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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
May 7, 1997 - 6 p.m.
Mt. Sentinel Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - April 30, 1997
4. Public Comment
5. President's Report
 - a. Budget and Planning
 - b. Other
6. Vice President's Report
7. Business Manager's Report
 - a. ADSUM - STIP
 - b. Other
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. SB20-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Personnel Policy Item 4.12
 - b. SB26-96/97 Resolution to Oppose Further Differentiation in Tuition
 - c. SB27-96/97 Resolution for an Efficiency Evaluation Review of ASUM Childcare's Budget
 - d. SB28-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws Article IV, Section 4, Items B, C, D and E
 - e. SB29-96/97 Resolution for ASUM to Adopt a "Reach for Unbleached" Policy
 - f. SB31-96/97 Resolution to add Sections 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.4.3 to Fiscal Policy
 - g. SB32-96/97 Resolution to change fiscal 8.15.2
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE

May 7, 1997

SENATE MEMBERS

ROLL
CALL

ANNTONI ALEXANDER	P	Y							
CORY LEE ARNOLD	un excused	-							
MICHAL BARTKIEWICZ	P	unexcused 7:00 p.m.							
KAREN FOOTE	P	Y							
JAMES FREEMAN	un excused	-							
LAURA GARBER	P	Y							
JENNIFER GARDNER	un excused	-							
MICHELLE GRADNIGO	un excused	-							
BARBARA HENDERSON	P	Y							
VINCE IACOPINI	un excused	-							
MERRITT JOHNSON	un excused	-							
KATHLEEN KENNEDY	P	Y							
KRISTIE KRINOCK	P	Y							
ANGELIKA LONGACRE	P	Y							
JAMIE LUKE	P	Y							
PATRICK MILLIKEN	P	Departed 7:00 p.m.							
MIKE OBLAND	P	Y							
BRITT REED	P	Y							
MATT SHIMANEK	P	unexcused 7:00 p.m.							
TOM WENZ	un excused	-							

ASUM OFFICERS

JASON THIELMAN
President
BARBARA O'LEARY
Vice-President
JEFF MERRICK
Business Manager

JASON THIELMAN	P	Y							
BARBARA O'LEARY	un excused	-							
JEFF MERRICK	P	Y							

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND
PROFESSOR KIA

PROFESSOR AUSLAND	P	Y							
PROFESSOR KIA	-	-							

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
May 7, 1997 - 6 p.m.
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Chair Thielman called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Present: Thielman, Merrick, Alexander, Bartkiewicz, Foote, Garber, Henderson, Kennedy, Krinock, Longacre, Lorenz, Luke, Milliken, Obland and Shimanek. Excused were Gardner and Wenz. Unexcused were Arnold, Freeman, Gradnigo, Iacopini, Johnson and O'Leary.

The minutes of the April 30 meeting were approved.

Public Comment - None

President's Report

- a. Thielman and Merrick will be in all-day Budget and Planning Committee meeting tomorrow. The budget decided upon will be forwarded to President Dennison for approval.
- b. Carol reminded Senators of the pizza party Friday night.

Vice-President's Report - None

Business Manager's Report

- a. ADSUM - STIP request of \$290 for hardwiring and reconfiguration of computer to meet ADA standards. A previous question call by Longacre-Krinock passed and the \$290 request was granted.

Committee Reports

- a. Krinock reported that ASUM Affairs passed SB28 and SB31 out of committee. SB20 was tabled indefinitely. SB27 will be carried forward until next year.
- b. Luke reported that elections went well. There were no grievances filed.
- c. Milliken reported that UC Board is continuing with third floor renovation issues. There is no decision on who will be moving into D'Angelo's space.

Unfinished Business

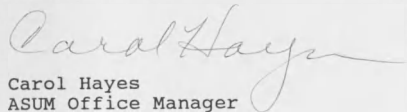
- a. SB20-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Personnel Policy Item 4.12 was tabled indefinitely.
- b. SB26-96/97 Resolution to Oppose Further Differentiation in Tuition passed as amended in committee (Exhibit A).
- c. SB27-96/97 Resolution for an Efficiency Evaluation Review of ASUM Childcare's Budget - tabled in committee.
- d. SB28-96/97 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws Article IV, Section 4, Items B, C, D and E was passed (Exhibit B).
- e. SB29-96/97 Resolution for ASUM to Adopt A "Reach for Unbleached" Policy was passed with the insertion of "and 50% post-consumer waste" to the first sentence under THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED after the word "unbleached" (Exhibit C).
- f. SB31-96/97 Resolution to Add Sections 8.4.1, 8.4.2, 8.4.3 to Fiscal Policy was passed (Exhibit D).
- g. SB32-96/97 Resolution to Change Fiscal Policy 8.15.2 was passed (Exhibit E).
- h. SB35-96/97 Resolution to Forward Recommendations on the Changes in General Education. Longacre-Shimanek moved to delete 1) through 5) A), B), and C) and retain 6). The gavel was passed by Thielman to Merrick to enable Thielman to speak on the issue. A call of previous question by Shimanek-Krinock passed, and the resolution passed as amended (Exhibit F). The gavel was returned to Thielman.
- i. SB36-96/97 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy Lines: 13.1, 13.2, 13.3, 13.5, and Add Line 13.1.1. A call of previous question by Foote-Krinock passed, and the resolution passed (Exhibit G).

Henderson-Foote moved to suspend House Rules to discuss SB33-96/97 Resolution to Establish A Policy for Replacing Senators Who Resign During Summer. A call of previous question by **Shimanek-Krinock** passed and the resolution failed (Exhibit H).

New Business - None

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE FURTHER DIFFERENTIATION IN TUITION

Whereas; Differentiated tuition reduces cost difference between two-year alternatives and the University of Montana-Missoula, and,

Whereas; Reduction of the cost difference reduces the incentive for underclassmen To consider community college, College of Technology, and other four year institution, and,

Whereas; Community colleges, C.O.T.'s, can educate students at a lower cost for the state of Montana, and,

Whereas; The Montana University System is attempting to place a greater emphasis on low cost alternatives for the first two years education, and,

Whereas; upperclassmen have already invested enormous amounts of money into the university, and,

Whereas; ASUM opposed the initial proposal for differentiated tuition on 1994, and,

Whereas; The university has already implemented a five percent differentiated rate of tuition, and,

Whereas; Differentiated tuition is based upon the assumption it is more expensive to educate a upper-division student than an under division student, and

Whereas; the Ten percent differentiation is an assumed difference not a documented difference, and,

Whereas; Charging lower division students 95% of the estimated cost creates an inaccurate comparison of the cost of education between the University of Montana side of the system and Montana State University,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved: The Associated Students of The University of Montana ^{Support} oppose the ~~further~~ ^{and} ~~elimination of~~ differentiation of tuition between lower upper division students.

Authored by: Jason Thielman

Sponsored by: Mike Obland

Passed
5/2/97

**RESOLUTION TO AMMEND ASUM BYLAWS ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4,
ITEMS B, C, D, AND E**

Whereas, the sections of ASUM Bylaws concerning the Board on Member Organizations and recognition of groups is unorganized and vague, and,

Whereas, a rewriting of these sections would be beneficial to ASUM, the Board on Member Organizations and student groups,

Therefore let it be resolved: Article IV, Section 4, Items B, C, D, and E in the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read:

- B. The Board on Member Organizations shall review all applications for groups and organizations that wish to register with ASUM and/or receive ASUM funding. **Groups meeting recognition requirements will be forwarded to the ASUM senate to be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.** This process shall occur after the second week of fall semester and continue throughout the school year. Recognition by ASUM will be valid, after recommendation by the Board on Member Organizations and subsequent two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUM Senate, until the beginning of the next fall semester. At that time, all groups must re-submit their recognition files to register with ASUM and be allowed access to their ASUM account, if any.
 - 1. All groups requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting must return their fully completed recognition files to the Board on Member Organizations by the first Friday of spring semester to be considered for budgeting. Any group having discrepancies in their file that would prevent recognition must correct the problems completely before the third Friday of spring semester to still be eligible for ASUM budgeting.
 - 2. No group returning its recognition file after the first Friday of spring semester will be allowed to participate in ASUM budgeting that school year.
- C. If the board has evidence that a group has failed to comply with the stated criteria necessary for ASUM recognition or has failed to meet all the responsibilities stipulated by ASUM, the Board has the option of sending a warning notice to the group specifying reasons for the warning and the corrective steps that must be taken within a period of no more than one month. The group shall have the opportunity within one week to have an informal hearing with the Board on Member Organizations. If the group fails to act, or the Board feels that the matter has not been resolved, the Board on Member Organizations shall have the option of issuing a second and final warning letter or **recommending to the Senate that the group's recognition be revoked.** The Board may choose to move directly to

recommending to the Senate that the group's recognition be revoked without a warning letter if an infraction or negligence is viewed as substantial.

- D. For any group whose registration is suspended, or any group that is suspended, or any group that the Board has determined should have its recognition revoked, there shall be an appeals process. The process shall be as follows:
1. The group shall be given a hearing by the Board within one week of the notice of impending loss of ASUM recognition.
 2. After the hearing, if the Board does not rescind its decision, the group may present its case to the Senate during the Vice President's report.
 3. The Senate, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, shall have the opportunity to overturn a **Board's recommendation to remove group recognition.**
- E. The general policy of ASUM is to require membership lists of its recognized organizations to be available and open for inspection by the public. This policy is to promote openness and to ensure that recognized groups and organizations are composed of ASUM members. Since ASUM recognized groups and organizations receive access to various University facilities and have the ability to apply for ASUM funding, verification of membership for ASUM groups is required. **Any group not providing a complete list of membership will not be recognized by ASUM.**

Authored by:

Mike Omland

Passed
5/1/97

Resolution to "Reach for Unbleached" in ASUM and at The University of Montana

SB 29-96 PM
E. Hebert

WHEREAS, the bleaching process used to make white paper produces a dangerous substance called dioxin;

WHEREAS, dioxin has been directly linked to both environmental and human health problems, as it is known to accumulate in the air, water, soil and living tissues;

WHEREAS, alternative methods are available that can produce quality paper products without dioxin;

WHEREAS, Women's Voices for the Earth (WEAVE) is currently working with Stone Container to put an end to the use of dioxin in the paper making process;

WHEREAS, The University of Montana is an important and influential force in the Missoula Community, as well as in the State of Montana, and is also a major consumer of paper and paper products;

WHEREAS, many departments on the university campus already use unbleached (dioxin-free) paper;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED

ASUM adopts a 100% ~~unbleached~~ ^{and 50% post-consumer waste} policy for its office and agencies and will begin phasing out the use of bleached paper;

ASUM encourages all recognized ASUM groups to adopt the same policy in their use of paper and paper products;

ASUM encourages The University of Montana to begin a program to phase out the use of all bleached paper in all departments, programs and groups. This step will help improve the quality of our air, water, soil and life by reducing the dangerous effects of dioxin used in the paper bleaching process. It will also set a positive example for other institutions, businesses and individuals within our community and will support the efforts of groups working to change the current paradigm about the value of bleached white paper.

Sponsored by Laura Garber, Senator

Passed
7/7/97

SB 31-96/97
Enrolled
3/04

Resolution to add sections 8.4.1, 8.4.2, and 8.4.3 to Fiscal Policy

Whereas; the budgeting process needs to be fair to each group, and

Whereas; Senators and Executives need information concerning a groups finances,

Therefore let it be resolved that the 1996-1997 ASUM Senate recommends the following changes be made in the budgeting process:

- 1) Have the packets available at the Senate meeting six weeks before the end of the Fall Semester. At the Senate meeting five weeks before the end of the Fall Semester budgeting will be discussed so that each Senator will be able to explain the process to the ASUM organizations (as will be required by ASUM bylaws Article III, Section 2, D)
- 2) In addition to the information requested in the budgeting packets prepared for budgeting for the ~~1997/1998~~ School year, the packets should require the following information and if an application is still incomplete when budget proposals are due, it should not be considered:
 - a) the last ~~one year~~ ASUM accounting information (by line items not specific purchases) - include budgeted and spent
- 3) The groups should be required to indicate how many years the group has been recognized by ASUM and to explain any recent (within the last three years) gaps in recognition. New groups (less than two years ASUM recognition) should be required to explain their progress in becoming an established and permanent group.

Authored by the Budgeting Task Force

Passed
5-7-97

RESOLUTION TO FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE CHANGES IN GENERAL EDUCATION

- Whereas; There is an understanding that general education can undertake some modifications, and
- Whereas; Adequate changes in general education could be beneficial to the University administration, students, faculty, and staff, and
- Whereas; Students deserve the right to be active participants in all activities affecting their position as students in the University system, and

Therefore Let it be Resolved: the Associated Students of the University of Montana adopt the following position on the current proposed changes in general education to an outcomes based system:

- 1) Foreign Language: ASUM objects to the dissolution of the symbolic systems requirements. Moreover, we do not believe the adapted proposal is economically viable, in addition it will have the effect of increasing the general education load of students.
- 2) Reading and Writing: Although we have concerns with given particulars we believe the overall intent of the reading and writing foundation skill serves as a decent requirement for an outcomes based education.
- 3) Speaking and Listening: We concur that adjustments made in the proposal have the possibility of adequately serving the students needs.
- 4) Mathematics: The proposal here presents little change to the current curriculum and fairly fits the students education.
- 5) Liberal Arts Proficiencies: ASUM has strong concerns with this aspect of the proposal
 - A) A greater level of specificity is necessary, it is difficult to gather relevant discussion without understanding the means of implementation.
 - B) The outcomes listed in liberal arts proficiency are jargonistic. We need to see a greater level of detail with regard to these outcomes.
 - C) The proposal calling for a senior synthesis draws concerns in the student outlook upon graduation time. Students are actively engaging in long-term outlooks in their upper division years. The possibility of a senior synthesis will add a milestone of responsibility that could draw

~~the students from their primary focus of graduating and pursuing their~~
~~lifelong goals.~~

- 4) Overall we understand the administrations concerns and the strong possibility of an outcomes based future.
- A) We feel a cost-benefit analysis needs to be done in conjunction with these recommendations.
 - B) We feel this proposal cannot move forward with a constant dialogue with student input.
 - C) We do not feel this proposal is "dead on arrival" and demands revisions and further consideration by students, University Administration, faculty, and the community as a whole.

Passed
5-7-97

Resolution to amend fiscal policy lines: 13.1 , 13.2 , 13.3 , 13.5 , and add line 13.1.1

Whereas, the travel allocations for groups in the Professional, Support, and Broad-based categories, were zeroed out during the 1997 Final Budgeting process,

Whereas, there is no means to allocate travel funds for the forementioned groups,

Whereas, the ASUM historically has funded or partially funded travel for ASUM organizations,

Therefore, let it be resolved that ASUM Fiscal Policy read as such:

- 13.0 Travel
- 13.1 All travel funded by the ASUM must directly benefit the ASUM, and the organization requesting funding.
- 13.1.1 Standard criteria for requesting travel funding shall be group events and/or training or leadership events that directly benefit the organization.
- 13.2 The Senate may chose to fund or partially fund; transportation costs, lodging costs, and/or registration fees. Travel and lodging reimbursement rates being allocated according to State or ASUM rates.
- 13.2.1 No Change
- 13.2.2 No Change
- 13.2.3 No Change
- 13.3 ASUM rates are:
 - A. Private Vehicle \$.15/mile
 - B. Lodging (4 persons per room) \$ 50.00 max.
 - C. A "waiver of additional reimbursement" shall be required for travel not covered under State policy.
- 13.4 No change
- 13.5 Travel requests must be submitted to the Senate two weeks prior to date of event, unless approved by the Budget and Finance Committee.
- 13.6 No Change

Authored by Matthew Shimanek

Passed
5-7-97

Exhibit H

RESOLUTION NUMBER

^{SB}33-86/17

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A POLICY FOR REPLACING SENATORS WHO RESIGN
DURING SUMMER

Whereas, Senate is sworn-in the first meeting of Fall Semester and is expected to be a fully functioning body.

Whereas, newly elected senators occasionally resign office during the summer months before Senate is seated in Fall.

Whereas, the interviewing process is lengthy and may result in new applicants missing the Fall Organizational Meeting or Retreat.

Therefore let it be resolved: Individuals placing in positions 21-25 in the ASUM Senate's general election during Spring Semester will be used consecutively as alternates for filling senate positions that become vacant during the summer months, before the senate is sworn-in the first meeting of Fall Semester. After the Senate is sworn-in, vacancies will be filled through the interviewing process outlined in the By-Laws.

Authored by: Barbara Henderson

Failed
5/7/97