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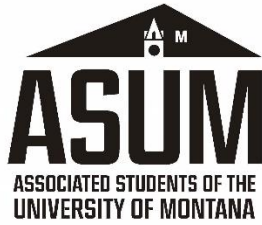
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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
UC225 – 6:30 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 10, 2019

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Nathan Lindsay, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- b. Paul Lasiter, Vice President for Operations and Finance
- c. UM Productions equipment donation vote
- d. Administrator of the Year vote
 - a. Devin Carpenter, Assistant Director of New Student and Family Programs
 - b. Cathy Cole, Vice President for Enrollment and Strategic Communications
 - c. Brian French, Executive Director of the Office for Student Success
 - d. Nathan Lindsay, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
- e. Student Group of the Year vote
 - a. Kyiyo Native American student group
- f. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Elections Update – Senator Hiatt
- b. Senator and Committee reports
 - a. Due by Friday at 5 pm
- c. Committee Reports

d. Other

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7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero-Base Carryover: \$207,722.64

S.T.I.P.: \$199,994.32 (\$199,024.32)

Special Allocation: \$3,435.00

Travel Allocation: \$901.05

Union Emergency: \$4,851.00

- a. KBGA STIP Request \$520.00 (\$520.00)
- b. Bitterroot College Art Co-op \$449.99 (\$450.00)
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB38-18/19: Resolution Updating Fiscal Policy for the Student Group Coordinator
- b. SB53-18/19: Resolution Establishing Airfare Rates
- c. SB54-18/19: Resolution Regarding Fall Budget Requests
- d. SB55-18/19: Resolution Regarding Board of Regents Policy Change (940.3 Section 4)

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
UC 225, 6:30 p.m.

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

Minutes from the April 10, 2019 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

President's Report

- Paul Lasiter, Vice President for Operations and Finance
 - Things are looking good this fiscal year
 - Revenue has come in higher than expected because of Summer 18 and Spring 19
 - Building better predictions tools for the future
 - Savings will be reinvested for recruitment and retention tools
 - Staff spending has decreased, but staff are necessary for student services
 - Fees have been changed to flat dollar amounts and to increase clarity
 - UM infrastructure, especially when it comes to technology, needs investment
 - Try to keep total fee increase under 3%
 - Fees for part-time students will be prorated or required more often
 - Programs to incentivize students to come for summer, including very inexpensive summer housing
 - UM is now on the Common App
 - Starting to adopt industry standard practices
 - Students at Bitterroot College and their access to Mountain Campus services have not been considered, but can be next year
 - Nonresident tuition will increase by a higher rate than resident tuition
 - Trying to remove irritants and small barriers for students
 - Increasing aid packages, especially for out of state students, to increase enrollment
- Nathan Lindsay, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
 - Looking for peer mentors for Freshman Seminar (COLS 194) for fall
 - If interested, email Nathan.lindsay@umontana.edu with your top 3-5 preferred times
 - Enrollment in first year seminar increases retention and graduation rates
 - UM has about 70% retention after the first year, and first year seminar should help
 - If students would not want to take another credit, contact Nathan Lindsay and he will help you out

- Students really enjoyed having peer mentors in these seminars
- UM Productions Equipment Donation Vote
 - Old UM Productions equipment will be donated to Big Sky High School
 - Motion to donate the equipment moved by Akmal. Second by Hanley.
Unanimous.
- Administrator of the Year Vote
 - Nominees:
 - Devin Carpenter, Assistant Director of New Student and Family Programs
 - Cathy Cole, Vice President for Enrollment and Strategic Communications
 - Brian French, Executive Director of the Office for Student Success
 - Nathan Lindsay, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
 - Cathy Cole was selected as the nominee, which will be forwarded to Relations & Affairs
- Kyiyo Native American student group was unanimously selected as Student Group of the Year
- ASUM Advisor Stark was awarded Montana Associated Students Administrator of the Year
- UM will hire an outreach specialist to tribal colleges and universities
 - Hiring will occur over the summer
 - Tell President Butler if you are interested in the hiring process and are available over the summer

Vice President's Report

- Elections Update – Senator Hiatt
- Senator and Committee reports are due by Friday at 5 pm to the VP
- Commencement planning is going well
 - Updates to accessibility procedures
 - There will be a cap decorating competition with prizes at graduation
- Student Achievement Awards
 - Tuesday, April 23rd, at 6:30 pm in UC North Ballroom
 - Please come, and tell VP you plan to come
 - Business casual dress expected
- Montana Associated Students forwarded four candidates for Student Regent to the Governor
 - If you would like to support one of the candidates, contact VP Welch or BM Schafer

Business Manager's Report

Zero-Base Carryover: \$207,722.64

S.T.I.P.: \$199,994.32 (\$199,024.32)

Special Allocation: \$3,435.00

Spring Travel: \$901.05

Union Emergency: \$4,851.00

- KBGA STIP Request for \$400. B and F recommends \$520.
 - Approved at \$520.
- Bitterroot College Art Coop Request for \$500. B and F recommends \$450.
 - Approved at \$450.
- Committee Reports
 - Radio Board hired KBGA General Manager and approved their budget
 - KBGA will hire 6 student positions next year
- There will be a large number of birthday items at the next meeting

Committee Reports

- Hanley: R and A will meet on Friday at 5. Transportation met to discuss the strategic plan and partnerships with the city. Want to prioritize sustainable options. Transportation will meet on Friday to see the strategic plan and budget. Dean of the DHC search committee is in the middle of campus visits. There will be a visitor on Thursday and Friday and another next week on Monday and Tuesday. DHC has sent a link to all students with the feedback form.
- Parsons: UC Board will meet next Monday at 4pm.
- Gregory: Move to approve Out There Missoula as a student group. Seconded. Approved.
- Anderson: Childcare met on Tuesday. All classrooms will be moved to McGill, including the ones at Craighead. Working with the MC sustainable construction class to make some room dividers. May need help rearranging in May, Senator Anderson will send more information.
- Corkish: Sustainability met yesterday to update and approve strategic plan. Sustainanza is on Tuesday from 11-2.
- Belcher: Director of Summer Search met on Tuesday and interviewed with their finalist, the current interim director. Online Program Management committee will meet on April 29 to award the contract. SPA met on Sunday for review.
- Pease: J. Doe will meet on Friday at 3:30 pm to make recommendations. If you have suggestions but can't make the meeting, send comments to Anderson.
- Parsons: Legal Oversight met on Friday to approve the new fees.
- BM Schafer: Last B and F meeting is on Monday for the last chance to approve any financial requests. The final final budgeting work group will take place tomorrow.
- Notes: If you put someone in the send to line of a resolution, they will receive it. Changes to bylaws and fiscal policy will be implemented, so don't abuse the joke resolution.

Unfinished Business

- SB38-18/19: Resolution Updating Fiscal Policy for the Student Group Coordinator
 - Milton: Authorship.
 - Parsons: Move to amend line 42. Friendly.
 - Schei: Remove a line on line 12. Friendly.
 - Nelson: Move to add "reference the new SGC's roles and functions, pertaining to Section 16 of Fiscal Policy." Friendly.

- Resolution passes 19Y-1N-0A.
- SB53-18/19: Resolution Establishing Airfare Rates
 - Grewell: Authorship. Requires a 2/3 majority to pass. Funding for airfare has been inconsistent, and student groups should know what to expect.
 - Corkish: This resolution is improved from last time.
 - Miranda: Move to amend line 49 to say \$100/person instead of \$75. Seconded by Anderson.
 - Hanley: Board saw this resolution as a temporary solution to a longer-term problem. \$100 is acceptable for now.
 - Belcher: ASUM couldn't automatically fund \$100 on anything. \$75 is closer to an appropriate amount per person.
 - Pease: Many requests have a lot more people. This is a lot of money per person.
 - Parsons: How did the author pick this figure?
 - Tried to be realistic and looked at the prices of flights to popular destinations
 - Anderson: The board isn't required to fund at the maximum, they still have discretion. Would like to put a cap on the number of people who can go.
 - Miranda: Would like more flexibility and to help students.
 - Schei: There shouldn't be a cap. We shouldn't limit funds available to students.
 - Akmal: Senators try to student groups as much as possible, at the expense of the travel request account.
 - Amendment does not pass.
 - Parsons: Some of our rates are required by the state, so a restriction here is also reasonable.
 - Flanagan: What about in-state airfare?
 - If attempting to fly in-state, student groups would do better asking for mileage.
 - BM Schafer: Move to amend line 48 to change "not to exceed." Friendly.
 - Hanley: Setting a cap per person makes funding more equitable. Should not set a cap on the number of people who can go. This resolution will increase equity.
 - Milton: The board can fund lower than the rates, just not higher. B and F doesn't usually fund lower, though.
 - Hiatt: Resolution says that student groups will be reimbursed after their trip. Could they take advantage?
 - BM Schafer: All travel must be funded as a reimbursement, after the event. Within 30 days. If it's after 30 days, the process is much more complicated.
 - Woody: The resolution specifies round-trip. What if it would be cheaper to get two one way tickets?
 - Grewell: Intended round-trip to mean getting there and back.
 - BM Schafer: This should not be a problem.
 - Schei: Student groups who fly are going out of state.
 - Pease: Move to amend line 49 to add "up to 4 persons." No second.

- Milton: How many student groups have requested flights this year?
 - BM Schafer: About 6.
- Pease: Wants a cap on the number of people because this could be abused.
- Grewell: The number of groups that apply for flights might increase next year because we have funded them this year.
- Flanagan: In-state flights are an option for student groups and might help with bad weather.
- Johnston: Senate should wait to cap the number of people. We shouldn't make a cap at random.
- Pease: Will not approve this as is. We need a cap and shouldn't allow student groups to play with funding.
- Anderson: The original concern was about funds per person.
- Anderson: Move to amend line 49 to add "up to 10 persons." Seconded by Akmal.
 - \$750 cap for a trip for a group.
 - BM Schafer: Opposed to this cap, they tend to get us into trouble because of the change in resources, size of account, and price of flight tickets. This should be left up to B and F.
 - Nelson: This cap is in line with other schools, but we should do this more methodologically.
 - Akmal: 4 was too few people, this is more appropriate. Usually fewer than 10 people ask.
 - Corkish: We shouldn't have a cap. Shouldn't tell a group who can't go. Has never seen 10 people request airfare, so this is unnecessary. If that becomes a problem, we could reassess.
 - Hanley: Does not support. Request for this many people flying has never happened, so this cap doesn't make sense.
 - Motion does not pass.
- Corkish: There has been plenty of opportunity for research.
- Hanley: Not voting for this resolution because you want a cap doesn't make sense. This is a better, more fiscally responsible solution.
- Resolution passes 19Y-2N-0A.
- SB54-18/19: Resolution Regarding Fall Student Group General Operating Budget Request
 - BM Schafer: Fiscal policy says that these groups should be funded through special allocation or STIP, but little detail. Special Allocation account is not a good place for this. Zero-base is better because that is money that student groups never spent. It is also a larger account. These budget requests will go through a similar process as other budget requests.
 - Move to amend line 40 to add "as an information item." Friendly.
 - Milton: Is this mainly to address new groups or groups who missed final budgeting?
 - This allows the Senate to decide who they will allow to go through the process.
 - Anderson: Add "the student group's request to participate" in line 30. Friendly.
 - Nelson: Amend line 20 to say "That Section 11.6 be struck from Fiscal Policy." Friendly.

- BM Schafer: Move to add “with 2/3 approval” in line 43.” Friendly.
- Resolution passes 21Y-0N-0A.
- SB55-18/19: Resolution Regarding Board of Regents Policy Change (940.3 Section 4)
 - Butler: Authorship. This resolution strikes the exceptions for the law school, and includes that they will now pay the student activity fee, but may maintain their own.
 - Butler: BoR can require them to pay, but we can’t really.
 - Butler: Paul Lasiter is considering what his recommendation will be, along with the recommendation of President Bodnar.
 - Hanley: What does SBA think of this stance?
 - Butler: They don’t agree with this stance. They had a meeting where 4 options were introduced, and they suggested the 70-30 split that ASUM voted down previously.
 - Akmal: Talked with some law students who originally seemed opposed, but after some talking about ASUM services were more open to it.
 - Flanagan: Supports this resolution.
 - Anderson: SBA meeting wasn’t unanimously in support of the 70-30 split. This is a difference of only \$80 per year for law students. Hopes that support will increase in the future.
 - Resolution passes 21Y-0N-0A.

New Business

- Butler: Two resolutions amending personnel policy. Resolution Amending Personnel Policy to include the Student Group Coordinator and Resolution Amending Personnel Policy about the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, both to be sent to R and A.
- Akmal: Resolution Regarding Attire on the Senate Affair, to be sent to R and A.
- Nelson: Resolution Regarding Striking 9.13 from Fiscal Policy. Resolution Removing Repetitive Rules from House Rules Section 2.
- Hiett: Resolution Regarding Mandatory Drug Testing for all ASUM Senators, to be sent to R and A.
- Parsons: Resolution Regarding Legal Personnel, to be sent to R and A. Resolution Regarding Fiscal Policy 14.9, to be sent to B and F. Resolution Regarding Nepotism in the Workplace, to be sent to R and A.
- Corkish: Resolution Regarding ASUM Senate and Executive Use of the Costco Membership Card, to be sent to R and A.
- Milton: Resolution Regarding ASUM Stance on Fees Assessed to West Campus and Bitterroot College Students, to be sent to BMAC.
- Anderson: Resolution Amending House Rules, to be sent to R and A.
- Grewell: Resolution Cancelling the Kaimin, to be sent to R and A. Resolution Establishing the Griz Tea News Network, to be sent to BMAC.
- Danielle: Resolution Expanding Impeachable Offenses for Senators, to be sent to R and A.
- Davis: Resolution Creating a Networking Ad Hoc Committee, to be sent to R and A.
- Flanagan: Resolution Concerning Storing Nuclear Warheads on Campus, to be sent to R and A.

Comments

Motion to adjourn by Akmal. Seconded by Johnston. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:21pm.

Daisy Ward
ASUM Senate Secretary

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