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Chair Hanley called the meeting to order at 6:53 pm. Present: Senators; Brennan, Borghesani, Durnell, Flanagan, Fulton, Glueckert, Hahn, Hurley, Jimmie, Johnston, Kiefer, Nelson, Powell, Ream, Tarallo, Thompson, Willmus, Business Manager Parsons, Vice President Hanley, President Belcher. Senators Akmal, and Kalonde were absent and excused. Senator Anderson was absent and unexcused.

Approval of Minutes – October 9, 2019

a. Flanagan- Tarallo- UC Called Motion to approve minutes
   a. Motion passes

Public Comment

a. Pokémon Go Club-
   a. Fundraiser last weekend
   b. Raised 130 dollars
   c. Special Allocation Request
   d. Spent more to follow Montana Health Guidelines
   e. Went to B&F about request increase

President’s Report

a. Survey Results
   a. Review Survey Results from Qualtrics
   b. Flanagan: Was this also sent to alumni?
      i. It was sent to anyone with an active account
   c. Tarallo: What percentage of the student body responded?
      i. About 650 responses
   d. Willmus: Where do the Missoula College students go?
      i. They were included in undergraduates
   e. Pfeifer: In reflection part of the survey, did they mention what technological improvements they would like to see?
      i. We will get to that further down in the report
   f. Qualitative Responses
      i. Parking
      ii. Gender neutral bathrooms
      iii. Music building
      iv. Wifi Access
      v. Day-care
      vi. Enrollment
      vii. Raw Food
viii. Satanic Symbol on Hello walk

g. Flanagan: Will you email us more information?
   i. Yes

h. Pfeifer: Has the University responded yet to these responses
   i. They are compiling all the data

b. Committee Reports
   a. Marketing Coordinator for UM Online
   b. New Student Orientation Action Committee
      i. Summer Orientation
      ii. First Week July 6
      iii. Two welcome opportunities
      iv. Not finalized yet
      v. Johnston: Is this going to interfere with the Big Sky Experience
         1. No this is for students that begin in the summer semester

vi. Schedule of Orientation
   1. Condensed from 7 to 5 days
   2. Glueckert: Did you mention to them about Veterans Orientation being cut
   3. Flanagan: Any correspondence with Food Zoo about opening earlier for the orientation
      a. Belcher: I believe the food zoo is already open sooner during that time.
   4. Johnston: Is there consideration about the move in being on the weekend
      a. It was moved to Monday based on the survey results from freshman this year.

5. c. Online Public Comment
   a. Willmus: Agrees with Ms. Ward. This cost couldn’t possibly be justified
   b. Durnell: My concern is that she hasn’t gotten a solid answer regarding this issue yet.
   c. Flanagan: We should be rewarding students for the initiative
   d. Flanagan: Is there any way that the this office is charging students without expressed consent from the DOR
      i. Not meant to charge students this way, but the wording allows it
   e. Kiefer: Agrees with Ms. Ward.
   f. Powell: I can ask Provost Harbor about this issue
   g. Durnell: Does anyone knew any more information about the staff members job specifics
   h. Willmus: How much influence does ASUM have over policy at the Registrar’s office
   i. Flanagan: Is it possible for anyone to bring up this issue at November 1 BOR
      i. I will discuss it with Provost Harbor

d. Other
   a. Kelly Webster, Blog Post
   b. Dining, Nov 7, sensory dinner
i. Looking for 7-8 people
ii. Contact President Belcher for more information

Vice President’s Report

a. Committee Updates
   a. Parsons- Johnston UC Called by : Move to change Adrian Donald to Adrian Smith
      i. Motion passes
   b. Pfeiffer-Glueckert- Motion to change yellow to green
      i. Motion passes
   c. Glueckert- Pfeifer UC Called motion to remove Melissa Glueckert form Gen Ed
      i. Motion Passes
   d. Glueckert-Pfeifer. UC Called by Belcher. Motion to approve committee assignments
      i. Motion passes
b. Soup Wednesday
   a. Oct 23
   b. Payne Native American Student Center

c. University Committees Contact
   a. Build Master List for all people on the committee
   b. Documents started in helpful documents folder

d. Committee Reports
   a. Executive Director of Mansfield Center
   b. ASCRC
      i. Provost office reinstate winter session
         1. Subcommittee under ASCRC to decide on this
         2. Study Abroad
         3. Student Teaching
         4. Working to solve logistic issues
      ii. Approve Multidisciplinary BA Major
      iii. Innovation Certificate
      iv. Writing Committee
         1. AP English Lit and Writing Exams
      v. Questions:
         1. Thompson: When was winter session used on campus?
            a. Hanley: Remembers there were some classes during my freshman year
            b. Only paying Winter Session Fee
         2. Willmus: Does this extend Winter Break?
a. Very unclear about the trajectory of these sessions yet
b. Opened up for general discussion
c. Purpose of the sub committee

3. Johnston: Do we have to be on ASCRC to be on subcommittee?
   a. No

4. Johnston: Is there talks about putting ASUM fee on winter sessions?
   a. Fee Schedule set in place for summer session
   b. Assumes that will be discussed later

5. Belcher: Opposed toward bringing winter session back
   a. University lost a lot of money
   b. Flexible options with department
   c. Problem with retention of students not coming back after winter break.

6. Fulton: Likes the winter session for education majors

7. Nelson: What was the vote for Multidisciplinary?
   a. Unanimous

8. Flanagan: When will Multidisciplinary be available to students?
   a. It could be offered this spring. Not sure.

9. Flanagan: Can you talk more about the innovation certificate, and why is was so contentious?
   a. A lot to do with how the courses were set up
   b. Capstones
   c. Funding Model

10. Willmus: Regarding Winter Session, What data has been gathered so far?
    a. Looking through old data
    b. Analysis on winter session in 2015
    c. Best practice across nation
    d. Feedback from campus

11. Willmus: Might want to keep a change in student demographics might have been the issue

12. Johnston: Supports Winter for online classes

13. Johnston: Belcher, can you expand on your concerns regarding winter session?
    a. Belcher: Yes
       i. Lack of interest in winter time
ii. Fears that students won’t sign up
iii. Lengthening winter break might make it inaccessible for low income students
iv. Those students might be at risk for not returning
14. Tarallo: Shares Belcher’s concerns about winter sessions, will only serve a minority of the students
15. Kiefer: Agrees with a limited Winter Session
16. Glueckert: Agrees with the Winter Session
   a. Only some classes that are only offered in winter and summer
17. Fulton: Comments on Multidisciplinary and how they did not target transfer students
18. Belcher: Has discussion have been about keeping the winter break the same length but having credit earning opportunities
   a. No directive yet from the provost office
19. Nelson: With Winter Session I know transportation had problems for drivers for that semester.
20. Willmus: Could limit job opportunities in the spring semester for students
21. Johnston: Loves the idea of winter session
22. Jimmie: Will financial aid cover costs of winter sessions
23. Nelson: With multidisciplinary for language changes, why did we not see it in Gen Ed before it went to ASCRC
   a. I don’t know
vi. Director of Prestigious Scholarships
   1. Both applicants declined the job
   2. New search starts soon

ek. Other
   a. Halloween Costumes
      i. Deadline Oct 23
      ii. Email VP, Secretary, and Gwen Goon
   b. Office Hour Reminder
      i. Check in with Ethan for Office Hour Assignments
      ii. Email Ethan if you can’t come to your office hour
   c. Flanagan: Where can we find our office hour?
      i. Helpful Documents folder
   d. Flanagan- Tarallo: Move to overturn decision of chair regarding impeachment decision
i. Flanagan: Would like to change it to 1 ½ absence
ii. Hanley: Did not want to completely reset absences, and I found the one full absence as fair, feels that you should be held accountable if you are absent
iii. Fulton: Supports the 1 ½ absences
iv. Hanley: Thought the full absence was my compromise, and I thought was a good cushion for senators
v. Motion Fails 7-10-3 vote
e. Borghesani: Does the 3 absences count for the semester or the year?
i. Hanley: The semester

Business Manager’s Report

Zero-Base Carryover: $143,924.99
S.T.I.P.: $219,904.38 ($2,720)
Special Allocation: $19,542.40 ($110)
Fall Emergency Travel Allocation: $3,046.55 ($1,064)
Union Emergency: $6,000.00

a. Postpone Financial requests for this week
b. Student Group Coordinator Position
   1. Putting forward resolution later
   2. Belcher: Created MOU
c. Dennison Theater Event Funds
   1. Last year agreement with Dennison Theater
   2. 5000 available
   3. B&F will be discussing on Friday
d. Committee Reports
   1. Sports Union
      i. No coordinator appointed yet
      ii. Open up to student body at large
   2. B&F
      i. Rental Policies
      ii. Dennison Theater
   3. Radio Board
      i. Hired new GM for KBGA
   4. Pub Board
      i. Meeting next week
   5. RCSF
      i. Meeting Next Week
   6. Student Instructional Fee Committee
   7. UBC Sub Committee
      i. Academic Budget Review
e. Birthdays
   1. All birthdays moved to next week or Halloween
f. Other

Committee Reports
1. Flanagan:
   a. Library Committee
      i. Looking for feedback on Diversity Committee
   b. Board on Member
      i. Flanagan-Fulton Motion to Approve provisionally student groups as slate
      ii. Motion Passes
2. Nelson:
   a. Gen Ed

Unfinished Business
a. SB16-19/20: Resolution Regarding Expectations for Student Group Leaders
   a. Parsons- Fulton UC Called. Motion to postpone to next meeting
   b. Motion passes
b. SB17-19/20: Resolution Establishing Student Group Leader Removal Process
   a. Parsons-Willmus UC Called, Motion to postpone to next meeting
   b. Motion Passes
   c. SB18-19/20: Resolution Amending the ASUM Personnel Policy to Reflect Gender Neutral Pronouns
      a. Hurley: Compelling interest to fix issues with binary gender pronouns
      b. Willmus-Tarallo UC Called. Discussion Called by Belcher. Motion to postpone to next meeting
         i. Belcher: Think we should just vote on this resolution
         ii. Durnell: Agreeing with just passing this resolution, charge is in interest
         iii. Fulton: Previous Question
            1. Motion Passes
            iv. Motion Fails 4-15-1
   c. Johnston: Really well written. Recommends passing this resolution.
   d. Johnston: Previous Question
      i. Motion Passes 16-3-1
   e. Resolution passes 16Y-2N-2A
   d. SB19-19/20: Resolution Amending Inventory & Rental Processes in Fiscal Policy
      a. Tarallo-Willmus UC Called by Borgehsani Discussion Called by Flanagan; Motion to postpone till next week.
         i. Nelson: Would like to see a little discussion before we postpone
         ii. Durnell: Instant tabling of the resolution seems to be what’s rushing
         iii. Willmus: Previous Question
1. Motion Passed
   iv. Motion Fails 8-10-2
   b. Flanagan: Could you explain some of the issues with inventory and rental
      i. Parsons: Did not accurately represent new changes
   c. Johnston: Supports the Resolution
d. Resolution Passes 18Y-0N-2A
e. SB20-19/20: Resolution Regarding Student Group Travel Requests for Funding Airfare
   a. Glueckert-Willmus. UC Called. Motion to postpone to next week
   b. Motion Passes

New Business
1. Belcher: Resolution supporting the creation of an emergency grant program at UM to be sent to R&A
   a. Programs are for students for unexpected financial hardships
   b. Very simple to just create the program
   c. Formalize student support for this program
2. Fulton: Resolution to change Music Organization to Student Music Union to be sent to R&A
   a. They no longer use this name, and identify as Music
3. Parsons: Resolution Amending the student group coordinator position in Personnel Policy to be sent to R&A
4. Hahn: Resolution to amend ASUM Bylaws to formally recognize Missoula College West Campus under the Bitterroot-Missoula Affairs Committee to be sent to BMAC and R&A

Fulton-Willmus UC Called. Motion to Adjourn.
Motion Passes
Meeting Adjourned at 8:33pm