatt: There is a proper way for giving productive feedback. Condemning is the easy thing to do, but making things better is harder. If senators have issues with ASUM, they should be voiced constructively.
- VP Welch: Executives are always looking for ways to improve and are open to feedback
- Parsons: Are we able to amend the minutes to add information that did not happen during the meeting?
  - The minutes should reflect what happened
- Anderson: She asked not to be added to the record of the meeting. She would be happy to answer more specific questions outside of a meeting.
- Schei: Senate does important work, and this is not a failed senate
- Miranda: Asking personal questions of survivors did not seem relevant to the creation of the committee
  - VP Welch: The chair will keep discussion relevant to the topic
- Belcher: Did the former senator reach out to the authors of the J. Doe resolution?
  - No, he did not reach out to either
  - Thinks that appropriate privacy considerations were made
- Flanagan: The former senator was originally marked unexcused, but was changed to an excused absence during the last meeting. What was the content of the resolution he brought?
  - Come to VP Welch to see a copy of the resolution
- Parsons: Is it ok to refuse comments during public comment?
  - Yes, anyone can refuse to take comments or questions
- Schei: Did this former senator bring the Kaimin reporters intentionally?
  - The Kaimin was asked to attend the meeting by the former senator
- Flanagan: Can you initially yield to a question and then decide not to answer to it?
  - Yes, a yield can be redacted
- Pease: It is dangerous when the press outs survivors. Is there anything we can do?
  - This is an open meeting, so the Kaimin can come to any meeting. VP Welch would like to meet with the Kaimin editor to discuss
  - We can't tell the Kaimin what to do, but can make requests
- Grewell: Felt frustrated by what was said, and knows that other senators may feel that way, but senators should act professionally and be intentional about what they say about the situation
- VP Welch: Senators should not sign their letters as ASUM Senators if they write to the Kaimin

- Don't engage with personal attacks
- Parsons: Has respect for the ASUM leadership and the way they handled last week's discussion
- Hutchinson: believes the formal senator acted out of legal concern
- Corkish: it was hard to hear that the work ASUM does is not important. ASUM does do important work.
- Belcher: The work ASUM does shouldn't be measured by the length of ASUM resolutions

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- Formal lobbying and final budgeting are coming!
  - Any absence requests are due by the Friday before formal lobbying (February 8)
- Budget and Finance will meet on Monday at 3:30pm
  - Will present their process for travel allocations at the next meeting
  - These will be sent out by BM Schafer on Monday. Please read them thoroughly before the meeting.
  - VP Welch: Can you discuss what is required for student groups when budgeting?
    - Student groups must have priorities for budgeting, included in their "justification" section. We will still see their budgets without it, but it is preferred

## **Committee Reports**

- Akmal: Gen Ed met today. Provost Harbor and President Bodnar were there to discuss a liberal arts focus to gen ed. New freshman seminar may be implemented this fall.
- Belcher: Online program management committee has been cancelled and postponed.
  - SPA has been moved to Thursday at 5 pm. Discussed higher education and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women
- Hanley: R and A will meet Friday at 5 in UC 215. Will see SAL resolution and MontPIRG ballot language.
  - Transportation will meet Friday at 1 to look at bylaws and discuss budget and strategic plan
- Woody: Housing appeals will meet on Friday at 1, but she can't go. If anyone else can go, please send her a note.
  - Senator Belcher can go

- Milton: BMAC met on Friday at MC. Resolution passed, but he is still working with the people in the send to line, so we will see it next week. Would like Faculty Senate to meet at the MC campuses occasionally.
- Gregory: Motion to approve the following as a slate: Economics Club, UM Tuba and Euphonium choir, Criminal Law Group, UM Smash Club, Environmental Law Group, Lambda Alpha, Women in STEM, Neuroscience Club, Camas Magazine, UM ASTA-Collegiate, Order of Omega, and UM Horn Club. Approved unanimously.
- Flanagan: There was a meeting to discuss the website and future plans. Responsibilities were set. He will meet with John Venters to discuss the new-new website. Looking at bylaw changes.
  - Johnston: Senator bios will be updated on the website by Friday
- Koch: Marketing and outreach meets on Monday at 3pm. Senator takeovers and senator Wednesdays will continue. Tabling on Tuesday, Feb 5 to talk about the legislature with students.
  - Headshots will be happening in the near future
  - Hiett: Marketing and outreach has focused a lot on Facebook, but most of those people are already familiar with ASUM. M and O needs to brainstorm other ways of reaching out.
  - Koch: M and O is working on reaching more people
  - If senators have suggestions, they should attend the meeting.
- Hiett: Orientation is looking for “den leaders” for orientation. This would be a good way for Senators to get involved and talk about ASUM.
- Anderson: Childcare will not meet tomorrow morning. Should meet next week.
  - GPSC met this morning and plans to propose bylaw changes
  - Sports Union met last night to discuss their budget
- Parsons: Legal met last week and he assigned homework
- Corkish: Met with KRELF, recycling, and sustainability
  - KRELF really needs to people to apply, so they are working on creating a marketing plan
  - Recycling met for the first time. Sustainability also met.
- Grewell: Interview committee has 2 alternates, so they do not need to meet again.
  - University Athletics Committee met this week. Athlete student conduct code violations have decreased in the last year. Discussed Athletics’ response to tragic events. Potential changes to E-sports rules with the NCAA.
  - Flanagan: would like to know how alternates were selected
    - There were more applicants than open spots, so interview committee selected a few alternates in case new spots opened.
- Koch: M and O will look at new ASUM logos next week. If you have strong opinions, come to the meeting on Monday at 3 in the ASUM office.
- Akmal: Gen Ed talked about Faculty senate and their involvement with ASUM, so they may contact ASUM execs about coming to a future meeting
  - VP Welch has reached out and is scheduling for the semester
- Schei: Her mentor is Camp Howard and she is interested in hearing about allergen concerns

- BM Schafer: Agency budgets are due February 8. Forms are with her and Marlene. Marlene has updated minimum wage and benefit equations, but will be checked again before submission.
- VP Welch has sent connection emails with mentors. You should reach out to your mentor in the near future.
- Parsons: Lucy France is working on a new UM free speech policy

## **Unfinished Business**

### **New Business**

- BM Schafer: Resolution regarding transportation fee increase proposal, to be sent to Transportation. ASUM has to approve fee increases.
- Davis: Resolution regarding ballot language for MontPIRG fee, to be sent to Relations and Affairs.
- Flanagan: Resolution to change website update committee bylaws, to be sent to Website Update Committee
- Parsons: The bylaws still have references to UM productions. Is that something we need to address?
  - President Butler has been working on resolutions, but they are not ready yet. It will happen soon.
- VP Welch also has some house rules updates to be made into a resolution.

## **Comments**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Daisy Ward  
ASUM Senate Secretary