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**ASUM Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, August 28, 2019**  
**UC 225, 6 p.m.**

Chair Hanley called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

Present: Senators; Akmal, Anderson, Brennan, Borghesani, Charpentier, Durnell, Flanagan, Fulton, Glueckert, Hahn, Johnston, Kalonde, Kiefer, Miranda, Nelson, Pfiefer, Powell, Ream, Schei, Tarallo, Thompson, and Willmus, Business Manager Parsons, Vice President Hanley, and President Belcher. Unexcused: Senator Carmichael.

**Approval of Minutes**

- Anderson-Akmal, Unanimous Consent was called. No objections or discussions.
  - Minutes Approved

**Public Comment**

- Kat Cowley- Student Coordinator, Food Pantry
  - Shared the present and future goals of the Food Pantry on campus.
- Sarah Poole- America Vista Member
  - Working to develop Food Pantry, and increase sustainability
    - Promotion and Fundraising, and Recruiting of Volunteers
  - Questions:
    - Sen. Miranda: Made a comment on her support for the Food Pantry. She goes on to thank Kat and Sarah on their good work.
    - Sen. Akmal: Is the Food Pantry working with Greek Life?
      - Food Pantry is willing to work with all students, and will accept help from any student group that would like to reach out.
    - Business Manager Parsons: What are the available grants?
      - Costco, Albertson's, Walmart, Montana Food Bank Network, reapply for funds Black Book Communications, creative fundraising

**President's Report**

- Camp Howard: Director of UM Dining
  - Shared the responsibilities of the director of UM Dining, and the goals and changes of UM Dining. To include:
    - Provide Food to student community, focus on student success.
    - Enrollment Dip
    - They rely on student input
    - Purchase Sustainable catering Bicycle
    - Going Straw less
    - Student Employees
    - Changes in Meal Plans
      - Food Zoo Exclusive
      - All Campus
      - Increased Flex dollar amount to \$200
      - Includes 5 guest meals

- Changed Food Zoo
  - Changing Food Zoo hours of operation :Closes at 5pm
  - Menu Changes
  - New ordering Kiosk
  - New ownership at Harvest
  - Secret Menu at Big Sky
    - Hit the logo on the app
  - New Dining Items
- Corner store
  - Big Dipper Ice Cream is now available
- Farm to Market
- Coffee Shop Changes
  - Menu Changes
- Heart and Soul Café
- Approved to Invest money in Corner Store Space
  - Renovation dining space of corner store
  - New flooring, furniture, lighting, and building of stage
- Questions:
  - Schei: She is excited about the changes to the corner store space. She feels this will give students, and students groups a place to meet, and utilize the stage area.
  - Flanagan: Will the renovations mean a change in hours to extend later in the evening?
    - Yes
  - Willmus: He feels that the new renovations will be very popular with the UM students.
  - Tarallo: He proposed a questions regarding the UM off campus market meal plan.
    - They need to balance the usability of Meal Plan Dollars.
  - Charpentier: Is there any consideration for students that live off campus in the current Meal Plans?
    - Build a committee for feasibility of this option.
  - Durnell: Regarding a concern for the plastic bag use.
    - The UM Dining is currently looking into multiple option for a sustainable bag that does not tear.
  - Akmal: In regards to the renovations with corner store is it going to affect other areas of the corner store?
    - Yes, the Dining area, and some of the previous student recreations areas will be affected by the renovations. UM Dining hopes to replace the furniture throughout the corner store space.
  - Nelson: When do renovations begin?
    - Renovations will be affecting the students this semester, as they are slotted to begin in late September, and early October
  - Nelson: Have you considered a full plastic ban? Is there a discount available for students bringing their own bag?

- Not available at this campus at the moment, but it is encouraged that students bring their own reusable bags.
    - The UM Dining does not currently use that many plastic bags.
  - Johnston: Made a comment regarding the Off-Campus Meal Plan that was available last year. He also proposes questions regarding marketing toward Graduate students and putting a Plastic Bag Tax in place in UM Dining?
    - The idea of a plastic bag tax has been mentioned, and it is a popular option in some states.
  - Johnston: Is UM Dining working with Sustainability Center to phase out plastic bags?
    - Yes, UM Dining has a great time engaging with students regarding these issues.
  - Tarallo: Mentions a recent study finding that paper bags create a larger carbon footprint than plastic bags. He posed questions regarding the continued use of plastic instead of paper because of the minimal use of the bags in general.
    - When talking about sustainability they must consider other issues, to include shipping.
  - Brennan: What food choices will be available in New Corner store?
    - No longer offering the deli options, but is hoping to expand on the other food options already available.
  - Flanagan: Is there any current campus collaboration with any agencies or student groups?  
Montana Food Bank, and Sustainability.
  - Charpentier: Is UM Dining planning on bringing back the food truck or the menu items that were offered on the food truck
    - There has been discussion in the past few weeks regarding maybe offering that menu in the new corner store space.
  - Durnell: Yielded his question.
- Information Item: SB09-19/20:Resolution Authorizing the Sale of UM Productions equipment to the Adams Center
  - Sheryl Brown, Adams Center General Manager
    - Student Internships
      - For information regarding student internships and opportunities contact the Adams Center
    - Purchase the UM Production's Share of mutually purchased equipment
      - Offer amount of \$34,731.00 not \$33,623.50
      - Hanley: Apologizes for the mistake on the last line of the resolution. The resolution is currently only an information item. Therefore, we can amend it before it is voted on in senate.
  - Questions:
    - Johnston: Is the new flooring going to affect concerts?
      - The new/refinished flooring will not affect concerts. They put down protective flooring for events.
    - Flanagan: Will the Adams Center host any guests of the Presidential Lecture Series?

- The Adams Center is currently looking into a few special guests, and we should look forward to some interesting events. However, it depends on the size of the building and the crowd size a perspective guest would bring.
  - Akmal: Can you disclose which guests you are currently looking into?
    - They are not currently able to disclose the potential guests at this time.
- Discussion on Information Item: Information Item: SB09-19/20: Resolution Authorizing the Sale of UM Productions equipment to the Adams Center
  - Johnston: The information item cannot be amended at this meeting, but the opportunity will be available at the next meeting.
  - Willmus: He feels that price seems very fair, and he feels that trying to get any more would make the negotiations on the price up to this point useless.
  - Parsons: Where will money go?
    - The money will be deposited into the UMP carryover account that pays a portion of Accountant Marlene's salary.
  - Durnell: Can this funding be used to fund student groups?
    - Can be used for student groups through a motion in final budgeting allocating these funds to student groups. Any other ideas can be proposed through a resolution.
  - Nelson: Is this resolution going through R&A?
  - Schei: Should this information item be titled SB02-19/20?
    - Hanley: The naming/ numbering of resolutions is by the Senate Secretary's discretion.
  - Belcher: Accountant Marlene has put a lot of effort in negotiating these prices and the resolution.
- SB05-19/20: Resolution Regarding Amending Personnel Policy to Include the UM Food Pantry
  - Belcher: She states the reason this resolution is in the President's Report and not going through to committee.
  - Willmus: Motion to amend line 15 so it reads two dollars. Motion fails.
  - Fiefer-Johnston, UC Called by Hanley: Motion to Amend Sponsorship so it reads ASUM.
  - Nelson: Why did Senator Willmus want to increase it to two dollars?
  - Willmus: He feels that the position should pay more.
  - Nelson: Do we have the authority and the budget for this type of amendment? Would it be consistent with other student wages?
    - Belcher: Coordinator Cowley wrote this resolution, and President Belcher is sponsoring it. Cowley's position is currently funded through grants, and she made the decision on the wages in the resolution. Yields to Cowley.
    - Cowley: There is currently no room in the budget for this position to offer a higher wage.
  - Akmal: Minimum wage plus one dollar is fair for several positions in Personnel Policy and it is the standard when a new position is created.
  - Resolution Passes 24Y-0N-0A in RCV.

- University Search Committee
  - Dean Searches
    - There are currently three Deans serving: Dean of College Humanities and Sciences, Dean of College of Business, and Dean of College of Media and Arts.
    - Anyone volunteering for these committees should expect a large time commitment
      - If you are interested pull up Qualtrics through Facebook Page
    - Johnston: Is a position within the Search Committees open to all student?
  - New Marketing Position through UM Online
    - Less time commitment
    - Contact President Belcher if you are interested
- Other
  - Melissa from Housing
    - Appoint Senator to Housing Appeal Committee
    - Meeting on Friday at 10 AM
  - Reminder of Office Hours
    - Monday and Wednesday from 3pm-5pm
    - Hanley: A reminder that Senators can contact any executive through the office hours

### **Vice Presidents Report**

- Committee Assignments
  - Johnston-Nelson, UC Called by Anderson: Motion to add himself to Sustainability Committee.
    - Motion Passes
  - Anderson-Belcher UC Called by Shei: Motion to correct spelling of Kausma so it reads Kausman in committee assignments.
    - Motion Passes
  - Akmal- Miranda UC Called by Anderson: Motion to approve Committee Assignments
    - Motion Passes
- University Committees
  - University Committee contact information updates
  - All Senators should expect emails tomorrow because they will all be Cc'd on emails to Committee Chairs.
  - Johnston: Where will we be able to find this information?
    - University Committee Website
  - Willmus: If you are looking up contact information through the University Committee Website be sure to pay attention to the dates listed under that contact, because some contacts have not been updated for a long time.
  - Borghesani: When is the deadline for Committee Chairs to announce committee meeting times?
    - Hanley: Is asking that Committee Chairs emails their members by the first week to establish a meeting time, and there is no strict deadline. However, most committee meeting times should be established by 2<sup>nd</sup> week. If your

committee required that your meeting times be established earlier, he has already spoken with those Committee Chairs.

- Freshman Seminar Updates
  - Ask that Senators consider being in Freshman Seminar.
    - Two Sections have not yet been filled
    - Counts as Upper Division Credit
  - Willmus: He makes a comment on the Freshman Seminar being a fun experience.
  - Akmal: If anybody knows of any other people, who maybe are not on ASUM, that may be interested please reach out to them.
- Office Hours
  - Do not start until next week
  - Upload Office Hour Task before next week
  - Glueckert: Is it okay to have committee meeting during office hours?
    - Hanley: Is asking as much as possible not to hold committee meeting during your office hours.
- Mentors
  - Please send VP Hanley an Email with top three choices before Friday
- Board of Regents
  - Sept 10-12
  - Please Email VP Hanley if you would like to attend
  - Leave by 2 o'clock on Tuesday and arriving back by 2 o'clock Thursday
  - President Belcher: She can write you an excusal from class if you wish to attend. Contact her for details.
- Akmal-Miranda UC Called by Willmus: Motion for a five-minute recess.
  - Motion Passes
- Called back to order at 7:14 pm
- Questions
  - Tarallo: Where is the livestream available?
    - VP Hanley: Livestream is available through ASUM YouTube Account, and a link is available on Facebook Page.
- SB02-19/20: Resolution Regarding the 2019-2020 ASUM Mission Statement
  - Executives Yield Authorship
  - Resolution Passes 19Y-0N-1A in RCV.
- SB03-19/20: Resolution Regarding the 2019-2020 ASUM Vision Statement
  - Executives Yield Authorship
  - Resolution Passes 24Y-0N-0A in RCV.
- SB04-19/20: Resolution Regarding the 2019-2020 ASUM Core Values
  - Executives Yield Authorship
  - Akmal-Willmus, UC Called by Anderson: Motion to amend line 11 to read 'core values' instead of 'mission statement.'
    - Motion Passes
  - Schei: Yielded her question
  - Johnston: Where will the Core Values be posted on our Facebook page?
    - Hanley: The Core Values will be posted in our description.
  - Resolution Passes 24Y-0N-0A

- SB06-19/20: Resolution Regarding Committee Minutes, Article IV, Section 1 of ASUM Bylaws
  - VP Hanley Yielded Authorship
  - Akmal-Anderson UC Called by Willmus: Move to amend lines 25-26 “whereas ASUM currently operates in the year 2019 where computers exist making paper less of a thing” so it reads “where documents are normally published digitally and ASUM is trying to use less paper.”
    - Motion Passes
  - Johnston: Why is Music Union President in send to line?
    - This is to update Committee Chairs that are not ASUM Senators. Therefore, VP Hanley did not include Chairs that were Senators.
  - Tarallo- Motion to amend line 25 “ASUM is trying to use less paper” as its own whereas clause
    - Motion Fails.
  - Flanagan: Regarding lines 40, 43, and 46, are the colons supposed to be semi colons?
    - Hanley: Lines 40, and 46 are supposed to be semi colons. Line 43 is supposed to be a colon.
  - Miranda-Belcher, UC called by Anderson. Motion to add a semi colon to end of line 40.
    - Discussion called by Senator Willmus.
    - Miranda: The semi colon is the correct format for a Resolution
    - Willmus: Multiple lines need a format correction; therefore, we should try to amend them all at once instead of one at a time.
    - Nelson: As the document stands line 40 is a blank line, adding a semi colon to a blank line is not in format.
    - Motion Passes
  - Schei-Anderson. UC Called by Nelson. Motions to remove semi colon from line 40, remove colon from line 39 and replace it with a semi colon.
    - Motion Passes
  - Nelson-Johnston UC Called by Anderson. Motion to create a blank line after line 40.
    - Motion Passes
  - Nelson-Shei. UC Called by Akmal. Motion to replace the colon on line 46 with a semi colon.
    - Motion Passes
  - Willmus: Is it supposed to be a colon or semi colon on line 35?
    - Hanley: It is supposed to be a colon.
  - Glueckert: Motion to remove the colon on line 43.
    - Motion Withdrawn
  - Resolution Passes 24Y-0N-0A in RCV.
- SB07-19/20: Resolution Regarding Office Hours in Article III, Section E of ASUM Bylaws
  - Hanley: This resolution is aligning with the current practice of ASUM and the current hours of operation for the ASUM office.
  - Miranda: Is the ASUM Office hours of operation 9-4?



- Hanley: The hours are 9-5
- Miranda: Question Regarding Line 13
- Belcher: Yielded her Question
- Nelson- Motion to Amend line 27 from '8-9' so it reads '8-4.'
  - Nelson: No where in current or previous Bylaws that state the office is open from 8-9 and she would like to limit/prevent confusion in the future.
  - Schei: Might be misreading the intent of the line
  - Motion Withdrawn
- Anderson-Glueckert, UC Called by Belcher. Move to amend line 27 so it reads '8am-9am'
  - Motion Passes
- Resolution Passes 24Y-0N-0A in RCV.
- Committee Reports
  - University Committee Report
    - VP Hanley is currently serving on the Director of Prestigious Scholarships, which is a new position being hired. This position is being housed within the Davidson Honors College, and meant to serve every University of Montana Student.
    - Currently they are done with interviews and should be making a hire soon.
- Other
  - Only contact VP Hanley through ASUM email, ASUM office phone, or cell phone for ASUM business.
  - Please Cc VP Hanley in ASUM committee emails and add him on committee Facebook groups, so that he can track Committee attendance.
    - Flanagan: Are we required to have Facebook group?
    - Hanley: It is not required to have a Facebook group. Highly recommend sending emails regarding committee information.
    - Tarallo: Where can we find the ASUM Office numbers?
      - Find Executives office numbers on the executives' doors, and online in contact information.

## **Business Manager's Report**

**Zero-Base Carryover:** \$145,395.99

**S.T.I.P.:** \$219,951.06

**Special Allocation:** \$35,959.00

**Union Emergency:** \$21,480.40

**Travel Allocation:** \$6,000.00

- Zero-Base Request Form: ASUM Child Care
  - The ASUM Child Care was running in \$55,000 deficit due to asbestos.
  - Senate and B&F could not convene so Zero-Base transfer was approved by BM Parsons
  - Willmus: Supports the request. Is it possible to make a list of what is being bought available?

- Accountant Marlene tracked all the purchases going toward the deficit, and the list will be made available.
  - Tarallo: Would it be possible to transfer money from UM Productions center to Zero-Base? What is the procedure to do so?
    - Senate can decide later what to do with the money regarding the Adams Center and UM Productions.
  - Flanagan: Supports the request. What would happen if we struck this down?
    - Parsons: Governing documents are extremely unclear regarding this matter. However, should this request get struck down; we should expect that ASUM Child Care pay back the funds.
  - Akmal: Yielded her question
  - Johnston: Yielded his question
  - Anderson: Supports the request. She has a child in the ASUM Child Care system during the asbestos crisis and elaborates on the amount of damage the contamination caused.
  - Willmus: Points out that community has just been added to the ASUM Core Values, and states that ASUM Child Care is an important part of the ASUM community. Supports the request.
  - Zero-base Request Passed 23Y-0N-1A in RCV.
- SB08-19/20: Resolution Amending Hybrid Reimbursement Rates in Travel Requests
  - The reason this resolution did not go through committee is because it is amending the structure of the travel requests, and travel deadlines are due on September 13, 2019.
  - The original guidelines are an unenforceable rule.
  - Akmal: There is always a lot of personal vehicle request during the travel requests. There is also a lot of confusion regarding the hybrid versus personal vehicle distinction. She supports the resolution.
  - Fulton: Yielded his question.
  - Johnston: Supports the resolution
  - Willmus: The Definition of a hybrid vehicle does not necessarily mean electric-gas hybrids. Therefore, the language in this rule is not always logical. Supports the resolution.
  - Nelson: Does striking the hybrid rate in our policy violate State Fiscal Policy?
  - Belcher: If we offer an option for hybrid vehicles it must be at this rate, but it does not have to be an option that is offered through travel requests.
  - Anderson: Is there a reason the Student Group Coordinator was left off the sent to line?
  - Anderson-Akmal, UC Called by Willmus, Discussion called by Nelson. Motion to amend line 39 to remove period after Office Manager, add a semi colon, and add comma Kenzie Carter, Student Group Coordinator to send to line
    - Anderson: Kenzie Carter is a direct line to the students, and it would be easier if she was aware of this resolution as it happens so that she can better assist the student groups.
    - Johnston-Hanley, UC Called by Shei, Discussion called by Nelson: Motion to remove the 'and' in sent to line.
    - Motion Passes

- Akmal-Shei, UC Called by Hanley: Motion to add 'and' before Kenzie Carter, Student Group Coordinator in sent to line
  - Motion Passes
- Nelson-Akmal, UC Called by Anderson. Motion to amend line 33 to capitalize fiscal policy.
  - Motion Passes
- Resolution Passes 24Y-0N-0A in RCV.
- Committee Reports
  - B&F
    - 2:30pm of Fridays seems to be the best time to meet.
  - Pub Board and Radio Board
- Other
  - Office Hours are changing
    - Tuesdays/Thursday 9am-12pm
    - Fridays 10am-12pm
- Birthdays
- Belcher-Anderson, UC Called by Akmal. Motion for five-minute recess.
- Called back to order at 8:06 pm
- Pickled Egg Incident

### **Committee Reports**

- Verbal Committee Reports will no longer be accepted in Senate meetings.
- Anderson:
  - University Committee Reports
    - Grad Council 12pm
    - Student conduct Code 2pm Friday
- Akmal: R&A email sent out
- Shei: Marketing and Outreach email sent out

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **New Business**

- Nelson: To be sent to R&A
  - Resolution Establishing the Constitution Revision Ad Hoc Committee
- Brennan: To be sent to R&A
  - Resolution Addressing the Mental Health Crisis at the University of Montana
  - Resolution Establishing the Mental Health Advocacy and Education Ad Hoc Committee

#### **Comments**

Motion to adjourn by Akmal. Seconded by Anderson. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Anna-Marie David  
ASUM Senate Secretary