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Associated Students  
University of Montana

ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
February 7, 1996  
Mount Sentinel Room

Suite 105  
University Center

Missoula, MT 59812  
(406) 243-2451

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - January 31, 1996
4. Public Comment
5. President's Report
  - a. Committee Appointments
  - b. Other
6. Vice President's Report
  - a. General Announcements
7. Business Manager's Report
  - a. Budgeting Forum
  - b. Budgeting FY'97
  - c. Other
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
  - a. SB22-95/96 Resolution to Support 120 Credit Graduation Requirement
10. New Business
  - a. SB21-95/96 Childcare Resolution
  - b. SB23-95/96 Resolution to Advocate An Inquiry into the University Administrative Financial Actions
  - c. SB24-95/96 Resolution to Oppose A 144 Credit Cap
  - d. SB25-95/96 Resolution to Support A 156 Credit Cap
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

February 7, 1995

SENATE MEMBERS

ELDENA BEAR DON'T WALK

SCOTT CARLSON

TOM DONNELLY

ROBERT ERICKSON

JENNIFER HENRY

AARON HOLTAN

JEREMY HUETH

VINCE IACOPINI

GREGORY INGRAM

RONALD KELLEY

MICHELLE LASKA

SEAN MALOON

MICHAEL MATHERN

KEVIN MCCOLLY

JEFF MERRICK

CORY RIGLER

LEWIS RUSK

JOSH STICKA

DERRICK SWIFT-EAGLE

MATTHEW ZIGLAR

Ben Wobker  
matt thimanezASUM OFFICERS

MATT LEE

President

DANA SHONK

Vice-President

JASON THIELMAN

Business Manager

ROLL  
CALL

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FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR KIA

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES  
February 7, 1996  
Mt. Sentinel Room

Chair Shonk called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Present: Lee, Shonk, Thielman, Bear Don't Walk, Carlson, Donnelly, Erickson, Henry, Hueth (6:10), Iacopini, Ingram, Kelley, Maloon, Mathern, McColly, Merrick (6:26), Rigler (6:09), Rusk, Shimanek, Sticka, Swift-Eagle, Wobker and Ziglar.

The minutes of the Jan. 13, 1996, meeting were approved with the correction that Rigler's absence was excused.

#### Public Comment

\*Student Michael Sweeney read a prepared statement opposing the handling of the KYI-YO organization's problems.

\*The U of M Human Rights Coalition, represented by the African-American Student Association, Lambda Alliance, Women's Center, Student Social Work Association, Kyi-yo, Sexual Assault Recovery Service and the Women's Law Caucus, spoke against the handling of the KYI-YO organization problems.

The Chair recognized Merrick's arrival.

\*Student Dennis Tyrrell addressed the minutes of the Board of Member Organizations' meeting held at 8 p.m. Sunday, February 4th to address KYI-YO's problems. He said it should have been a public meeting and that actions taken should be considered void if it was a private meeting. He stated that he believed the actions taken are illegal and asked that the minutes be struck.

\*Chad Simons, President of The University of Montana Wind Ensemble, announced that the group has received the honor of being invited to the College Band Directors' Association 1996 Conference in Reno, Nevada. The purpose of the Association is to preserve and promote the arts, specifically music. Simons noted that the Ensemble is requesting some financial support from ASUM and hoped Senate would give favorable consideration to the request.

#### President's Report

- a. The following committee appointment was approved by Senate: UC Board - Ben Wobker.
- b. Senate approved the nomination of Matt Shimanek for the vacant Senate seat. Assistant Dean Couture swore him in.
- c. A slate of committee appointments was offered by Lee. A motion by **Kelley-Henry** to consider each appointment separately passed. Senate approved the following appointments as individually voted upon: ASUM Affairs - Monica Hart, Matt Shimanek; Athletic Committee - Dar Gibson.
- d. A motion by **Mathern-Thielman** to appoint Jennifer Henry to Chair of ASUM Affairs to replace Bear Don't Walk as Chair passed. Bear Don't Walk will continue to be a member of the committee.
- e. Lee spoke on the KYI-YO issue.
- f. A motion by **Lee-McColly** to take a 15-minute break to allow the Kaimin to take a picture of Senate members passed.

Fifteen-minute break

#### Vice-President's Report

- a. Shonk reminded Senate that Legislator's Day will be held this Friday and encouraged Senate's participation.
- b. Shonk told Senators that attendance is mandatory at the lobbying sessions, and that they should mark their calendars now so that they will be available.

- c. Shonk defended Board of Member Organizations' action with regard to KYI-YO. He stressed that the group's constitutional infractions need to be addressed to settle the conflict, and BOM is only helping the rectify the problems by setting criteria.
- d. ASUM Resolution Officer John Zimmerling called attention to today's Kaimin article reporting a student's loss of over \$2,000. He indicated his desire to help and encouraged Senate to help come up with an idea to do so - preferably as a group.

#### Business Manager's Report

- a. A help forum for FY97 budgeting will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Mt. Sentinel Room. Thielman requested Senate's attendance.
- b. Lobbying will be held February 26-March 1, the final session to be held only if needed. Thielman explained the lobbying process and timing and reminded Senate that attendance is mandatory.
- c. This year's allocation figure is \$591,000, approximately 1% less than last year.

#### Committee Reports

- a. Shonk reminded Senate that committee chairs are to meet in his office at approximately 5:15 p.m. tomorrow (Thursday).
- b. Donnelly announced that SPA meets Tuesdays at 5 p.m.
- c. Kelley reported that ITPAC meets Tuesday at 3 p.m. in LA137. A definition of technologies for the next three years was determined for budgeting use.
- d. Kelley noted that the Computer Fee Committee, which meets Fridays at 4 p.m. in UC207A, is discussing proposal requests.
- e. Erickson noted that UC Board will meet Friday at 3 p.m. in UC207A. They will be discussing vacant tenant space, UC pub proposal and organization tenancy.
- f. Henry reported that ASUM Affairs gave SB22 a no pass recommendation.
- g. Swift-Eagle offered Japan Club for recognition. A motion by **Carlson-Erickson** objecting to consideration failed. **Kelley-Carlson** moved to recommit Japan Club recognition to BOM with instructions to the group to clarify their constitution. An objection to consideration of the motion by **Henry-Erickson** passed. A call of previous question by **Lee-Bear Don't Walk** passed. Upon immediate vote the recognition passed.
- h. Rusk apologized for the lack of a University Affairs meeting this semester and noted there will be one soon.
- i. Maloon reported that COT's new meeting time will be Friday at 9 a.m. They will discuss COT credits applicable to main campus and various money matters.
- j. A motion to adjourn by **Iacopini-Ziglar** failed.
- k. Hueth, as Elections Chair, asked for input from Senators.

#### Unfinished Business

- a. SB22-95/96 Resolution to Support 120 Credit Graduation Requirement (Exhibit A). A call of previous question by **Lee-Swift Eagle** failed. There was objection to **Rigler** calling question. A call of previous question by **Kelley-Thielman** passed. Upon immediate vote, the resolution passed.

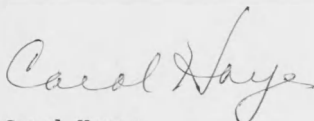
#### New Business

- a. Resolution to endorse Study Brake
- b. Resolution for ASUM to sponsor petition to overturn University Parking District
- c. A motion by **Henry-Hueth** to suspend House Rules to consider SB21-95/96 failed.

- d. A motion was made by **Kelley-Carlson** to remove Swift Eagle (BOM chair) and others on the committee with conflict of interest in the KYI-YO matter. An objection to consideration by **Bear Don't Walk** passed.
- e. A motion by **Donnelly-McColly** to suspend House Rules to discuss SB23-95/96 passed. A motion by **Henry-Iacopini** to send SB23-95/96 to committee passed.
- f. Resolution to object to actions of BOM Chair Swift Eagle
- g. Resolution to remove BOM Chair Swift Eagle from the position
- h. Resolution to impeach BOM Chair Swift Eagle for actions taken regarding KYI-YO
- i. Resolution to review BOM Chair Swift Eagle's actions regarding KYI-YO

**Comments**

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.



Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager

## RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT 120 CREDIT GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS: Currently, 11.8% of UM students graduate in four years,

WHEREAS: The cost of 10 credits is \$1,053.75 for In-State students and \$2781.75 for Out-of-State students,

WHEREAS: The mean for 4-year degrees at other universities across the nation is 120 credits,

WHEREAS: The average number of credits required in majors is 38 credits and general education/perspective requirements average 46 credits (combined they equal 84 credits),

WHEREAS: There is a 47-credit cap for majors at The University of Montana,

WHEREAS: The 10 credits subtracted from the graduation requirements would be taken off of the perspectives' requirements, not majors' requirements,

WHEREAS: Courses are over-crowded and students are unable to add courses as easily,

WHEREAS: Commissioner Jeff Baker's proposal to the Regents will allow for exceptions for majors in which it is necessary for students to take more than 47 credits,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved that:

The ASUM Senate supports the section of Commissioner of Higher Education Jeff Baker's Phase II plan which lowers the graduation requirements from 130 credits to 120 credits.

Authored by Gregg Ingram-ASUM Senator

Passed  
2/7/96