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

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

Minutes from the January 30, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Public Comment**

- Description of final budgeting appeals process by Business Manager Schafer
- Cody Carlson and others from Grizzly Stomp Country Swing Club
  - As a new student group, they didn't know the details of the process
  - Attended new student group meeting in the fall and are dedicated.
  - Turned in their budget paperwork by the deadline
  - Want to be able to prepare for the future
  - BM Schafer will contact groups by email to inform them of the decision on their group
- Megan Robbins, Wildlife Society student chapter
  - As they turned in budget paperwork, found out that they weren't recognized in the fall
  - Submitted the form electronically, on time, in the fall
  - Submitted budget paperwork, etc, on time
  - Found funding for their state conference trip hotel and registration cost, so only looking on gas reimbursement for that trip
- Garrett Waters, UM Saxophone studio
  - Wasn't able to attend info sessions because he recently became president and didn't know about them
  - Events and trips planned
- Heather Robertson, UM Woodsman's team
  - Just finished Forester's ball
  - Had been very busy planning and missed the deadline on budgeting paperwork
- Skyler Genazzi president of National Association of Future Music Educators
  - Have attended all prior meetings except the budgeting info
  - Requesting additional \$1200 from Union Emergency fund to travel to the All Northwest conference in Portland
    - Higher interest than in the past, which was unexpected
  - BM Schafer: This was tabled in B & F and will be seen at the next regular ASUM meeting
- Montana Information Systems Association representatives
  - Budgeting paperwork was turned in and they did attend the info session, but hadn't been recognized as a group

- Joe Newman, Humanist Student Fellowship
  - Recognition form was lost in the fall, but was turned in on time
  - Have attended all the meetings, etc
- Mikayla Berry and Taylor Powell, Turning Point USA
  - Weren't able to attend the info sessions
  - First semester as a group on campus
  - Koch: How does your group benefit or affect students on campus?
    - Only group of their kind on campus, bringing new ideas to students
- Samantha King and Tori Koch, VP and President of College Panhellenic Council
  - Government that oversees the 4 sororities on campus
  - Travel allocations were not funded and ask for reconsideration
- Ian Davies, UMATSA officers
  - Travel request for district conference
- Natalie and Jake, Best Buddies
  - Recognition forms and budgets were turned in late
  - Travel allocation was not funded. Organization requires that one member go to the national leadership conference to maintain recognition
  - Anderson: How many people are in the group?
    - 7 matches, and about 25 other people, students and not, who are involved
  - Glueckert: If you aren't able to send someone to the conference, what will happen?
    - Will no longer be recognized
- American Indian Business Leaders representative
  - AIBL was founded at UM
  - In support of travel request
  - About 10 active members
- Paul Kirgis, Dean of Law School
  - SBA is the student arm of ABA
  - Law students not required by BOR to pay student activity fee, but there was an agreement on campus that law students would pay part of the ASUM fee
  - Has helped to oversee the discussions
  - Law students should have access to ASUM services, to pay an equal amount of student fees, and a separate source of revenue for SBA to maintain its semi-autonomy
  - Maintaining semi-autonomy is very important for law student groups
  - Parsons: Can you explain the relationship between BOR and SBA, and is it recognized as a student government?
    - No, ASUM is designated in BOR. SBA is not claiming to be fully independent
    - The BOR provision recognizes SBA as unique by this policy language
  - Anderson: Are you aware that ASUM now has 3 law student groups?
    - Yes, but if things changed in the last meeting, he is not aware of those
  - Hanley: What do other SBAs have in terms of agreement with their student governments?
    - Most law schools are even more independent than ours, so their fees usually go directly to the law school

- Joe Kirk, Editor in Chief of Cutbank
  - Represents MFA creative writing program. Publish submissions from around the world
  - Discovered that recognition paperwork was never filed

### **President's Report**

- Lou Villemez, ASUM Legal Services Director
  - Will work with Annie Hamilton to transition over the next few months
  - Focused on legal aid and legal services in Montana
- Joe Hickman, UM Registrar and Rebecca Power
  - UM regalia decision
  - About 4 years ago, ASUM voted to use a rental program for regalia
  - Rental program (\$15)– high quality gowns that are returned and reused
    - Students order online and distribute on campus. Distribution takes a lot of time and people
    - cotton
  - Purchase program (\$17)– students purchase their own and gowns are shipped to their campus
    - Lower quality but students can keep them
    - Polyester
    - A little bit shiny in photos
  - Greenweaver – made out of recycled plastic bottles
    - Lower quality and not as environmentally friendly as they sound
  - Every year, a few students want to keep their regalia and haven't liked the rental program
  - Schei: How many students go to Amazon or somewhere else for a gown?
    - Not many, less than 5%. They aren't much cheaper anywhere else
- Rosi Keller, Vice President of Administration and Finance
  - Instead of having every place with a fee come to ASUM separately, they are trying to combine this year
  - Any fees that can avoid increases, they've done that
  - New \$25 student success fee
  - Requiring campus rec fee for part time students, but at \$60
  - UC proposing \$6 increase
  - Curry proposing \$4.50 increase. Part time students will also pay health service fee, but at a lower rate
  - Transportation fee will increase by \$2
  - Total increase in fees would be \$44.50
  - Also covered proposed increases for FY2021
  - Average increase over two years is 3.31%

- Bryan French, UM Office for Student Success
  - Currently, most revenue comes from course repeat fee
  - New student success fee would eliminate the course repeat fee
  - Milton: Were there discussions about eliminating fees for students who don't benefit from them, such as students at West Campus because buses don't go there?
    - It was discussed, but decided not to. These students still have access to many services.
    - Looking toward a more holistic approach in the future. Need a good reason for why a fee is assessed and who has to pay it
    - Would like to see more simplification across campuses
  - Parsons: What does the student success fee go toward?
    - Tutoring, like writing center, study jam, math tutoring. Would like to expand these programs
    - Integrate career services and academic enrichment
    - Software, new systems like Starfish and communications
    - Potential Handshake replacement
  - Nelson: Would it be possible to further increase fees in FY21?
    - If that's something students want, we could push it for OCHE. But students usually talk about the cost of college and don't support fee increases. Students would need to speak before BOR about their preference for higher fees. Otherwise, the administration is trying to keep fees as low as possible.
  - Hutchinson: What revenue will be lost from the course repeat fee?
    - About \$90,000. Internship fee was about \$11,000 per year
    - New fee will provide about \$600,000
    - But OSS currently receives some general fund funding (about \$200,000) that would go away. Current funding sources are insufficient and not sustainable.
    - With this fee, general funds could be redirected and programs significantly expanded
  - Grewell: Are these increases per year or per semester?
    - Per semester
  - Johnston: How will the new electric buses affect the cost for Transportation?
    - Electric buses will not be here for a while. This fee increase is to maintain services. Expansions will be funded in other ways.
- SB23-18/19: Resolution Regarding ASUM and SBA Memorandum of Understanding and Board of Regents Policy
  - ASUM has grown and changed a lot since the establishment of this policy
  - Information about the current agreement is scarce. Percentages were arbitrary.

- These conversations have been going on for a long time, and this is the furthest we have ever gotten
- In the past, ASUM's unofficial policy was to fund law student groups lower because they paid half the student activity fee, but that policy has been discontinued
- BOR policy says that law students don't need to pay student activity fee. Some law students have thought they don't have access to ASUM resources because they pay a lower rate. That's not true. They have full access.
- The current situation must change. This is a good solution and compromise, even though both sides are not fully satisfied.
- If this issue isn't addressed now, it will not happen this year, and we won't get to have a say in the solution.
- Belcher: Asks that senators vote against this agreement, because it is not fair to law students or other students on campus. Other student professional organizations have fees, and it's not ASUM's job to subsidize other groups
  - ASUM-recognized student groups have separate benefits.
- Anderson: Encourages students to vote against this. SBA would get about \$4000 from the agreement, which is not sufficient for the needs of law student organizations
  - Student groups would be sacrificed for compromise. This is not a good enough agreement.
- Nelson: if neither side is happy with this resolution, can we really call it a solution?
  - SBA is in favor of this, ASUM has not yet voted. SBA is in full support.
- Pease: Do you know if any other organizations limit their membership like this?
  - Not sure
- Parsons: Can you talk about the SPA straw poll from last semester?
  - After this was finalized last fall, SBA held a meeting. They did not have quorum, so the vote they took was a straw poll
- Schei: How much of SBA is actually in favor of this?
  - The survey that was conducted recently showed the majority of students favoring this agreement
- Davis: Can Sen Anderson talk about the straw poll?
  - At the SBA meeting, it seemed like they were asking if law students were ok with negotiations moving forward, not on the final language
- Anderson: The survey had 79 respondents, but the way the survey was worded was biased toward SBA.

- Belcher: If these SBA student groups became recognized by ASUM, they could request membership fees.
- Hanley: This MOU will be binding for a long time. If you don't think this agreement is the best possible, then vote it down so we don't rush into something unfair.
- Woody: is there a way that we could decrease access to ASUM resources for law students, if the fees continued as they are? For example, 40% of services for 40% of fees
  - Currently, students who don't pay activity fees can pay them and then access ASUM services
- Parsons: What constitutes the quorum for SBA?
  - That's according to their bylaws
- Parsons: Not in favor of the MOU. It would be irresponsible to let SBA control student funds if they can't even follow their own bylaws.
- Pease: What student groups in the law school need funding that would receive it?
  - National Lawyer's Guild, Criminal Law Group, Environmental Law Group
  - They need ASUM funding to be able to continue
- President Butler: Because SBA didn't have quorum, the vote was not binding. The executives voted to move forward at an executive meeting.
- The resolution fails 2Y-19N-6A.
- ASUM Childcare information session will happen again tomorrow.
  - Schei: A lot of students are now concerned that there is asbestos in other buildings. Is there a way to assure students that other buildings on campus are being tested?
    - Executives are still finding that out, but would like to work with senators to find a way to communicate student concerns to the administration
  - Akmal: Went to the faculty/staff info session last week, and the message was that there is probably asbestos-containing materials in a lot of buildings on campus. The problem is not that the building had asbestos, it was with what was happening after that exposed it. Maintenance of buildings on campus is more important than removing it all, which isn't feasible.
    - The administration is looking at other buildings on campus, but she thinks that the best thing to do right now is watch what administration's next steps are
  - Johnston: The problem isn't just the presence of asbestos, it's the high concentration of asbestos. Senator Johnston says everyone is breathing in asbestos all the time.

- Schei: How would Sen Akmal feel about a testing resolution just for the residence halls?
  - Residence halls are actually checked more regularly than other buildings, because of frequent updates and construction
- Pease: The Kaimin wrote that the University was aware of this issue 30 days before it went public?
  - Will bring a specific timeline. In early December, a facilities services inspection found damage in McGill and reported it. Facilities looked at where else damage might be present, included in childcare. President Butler became aware of it on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Grewell: That isolated incident that he found was in December. It sounds like that's what the Kaimin was talking about. More testing was ordered after that event.
- Anderson: Her daughter is in ASUM childcare. It seems that everyone is more panicked because young children are involved.
- Senior International Officer search needs another student. Send name ASAP.
- Fees
  - ASUM-related fees must be voted on by the Senate and as a ballot referendum. Working with Transportation and Sustainability to discuss those fees.
  - Other mandatory fees don't need ASUM approval. ASUM can support, oppose, or nothing.
  - Section describing the process is in House Rules, section M.
- Regalia vote
  - Option A – Current regalia. Students rent a gown, keep cap and tassel. Prices \$15-18. Students do have the option to purchase. Highest quality, not shiny. Is reused after return.
  - Option B – Students purchase and keep. \$17-20. Made from recycled bottles.
  - Option C – made from polyester. Purchase and keep. Lower quality, slightly shinier. ~\$15
  - Option D – same as option A, but purchase. \$150 - \$215.
  - Flanagan: will support option A.
  - Paz: Why is this update happening now?
    - The contract is up, so they are looking again.
  - Belcher: Also supports option A. The recycled one aren't as sustainable as they seem.
  - VP Welch: She would like to keep her regalia, so likes options B and C
  - Paz: Have students complained about the current options?
    - Only a few students have complained about not being able to keep their regalia



- Flanagan: The Registrar's office talked about helping students buy their regalia if they want to. Do you know about that process?
  - Work with Rebecca from the Registrar's office, who helps coordinate with the company
- Pease: Is it possible to rent a robe and buy the hood?
  - Yes, President Butler believes so
- Option A wins.
- Pease: Have we looked into an office on campus using student fees to pay for rental regalia?
  - No
- Parsons: If concerned parents brought a lawsuit about the McGill Hall situation, who would they bring it against, ASUM or UM?
  - It depends on the suit

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

- Elections Update – Senator Hiatt
  - Elections Timeline
  - Class raps will begin 3 weeks from now
    - Include West Campus and MC
  - Petition issues
    - Petitions are not referenced in the bylaws, because references to petitions were accidentally deleted from the bylaws and the Constitution
    - We will see language in the future addressing this accidental deletion
  - Mock election will be on Friday from 10am-5pm to test elections software on the app
  - Spring break will be March 25-29, which is during campaigning. Senator Hiatt will be around.
  - Forum: separate forums for Senate candidates and executive candidates. Will take place in the UC atrium. Must be approved by 2/3 of the senate.
    - Motion to approve the forum by Sen Schei. Approved unanimously.
- Committee updates
  - Motion to add Rachel Smith to GPSC. Friendly.
  - Committee updates approved unanimously.
- Basketball is tomorrow at 7pm. Get tickets from VP Welch in her office.
- Robert's Rules Review
  - To allow a group to participate, you must move to appeal the decision of the chair.
    - Motion
    - Authorship
    - Response by chair (BM Schafer)
    - Secunder speaks
    - BM Schafer response

- 2/3 majority vote to pass
- Motion to reconsider. Someone on the prevailing side must move.
  - Motion
  - Second
  - Discussion
  - Simple majority
- Hiatt: If a group is not eligible for an appeal, is there anything else they can do to participate in final budgeting?
  - No, but there are alternative ways for them to get operating budgets for next year.
- Gregory, Board on Members: Motion to approve as a slate: Student Chapter of Wildlife Society, Montana Information Systems Association, Best Buddies, Cutbank Literary Magazine, and Humanist Student Fellowship. Approved unanimously.
- Lobby Day is coming soon
  - Must RSVP by Monday morning at 9am.
  - Please use the link to the form to register
  - President will write excusal notes. Please provide him info ASAP.
  - MAS President is reaching out to interested people, but you should also tell all your friends
- No Senate meeting next week. Instead, formal lobbying will be 5-10pm every day except for Tuesday.

## **Business Manager's Report**

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

**S.T.I.P.: \$202,987.47**

**Union Emergency: \$6,195**

**Special Allocation: \$9,897.32 (\$6,882.32)**

**Spring Travel: \$23,817.45 (\$5,006.05)**

- Final Budgeting Appeals
  - BM and SGC worked with groups to ensure their budgets were accurate and adhered to fiscal policy
  - Groups who don't qualify for final budgeting are still eligible for funding through other methods, including special allocation, STIP, and travel
  - Status of groups
    - Grizzly Swing – forms in on time. Fall info session but not budgeting session
    - Saxophone studio – budget into Union, but did not go to info session. President and treasurer quit over winter break.
    - Turning Point – budget in on time, did not go to info session
    - Woodsman time – did not turn budget in on time, so not eligible for budget appeal
    - MISA – Is recognized but did not turn in their budget on time. They did attend info session. Not eligible.

- Cutbank – BM Schafer will help them get a budget through special allocation or STIP
    - Wildlife Society and Humanist Society are fully eligible to participate in budgeting without an appeal.
  - Hutchinson: Are we allowed to discriminate based on impact? What are we supposed to base our vote on?
    - Appeal process criteria: if the budget was in on time, but missed an information session. Vote on if you think their reasons for missing the information session were valid.
  - Anderson: These groups that weren't eligible for appeal, why did they come tonight?
    - There was some miscommunication between BM and office manager.
  - Hiett: is there no other way to help these student groups participate in final budgeting?
    - No, because fiscal policy cannot be suspended
  - Hiett: It feels like a lot of the problems with these processes are more on ASUM than on the student groups. If we don't approve their appeals, they should get a sincere apology.
  - Belcher: Motion to appeal the decision of the chair, to allow Grizzly Swing, UM Saxophone Studio, and Turning Point USA to participate in final budgeting as a slate. Second by Milton.
    - All groups turned in paperwork but didn't attend information session. We should help student groups as much as we can.
    - Motion passes.
- Special Allocation Requests
  - China Table. B and F suggests \$40. Motion passes.
  - International Forestry Students Association. B and F recommends \$275.
    - Nelson: This is food for one event out of the three they requested.
    - Belcher: Motion to increase the amount to \$575. Second Grewell.
      - Motion passes.
    - Motion passes – request is funded at \$575.
  - International Student Association. B and F recommends \$1500.
    - Funded toward the most important cost. No way to fund the event in full because of the size of the request.
    - Motion passes.
  - Student Athlete Advisory Committee. B and F recommends \$1250.
    - Funded everything except for promotion, because they had other options. The other requests seemed critical for the event.
    - Hiett: This should be sent back to committee. He is experienced with the logistics of races and charity races, and these expenses are very high.
    - VP Welch: It would be dangerous to research the details of all things for every student group.
    - Pease: Includes money for a speaker, which we have not funded before.
    - Hiett: What happens with funds over the cost of the race?
      - Donated to a nonprofit about sexual assault in Missoula

- Pease: Reduce line item 621 to \$500.
    - This decrease could eliminate the potential for paying a speaker.
    - Welch: Motion to amend the amendment to fund line item 621 at \$600.
      - They didn't note how much a speaker was, and usually speakers cost about this much.
      - Hutchinson: Can we fund honorariums or speaker travel?
        - The main beneficiary of ASUM funding should be ASUM students.
      - Motion passes.
    - Motion passes. The request would now be funded at \$1100.
  - Hiatt: The way this reads, ASUM funds would be going to pay for Tshirts that might not even go to students.
  - Belcher: We have funded several events that benefit the community.
  - Nelson: This group is trying to raise awareness of sexual assault, which has an impact on students. Students also have the opportunity to participate, which is what matters.
  - Hutchinson: Just because a rule has been broken in the past doesn't mean it should be again.
  - Woody: There is a \$20 registration fee to cover some of these costs.
  - Pease: Have we traditionally funded licensing?
    - Yes, we pay licensing and dues.
  - Belcher: We just allocated money for an event that was open to community members. ASUM claimed to support sexual assault survivors, and now we're questioning this. Anyone can participate in student fundraisers and we shouldn't try to stop them.
    - There isn't a rule that community members can't benefit from student groups, as long as students can benefit.
  - Hanley: This event has a lot of engagement by students. Community engagement is a benefit for the request.
  - Hiatt: I heard that the reason we should fund this is to support sexual assault. But the reason we shouldn't fund it is its logistical problems.
  - Motion passes. Approved at \$1100.
- Intersarsity Reconsideration Request
    - VP Welch: Motion to reconsider the Intersarsity's special allocation request. Seconded.
      - The group made a mistake on their special allocation request, and addressed it with the BM right away. She thought it should be brought to the Senate for reconsideration.
      - Schei: When they were putting on an event of this size, they should have checked the details. Simple oversight isn't a good enough reason to reconsider.
      - Johnston: Can you be more specific about the error?
        - There was miscommunication within the group

- Grewell: This is for Intervarsity, but the letter is from Humanist student fellowship. Why?
  - BM Schafer: The groups were working together to plan this event.
- Flanagan: The purpose of ASUM isn't to punish student groups for simple mistakes.
- Paz: Was the treasurer aware of the quote when they filled out the form?
  - Not sure, but the president provided the quote
- Pease: Dangerous precedent to set if we choose to reconsider this.
- Schei: This is different than appeals, because they knowingly turned in the budget. They should have double checked before turning it in.
- Akmal: Sympathizes with the group for a simple mistake. Thinks we should reconsider, but wouldn't fund in the full amount.
- Paz: Will vote to reconsider. This was a very easy mistake to make.
- Grewell: People make mistakes, but this was a \$900 mistake
- Flanagan: Does ASUM have any obligation to follow precedent?
  - No, the only thing we have to follow is our governing documents
- Haggart: The person who submitted the request was from a different group than the person who realized the mistake. Shouldn't punish the other groups for the mistake of one. We should reconsider.
- The motion to reconsider passes.
- Motion to approve Intervarsity request in the amount of \$900.
  - Akmal: Motion to amend line item 625 to \$600.
  - Amendment passes.
  - Motion passes. Funding approved at \$1500.
- Travel Requests
  - Parsons: What did B and F decide for airfare?
    - In general, they did not fund airfare
  - Grewell: Are student groups aware that airfare is generally not funded? It seems to be requested a lot and we don't fund it
    - Belcher: Doesn't seem like student groups are aware of it, but maybe it should be covered with the SGC
  - Schei: What were some of the other criteria?
    - A really low number of students but high dollar amount
  - Koch: Why did the group with a low number of students get funded?
    - Because that student group was presenting academic work that the entire group had contributed to.
    - Nelson: We decided to fund entry fees
  - Paz: Best Buddies mentioned that if this person doesn't go to the conference, their chapter will no longer be recognized. The whole group will be negatively affected if this one person doesn't go.
    - BM Schafer: The group gave information at public comment that was not in their cover letter

- Any funds left over in travel allocation account can be seen throughout the rest of the semester if they are approved by B and F.
- Hiatt: It is reductive to say that one student attending a conference only benefits one student. There can be benefits to the full group, so it's not an adequate measure to consider it that way.
- Pease: Airfare and conference registration is an important distinction. Registration fees are more important than airfare.
- Parsons: Can we approve groups as a slate?
  - Yes
- ADSUM
  - Approved unanimously at \$196
- UM Student American Fishery Society. B and F recommends \$771.
  - This funds 1 less vehicle than requested.
  - Approved at \$771.
- American Marketing Association. B and F recommends \$500.
  - Schei: Would like to see an increase to registration fees.
  - Parsons: likes the idea, but fully funding it would substantially decrease overall funds available.
  - Approved at \$500.
- Montana Anthropology Student Association. B and F recommends \$1142.
  - Approved at \$1142.
- UM Athletic Training Students Association (UMATSA). B and F recommends \$1625.
  - Approved at \$1625.
- Best Buddies. B and F recommends \$0.
  - Anderson: motion to fund at \$550.
    - We don't fund flights, but they came and said that they really needed this funding. This will allow them to continue operation.
    - Hanley: Doesn't support funding the full flight, especially because of the low number of students.
    - Glueckert: Hard that we discriminate based on airfare, because it limits locations.
    - Johnston: Amend the amendment to fund at \$400.
      - Funds them on the lower end of their estimate
      - Haggart: We should fund them in full. Seems weird to reduce by an arbitrary amount.
      - Koch: We haven't discussed funding flights in the past. It is really expensive to fly out of Missoula
      - Hanley: Understands funding this, but not sure yet. Several student groups require to go to national conferences and we have not funded them in the past. This much money for one person to attend a conference should not be funded in full.
      - Belcher: We cannot afford to fund every single plane ticket, and is uncomfortable saying that one student group's recognition is more worthy than others.

- Anderson: We don't have to follow the precedent of previous senates. We can do things better than we did before.
- Paz: Agrees to funding it partially, but this is the only thing they asked us to fund.
- Johnston: Best Buddies does a lot, but funding in full is too much.
- Hanley: If we look at all groups who have required conference attendance, we would not be able to fund other types of travel allocation. We will be out of money if we try to fully fund every request. Not opposed to some funding.
- Grewell: If student groups knew we didn't fund airfare, they would request other things that matter to them.
- Amendment to the amendment passes. Senator Pease abstained.
- Hanley: Motion to amend to fund at \$300.
  - We should fund it but \$400 is still too high. \$300 is close to the minimum.
  - Belcher: Will vote for this, but if we want to fund more conferences with low numbers of students, this number is more reasonable.
  - Akmal: Wants to discourage airfare requests, but wants to reward student groups for coming to talk to ASUM.
  - Johnston: Will vote against this
  - Nelson: This is a special scenario, but B and F tried to look at cost per person. This is way above the standard. Benefiting one person versus directly impacting the whole group is a dangerous game to play.
  - Hanley: \$300 seems an appropriate amount for airfare, but ASUM has not traditionally ventured into flights.
  - Schei: This is the only Best Buddies organization in Montana. Will oppose the amendment.
  - Glueckert: Will oppose the amendment. This will affect the whole student group, campus, and the state of Montana.
  - The amendment fails.
- VP Welch: Previous Question
  - Previous question passes.
- Motion to amend to fund at \$400 passes. Pease abstained.
- Unanimous consent called. Objection called.
  - Motion to fund at \$400 is approved. Pease abstained.
- If senators need to abstain from a travel allocation in the slate, there will be an opportunity.
- The following travel requests will be considered as a slate.

- Pablo: Motion to remove American Indian Business Leaders from the slate. Seconded.
  - Motion passes.
- Johnson: Motion to remove UM Smash Club from the slate. Seconded.
  - Motion passes.
- Schei: Motion to remove Panhellenic request B from the slate. Seconded.
  - Passes unanimously.
- Pease: Motion to remove Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society from the slate. Seconded.
  - Motion fails.
- Pablo: Motion to remove Indigenous Filmmakers Club from the slate. Unanimous consent called. Motion passes.
- Parsons moves to approve the rest of the requests as a slate.
  - A roll call vote was taken. Abstentions are noted in the minutes:
  - Gregory abstains from Model UN.
  - Grewell abstains from Model UN.
  - Hiatt abstains from Mortar Board.
  - Koch abstains from Panhellenic A.
  - Milton abstains from Model UN.
  - Nelson abstains from Model UN.
  - Pease abstains from Panhellenic A.
  - Woody abstains from Wildlife Society.
- American Indian Business Leaders
  - Pablo: doesn't understand why only registration fees were funded, and those weren't funded fully.
  - Belcher: Gave about \$87/student going on the trip
    - B and F shouldn't discriminate on the importance of the student group's mission
    - VP Welch: How much is left in the discretionary?
      - \$2600
  - Paz: Will abstain, but AIBL has never requested money from ASUM before. Doesn't make sense to give more funding for multiple trips, when some groups only have one important trip
    - This will help the club grow
  - Koch: We need to be cautious when talking about the importance of a student group. All students think their student groups are important
  - Parsons: What is the average spending per student?
    - Usually between \$30-\$80
  - Akmal: Motion to increase request by \$275, to a total of \$1150. Seconded.
    - Motion passes.
  - Miranda: Are we worried that this would affect the growth of a student group?
    - That's what a student group would include in their cover letter. However, most groups mention the same issues in their cover letters, which is why focusing on the numbers can help.



- Motion passes. Request funded at \$1150.
- Indigenous Filmmakers' Club
  - Pablo: What is the cinematic 6 pack and why wasn't it funded in full?
    - The amount overall seemed fair, and it was funded close to full.
  - Grewell: Amendment to increase registration fees to \$360. Seconded.
    - Amendment passes.
  - Motion passes Request funded at \$503.
- Panhellenic Request B
  - Schei: Sending leaders to a leadership conference will help UM's Greek system address their problems. Would like to add funds for registration.
  - Hanley: We shouldn't be evaluating a student group based on what they do. They are all important. We should evaluate based on the guidelines of fiscal policy.
  - Anderson: Amend to increase registration fees by \$554.
    - This is the least we can do.
    - Hanley: This group did not mention that this conference was critical to their survival. We are being inconsistent.
    - Akmal: Registration is a priority, we have money left, and they are important. We should fund them some but not this much.
    - Belcher: All student group conferences are important. Dollar amount per student is a better way to allocate. But we have been somewhat inconsistent.
    - Schei: These are 2 students who will share information with a large number of students.
    - Hanley: We didn't pull Panhellenic A, B and F set guidelines that were standardized, and Senate is not.
    - Hanley: Amend the amendment to fund at \$277. Seconded.
      - Amendment to the amendment fails.
    - Nelson: Shouldn't set a precedent for spending really high amounts on a few people, especially in non-exceptional cases, which this is not. We shouldn't spend money just because we have funds left over. There may be future requests. It would be irresponsible to spend money just because we can.
    - Anderson: We spent a high number on a few people in the fall, so we set the precedent. At this point in the semester, we should continue.
      - Amendment fails. Pease abstains.
  - Hanley: Amendment to fund registration fees at \$134. Seconded.
    - Doesn't mind funding a few people in some cases. This request should get some money and we are prioritizing registration fees, but smaller than previously set.
    - Paz: Amend the amendment to fund at \$160. Friendly
    - Motion passes. Pease abstained.
  - VP Welch: Amend to add \$120 to lodging. Seconded.

- Amendment passes. Pease abstained.
- Motion passes. Request funded at \$280. Pease abstained.
- UM Smash Club
  - Johnston: Funding for this group is too high. Multiple events shouldn't be funded more overall per person. This is about \$200 per person, which is higher than B and F set as their guide. Shouldn't matter that it's over more than one event.
  - Hanley: B and F applied its model to multiple groups that have already been approved. When you consider \$ per student per trip, this is slightly lower than average. Funding should not be decreased. B and F did a good and consistent job.
  - Belcher: Other groups submitted multiple requests; this group submitted one request for multiple events. Shouldn't be penalized for that.
  - Nelson: MASA also requested funding for multiple events
  - Pease: Cost per person per event doesn't seem right, because some groups have so many events.
  - Pablo: Motion to reduce personal car line item to \$450. Seconded.
    - Not comfortable spending so much on gas. Everything else is basically funded in full.
    - Hanley: Dollar per student was a solid plan
    - Schei: Too much money for gas
    - Nelson: B and F looked at this group as a competitive sports organization. They have to get to the competitions. Opportunity for recognition for UM.
    - Johnston: B and F followed Fiscal Policy for this calculation. His car doesn't use a lot of gas.
    - Davis: We could eliminate a car and still fit all the members that are going.
    - Belcher: It is not confirmed that Smash Club will move to Sports Union. It was just a possibility that was discussed.
    - Parsons: this may look like we're favoring one student group, but appreciates the metrics set by B and F. Please limit personal gas anecdotes.
    - VP Welch calls Previous Question. Passes.
    - Amendment fails.
  - Miranda: Can we mention growth of a club in these considerations?
    - Sen Nelson thought this was an important consideration in B and F, but not sure about overall appropriateness
  - Davis: Amendment to decrease personal car line item to \$630. Seconded.
    - Amendment passes.
  - Hiatt: Previous Question. Motion passes.
  - Motion to fund in \$1615 passes.
- Formal Lobbying

- BM Schafer needs any request for absences from formal lobbying by Friday at 5.
- Formal lobbying is business casual dress.
- Final Budgeting
  - Final budgeting has been scheduled on the day of the Cat-Griz basketball game. Options:
    - 8 am to 8 pm
    - 7 am, 30 min lunch, end at 6:15pm
    - Early ending option selected
  - Do not come hungover to final budgeting on Sunday

### **Committee Reports**

- President Butler: City Club is looking for students to come on Monday, February 11 from 11:30-1. Want to discuss home types and local economy. Email him if interested.
- Hanley: Transportation met last week to discuss budget. Will see fee increases next week. Dean search committee will meet tomorrow to write job description.
- Grewell: Interview met today, no decision yet. Will meet again soon.
- Flanagan: Website is continuing. Met with John Venter, and it is possible to have overhaul done by end of the semester. Committee will meet again soon.
- Parsons: Legal will meet Friday at 2:30 to look at budget. Senior International Officer search will meet soon.
- Belcher: University Planning Committee will meet on Monday. Online Program Management met this week. Set guidelines to judge bids by. SPA will meet Sunday at 5 in ASUM office.
- Anderson: GPSC will meet at end of February. Will see Cathy Cole tomorrow. Childcare not meeting this week, but will email discuss budget.
- Nelson: Gen Ed met today to discuss new freshman seminar. Looking for ideas on how to gather feedback from students. Will meet with President Bodnar to talk about aligning student interests with administration plans.
- Koch: Marketing and Outreach met on Monday. Committee decided not to look at a new logo. Very successful tablings this week. Housing committee met last Friday to talk about agency advertising.
- Pease: J. Doe committee meets on Wednesdays at 7 am. Developed initiatives and want to start evaluating services on campus.
- Milton: Sustainability will participate in Tunnel of Oppression
- Attendance must be in the Drive by Friday at 5 pm.

### **Unfinished Business**

- SB21-18/19: Resolution Defining the Student-at-Large.
  - Hanley moves to table until the next Senate meeting. We can save time now and discuss the next, more time-sensitive resolution.
  - Pease: It is important not to limit ourselves on time. We might not be able to adequately address the issues at hand.
  - Hanley: Would like Senators to come fully prepared and not tired.
  - Motion passes.
- SB24-18/19: Resolution Regarding Ballot Language for MontPIRG Optional Fee

- Davis: Every 2 years, students get to decide if optional MontPIRG fee should remain on the ballot
- Grewell: Motion to remove herself as a sponsor.
- Milton: Motion to amend 2018 to 2019 in the date line. Friendly.
- BM Schafer: Motion to amend 2018 to 2019 in lines 49 and 51. Friendly.
- Parsons: Amend 2018 to 2019 in line 28.
- Powell: How was this put as a student fee? Many students don't know what MontPIRG does. She would prefer an opt-in fee structure instead of an opt-out fee structure.
- President Butler: ASUM has an MOU with MontPIRG that allows them to put this on the ballot every 2 years. He can provide a copy of that agreement if senators would like it.
- Davis: Because this is an opt out fee, students are still able to uncheck the \$5 and not pay it.
- Parsons: Would ASUM be able to amend that MOU?
  - Probably technically.
- President Butler: Not sure about other optional fees and whether they are opt in or opt out.
- Grewell: Is Sen Powell concerned that MontPIRG might not be nonpartisan?
  - Sen Powell is somewhat concerned about that
- Davis: MontPIRG has c4 nonprofit status, which means it is nonpartisan.
- The resolution passes 21-1-2.

### **New Business**

- Schei: resolution removing tabling from the bylaws, to be sent to Marketing and Outreach and Relations and Affairs
  - Tabling hasn't been very effective in general. Would be better to be a case-by-case basis than required.
  - Will also go to R and A because it is a bylaws change
- Hiatt: Resolution Regarding Elections bylaws and references to the Kaimin. To R and A and Elections. References daily Kaimins, which no longer makes sense.
- Hiatt: Resolution amending elections bylaws about hanging banners in the UC. To R and A and Elections. References the Source, which no longer exists.
- Davis: Resolution opposing HB302, sent to SPA. Based on National College Health Assessment results, over 50% of female UM students use birth control which would be criminalized by this bill
- Milton: Resolution regarding Sustainability bylaws to be sent to R and A and Sustainability. Bylaws allow chair to act unilaterally
- Grewell: resolution regarding fiscal policy, to be sent to B and F. Will talk about how to manage airfare.
- Butler: Resolution regarding ASUM transportation fee, to be sent to Transportation. Fee amount for BOR needs to be approved.
- Butler: Resolution regarding Sustainability fee, to be sent to Sustainability. Considering making the Sustainability fee mandatory.

### **Comments**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 am.

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