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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
UC 225- 6pm

Chair Hanley called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.


APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 13, 2019
   a. Johnston-Tarallo UC Called Minutes approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

   a. Levi Bessette – Narcotics Anonymous: We usually have a liaison to the senate, but we have a request. We [Narcotics Anonymous – NA] are not a student group, but we provide a service for the university and we’re hung up on the rules for the banner. We get why the rules are in place, but we feel that our service has life-saving ability; we’d like the community to know when our meetings are. We now have a permanent place in the Lomasson Center and it’s important that we hold our meetings. It’s free to the public, and many students have been successful and been able to graduate. People are alive because of our meeting’s availability. If they don’t know when and where the meetings are, we can’t help these people. We understand there’s a grey area, but we’d like some help to provide a safe environment. I appreciate what you guys [Senate] do [does]. We’re one of the only universities in the country to have a [NA] group on campus. We’d like to keep the momentum going.
      a. Belcher: I’d like to thank you for talking to us. I admire your consistency and productivity. I’ll email you tomorrow on how to come up with some solutions
      b. Tarallo: Have you asked Curry [Health Center] for help in this?
         i. NA: We’ve spoken with them, and they’re supportive in making it known we offer this on campus, but other than that we don’t need much. We’re a part of everything we possibly can be to get the message out. We work with the Department of Public Health too. Hundreds of lives are able to live because of what we do.
c. Flanagan: Do you have membership requirements to become a student group?
   i. NA: [No], But we don’t qualify for these things because we don’t take money and because of anonymity it’s hard to give a list of members. Part of what helps is knowing you can be a faceless dude. I’ve been a senator, so I’m trying to use what I know, and the least we can do is keep things going.
   ii. Flanagan: I’d love to be your liaison if you leave your contact information.

d. Sladich: At the beginning of the freshmen year we get a bunch of packets about resources on campus and it would be great if you could be snuck into those packets.
   i. NA: Yeah. The biggest problem is, despite that we’ve been around for 3 years, no one knows we exist.

e. Akmal: If you could get your resources included in this, that would be great.

f. Tarallo: Would the ASUM business office be open to putting their business cards on the front desk?
   i. Belcher: We’d have to talk with our office [people].

b. Rachel Miles – Physical Therapy Student Association: I had a question about the resolution about the course agreement resolution you’re voting on. How will that affect our group and its funding?
   a. Parsons: We’re looking at the requirements to join your group. But a prerequisite [course] can’t be taking or have taken a specific class [to be a member or limit membership]. Your governing docs looked good.
   b. Danielle Pease: I saw that you have a few bills that I agree with in spirit. I’d like to give a speech that I’d like entered into the public record.
     a. Belcher: A trigger warning was given regarding trauma from sexual harassment and assault.
     b. Pease: *Please see Exhibit A as an attachment – This language was provided post meeting to the Vice President of ASUM and entered into the record accordingly*

I gave that speech before J. Doe and I am a victim in DC-32-2018-0000406-IN, State of Montana v. Patrick Macbean Owen and the criminal justice system in Montana. Sexual violence doesn’t just stop on the oval. I graduated in May, and in June, I got a trial date. I got a call from my attorney asked if I would take $20,000 in exchange for a misdemeanor. I pushed, and at the trial, they didn’t have enough to prove intent. The defense attorney asked demoralizing questions. The prosecutor told me we were going to have the case dismissed because of the discrepancies. It is critical that you include misdemeanors in your resolution, which can be just as heinous against people as felonies.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

1. Paul Lasiter - VP of Operations and Finance
   a. Debt Restructure-Spending Priorities Discussion
b. VP Lasiter: Thanks for having me. Just to give an update on requests for approval, just a bit of where we are. We are in a pretty good position. We have capital to invest. We don’t have authority to invest in all the ways we want to. We have to have authority to invest in state owned facilities. Currently, we have about a million and half dollars to invest with authority. We think we might get another 8 million if the legislature approves it. We have 63 million today, but if I only have 9 and a half million in authority, we have to spend on state-funded assets. There are exceptions were we could gain authority over more if we invest in some enterprise. We have buckets we can put it in. Thank you so much for participating in the surveys we sent out. Great responses from students and staff. We sourced where we might gain the most impact. I was expecting the results to be fairly varied between students and staff. I though you all would put money in the dorms, campus rec, etc. But you didn’t. You wanted more instructional space. Students were thinking very consistently with faculty. The top 5 categories did involve those other areas, but sustainability was also involved. We can’t spend all on sustainability, we need something back right away. With our initial assessment, and our authority, and brought several items before the board. There were 5 facilities-related, but only 2 were directly related to the board. We asked for the authority to help with the campus master plan. We want to go through a really in-depth process to get the most from every consistency. To spend about 400,000 on research. 63 million sounds like a lot to you and me, but it’s not in the grand scheme of things. We need high value and high impact. We asked for a million in bonds for the combined heat power plant. It’s not a perfect solution; it’s still burning fossil fuels, but we’re doing that now. We’d like to get twice as much bang for every unit we burn though. We could effectively get all the electricity we need and dramatically reduce our carbon footprint. The idea is we could reduce economic cost and our carbon footprint. This could be cash flow positive to the tune of 250,000 to 500,000 and we could invest that in something that helps more directly. We’d have the authority to spend 16 million on this. I’ve received emails against this, and I loved it. Unfortunately, the technology they [the emails] talked about isn’t here today. The life is about 20 years, and we’ll have taken the steps we could now, and we can change it then. We also asked for money to renovate Panzer Hall. This would happen anyways though. Housing was going to use their own money for this. Why? There’s all sorts of health and safety problems that need taking care of. We made the case that we should take this to the next level that will help us market the university. It’s not the end, but we need to start. Rankin hall deserves to be upgraded and we have donor support for that. The project could range from half a million to 5 million, if the funding materializes. The last thing was for the Montana Heritage Pavillion. It would be a temporary home for our artifacts in a location that is inviting to the community; We asked for permission to explore that. I’ve been at two city council meetings on that topic. Varied levels of response. They feel the Tramper house should stay, but others are enthusiastic in renovating that side of campus. I think that’s it. Hopefully the request for the two related to the bonds have already gone out and hope to get started with that as soon as possible. We want to begin the master plan process on that.
1. Johnston: As much as I would love the campus to be completely green, what is the payback schedule on the heating plant?
   i. VP Lasiter: It’s about a ten year payback. We’d save about a million and a half a year. We would have to incur new personnel costs. How we get to those savings, the financing from the bonds will depend on a debt service of about 900,000 a year. We’ll see how close we are. Obviously things change every day. The payback on solar doesn’t make economic sense, despite how much I love it. To leverage it with tax breaks and such it might be a better solution from an environmental standpoint, but we’d have to fill 81 Ovals to power campus. One day, it will be more efficient, and its not too far away, but its not here today.
   1. Johnston: I think it’s the best decision for the university. Will you be taking student input in the consulting process?
     i. VP Lasiter: Absolutely. We want to engage you robustly.

2. Corkish: I am so excited for this. I just wanted to bring up our stars rating and how the fund would impact that?
   i. VP Lasiter: I wish Eva was here; I’m an accountant. Every indication is positive, but there’s a variability in how good it is.

3. Flanagan: What is the fire safety issue with Panzer and do other buildings have this issue?
   i. VP Lasiter: It’s some panel issue, but I can’t speak on the specificity for it. I don’t know about the other buildings. The majority of the cost is for that panel. I didn’t mention that I made a bold statement about Panzer having the fastest internet access on campus at BOR. We’re going to make that happen.
   1. Flanagan: I know the university made a goal to be carbon neutral by 2030, but are we not going to be able to make that goal?
     i. VP Lasiter: There’s absolutely a desire to get there. That isn’t something we should abandon, but making it by 2030 would be extremely hard. We’d need donors to step in to make that happen. I can’t take your money and get further in debt in good conscious. It has to be now and in the future. This is not the end, I promise you. We will make this as efficient as possible. We do have a donor interested in putting solar on the library, but we need a new roof for that. We just need the right level of support. This is a big first step with a big impact.

4. Akmal: I’m very excited about Rankin Hall. I have concerns with the idea of a showcase dorm. There’s issues with other dorm though. The idea of wanting to spend on aesthetic updates is problematic. There’s issues with everything. It might be a classist issue as well. But Panzer is more
expensive anyways. I’m just concerned it would just be the rich kid dorm. It would be better to continually upgrade all the dorms

i. VP Lasiter: This is not the end, just the beginning. We could put a lot of paint and carpet in the dorms and it doesn’t change them all that much. It’s lipstick on a pig. We need a whole new animal. We have to start somewhere and we aren’t going to abandon improvements in other dorms, but if we’re going to make improvements it needs to be significant. We need something marketable too. Your points are well and valid.

5. Durnell: ON the student survey, the ones that need more investment, the big thing was the bathrooms. Have you made any direct comments?

i. VP Lasiter: Yeah, no comments were made.

1. Durnell: The reason some people are upset about the renovations is that Panzer is the smallest and most expensive dorm on campus. There’s only a few who get that leg up when many dorms aren’t livable. We need to focus these investments to guarantee every student a place to live. How is that going to happen?

i. VP Lasiter: Money and more students.

1. Durnell: We have money now

6. Rinck: It seems that sustainability can be its own marketability tool. We’d be spending three times more and Panzer than Rankin Hall when Rankin has all those environmental offices

i. Lasiter: Rankin has a much bigger range than Panzer does.

1. Rinck: What’s being addressed in Rankin?

i. VP Lasiter: Accessibility issues. Just beginning to address them would absorb the entire budget. I don’t want to be a downer, but there are a lot of great places to invest.

7. Johnston: Thanks for all you’ve done at UM. I think the music building could use some upgrades. I am not a music student. I’d like it if they had a place to go with their assets.

8. Jimmie: I was wondering what is the current carbon footprint for UM?

i. VP Lasiter: I don’t know that.

9. Johnston: We tried to talk before the decision was made. My plan kind of incorporates the UC masterplan, and I’d like to take out the tennis courts and put a dining center on this side of campus. If there trying to do flashy things, that’s something we could do.

i. VP Lasiter: The list [of improvements] for the UC alone is 55 million, and it’s a lot relative to what we have. I don’t want to add anything just “flashy” to campus. But we need more students here. We’ve done a lousy job of outreach and retention. Frankly, I hope, when we see construction on campus, there will be an attitude change here. The fact we’re doing something will help. The next step is positioning us for the next boom.
10. Hahn: Are they going to move the O’Connor house or is that being negotiated?
   i. It’s been approved. The heritage pavilion is expected to be temporary home to the MAC. It would be a great student gathering center and hope to create a more inviting look to campus.

11. Nelson: I feel like some of these decisions were made without student input. Panzer was decided before the bonds were approved. My question is how were decisions made by you and other administrators?
   i. VP Lasiter: Housing planned to operate Panzer anyways. I just wanted them to dial it up a bit: what can we do to make it shine? Only housing made that decision. I doubt we’ll use any bond money for that. With regard to the plant, it’s been in discussions for years. The project has never been given any legs because the understanding of funding was flawed. We literally had administrators say don’t do it because the legislature will cut our budget. I called the commissioner and he said my funding wouldn’t go down if we take action. Facilities is incredibly environmentally minded, and this was the most popular suggestion at our recent forum. It has some history and communal support. It’s not perfect, but it’s a great thing to do right now. I’m trying to engage you now as I can.

1. Nelson: Will you have formal listening sessions where people can engage with you?
   i. VP Lasiter: Maybe. I’m not a fan, because people just get up and yell at me. I want input, but I don’t want it to drive every decision. We’ll have to make unpopular decisions. Maybe, it depends and I’ll keep testing the winds around campus and town. The conversation is ongoing.

12. Pfeifer: In the regards of residency priorities, is there a list and if so, which hall is next?
   i. VP Lasiter: I don’t have it if it exists.

2. Adriane Smith - UC Director/Diversity Advisory Council Chair
   a. Swastika Presentation
   b. Smith: There have been updates on the swastika on Corbin Hall. I did present to DiverseU, and this has been a process, and I’ll make some disclosures. I’m not an architect, I’m not a member of a historical society. I don’t have any religious affiliation. While I have an opinion, I’m here to give you information as a DAC member. I think it’s important that each of us check our privilege. I’ll pass around a picture of the image in question. All of this took place, and we don’t have any record of any formal complaint. The only one on record is the one from Fall 2018, from a student who asked us to remove it. We talked as the DAC and made a suggestion to the administration to take it down. They said take it to the shared governance. The state preservation society told us it was a symbol which appeared in many cultures. They’d prefer it if we don’t take it down and put up a sign to interpret the architecture to provide historical context and Native
American, Hindu, and Buddhist perspectives. We still stand by our original recommendation. One tile is not enough to hurt the architecture, and the damage does not outweigh the historical significance. Removing it is the only way to end the controversy. I’ve had a lot of professors weigh in; it created some dialogue for these symbols and their intent. I looked up the architects and it turns out the state historical society was wrong. It’s not neoclassical architecture, its renaissance in the Spanish style. These swastikas were widely used across the country at the time. “Simply, a blank slate.” It’s purely artistic expression. This particular group that looked at these symbols, and they do education on them, and they recognize they had no malice or intent behind them. Most often they are just taken down. The proliferation of Nazism wasn’t worth keeping them up. The symbol is found on many campuses and [was] embedded in the architecture of the time. I have another professor who identifies as Jewish who had no recommendation- they recognize the anti-Semitism that goes with it, but felt he wasn’t in a position to make that recommendation. One [professor] who identifies as Hindu said they’d like it to remain. That’s all the new information that came up. I’d like you to consider the proliferation by Nazism and the abuse in architecture of the time. The architect is deceased, so we can’t know their original intent. It was simply a blank slate. I think it’s a little frustrating that I took the information given to me as fact when they were wrong. We put a spin on history and how we want to preserve a certain thing. It created a sense of controversy around something where there wasn’t one. We’re still at a formal recommendation and talking to the faculty senate and hope to make one soon.

1. Belcher: I’d like to thank Chair Smith for coming, since this is all effort for her.
2. Flanagan: Thanks for the research on this project. I’m looking for as a student senator, and do you have any student input, from any source?
   i. Smith: We have quite a bit of student representation on DAC. Their input will be a part of the final decision. I have a folder.
   ii. Flanagan: Can you speak to what the consensus is looking like in that folder?
      1. Smith: The consensus is to take it down, I think. This is why I think checking your privilege is important. The people asking to take it down are coming from a position of “this impacts me personally.” I haven’t had anyone say how it affects them to leave it up.
3. Tarallo: I have a couple questions. Why is the DAC recommendation only informal?
   i. Smith: We’re still working on making it [official] and we need to be able to change.
   ii. Tarallo: What is the historical spin in this instance?
      1. Smith: The Historical Society wanted us to look at if it was a symbol for another culture when, in fact, it was just artistic. When you say its Hindu, Buddhist, or Native American, it invokes emotion- a sense of connection- for identification. So I think the society was saying it might be
representative of these things. But if it never had that intent in the first place, that statement causes undue controversy.

4. Pfeifer: Is it still true that it was a part of an art style and we could replace it?
   i. Smith: Yes, it could be a student project to replace it in that motif.

5. Durnell: When you speak to the faculty senate, do you intend on sharing the results of our resolution?
   i. Smith: I won’t be there.
   ii. Belcher: I will be there.

6. Smith: It has been a learning process. This isn’t my area of expertise, but this has been great.
   c. Belcher: I’d like to entertain a motion for a 5 minute recess.
   i. Motion made by Hahn-Sladich. UC called. Motion passes.

Call to Order

3. Board of Regents (BOR) Updates
   a. Despite the absence of the other executives, I’ll get moving along. I wanted to touch on the Board expanded opportunities for tuition waivers for National Guard members. I’ve also been put on two subcommittees to develop an event for students not engaged with student government to connect them with OCHE. We want the regents to hear from students they otherwise wouldn’t have. Feel free to email me [regarding these updates].

4. Montana Associated Students (MAS) Update
   a. I will also be chairing the Legislative Committee on campus. We’ll start by developing a lobbying agenda – This will be through creating a survey for what priorities to be taken care of on campus.

5. Committee Reports
   a. We’ve had a bit of a break, but we’re trying to move UM from the “Core Theme” metric into a new one. That’s been a long and fun process. There’s another student seat on that committee. I’m also working on the Distance Learning committee. We’re looking at the master service agreement between UM and WYLEE and how they’ll work to disperse these new programs across academic programs.
   b. The University Academics Committee and the [UM Women’s] Soccer coach brought up that infractions and misdemeanors were treated the same as things like academic dishonesty.
      1. Johnston: If you have a felony, you’re automatically removed. But they’re placed in the same category as cheating or misconduct in the dorms
   c. Lastly, it’s concerning to me the amount of attacks on campus at night. I’ve spoken to Pres. Bodnar about lighting. I’ll be attending the Campus Lighting Committee to make it safer.
      1. Hahn: Is MAS going to make it [Legislative Committee] open-ended?
         i. Belcher: That committee isn’t going to meet until January. It’s a long-term project. We’ll probably brainstorm the top issues on campus, and allow them to rank them in order to quantify this
information. We’ll also add demographic info so they don’t have to do two surveys.

6. Online Public Comment
   a. None available.

7. Other

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

1. Committee Updates
   1. Hanley: Some of these appointments carry over to next semester, since it’s the same academic calendar.
   2. Hurley-Akmal: Motion to remove himself from interview
      a) Hurley: I won’t be here.
      b) Motion passes
   3. Motion by Flanagan-Corkish to approve assignments. UC Called. Motion Passes.

2. Fall Semester Reflections
   1. Hanley: I can’t stress how important this [Fall Reflection] is. It helps shape spring semester and be better. They’re due a week after finals week; one per senator and one for each committee you chair. Please talk about each committee you’re on and what you liked and what you didn’t like, whether you got into contact about time, and if you want to stay on or not. Let me know if you want more or less [Committee Assignments].
      a) Anderson: If our final week doesn’t end until the 18th, can we turn it in later?
         i. Hanley: If you need an extension, talk to me offline.
      b) Tarallo: Do SALs have to do this?
         i. Hanley: I’ll shoot [them] an email, but no.
      c) Rinck: How about new senators?
         i. Hanley: Yes. If you are a new senator and you’re confused or just want more info, please put that in there. All reflections are valuable.

3. Winter Break Updates
   1. Some University Committees are meeting over break. Make sure you’re paying attention to your emails. Not a ton are [meeting].
      a) Belcher: If you have a committee meeting you can’t make it, please tell us ASAP.
   2. I’ll also be sending emails to alert you all when retreat is; please stay alert on that.
      a) Hahn: Any details on retreat?
         i. Hanley: It’s on January 11th. The first 6 hours will be similar to fall retreat in that it is preparatory. We’ll also be talking about elections, since that’s complicated. I haven’t received any recommendations for the activity.
         1. Belcher: if there’s anything you don’t want to do, tell him now.
b) Flanagan: If we aren’t going to be there, is there anything you want us to do to make up that absence?
   i. Hanley: Yes, just schedule an appointment during my office hours.

4. Committee Reports
   1. College of Business Dean Search will be meeting next Tuesday and we’re on track to hire them next semester
   2. Executor to the Mansfield Center isn’t going as well. We’ll be having the open forums for the two finalists that Thursday and Friday before school starts up. Send me an email if you want to make it.
      a) Hahn: If you can make it, please do.
   3. ASCRC met and approved all the curriculum changes that may or not be posted on the OSS website, but follow-up with me.
      a) Johnston: Can students get involved with the search for the COB dean?
         i. Hanley: We’ll keep you posted as things go
   4. Nelson: Will the curriculum changes apply retroactively?
      a) Hanley: There aren’t any real changes. I sent the link to the changes in the group chat.
         i. Nelson: I thought there was one about the intermediate writing credit.
            1. Hanley: That came up, but no.

5. Other

BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

Zero-Base Carryover: $145,058.34
S.T.I.P.: $223,970.17
Special Allocation: $19,694.20 ($890)
Fall Emergency Travel Allocation: $1,982.55 ($175)
Union Emergency: $6,000.00
Dennison Theater Event Fund: $5,000.00

a. ASUM Fee Increase
   1. I retracted my fee increase resolution since we have three months to get it ready. I talked with VP Lasiter about restructuring it and the other fees under our umbrella. He found a place for them to go and our fee actually went down - it was an appropriate change since we never controlled those funds. I wanted to create a flat fee for full-time students for increased wages for student workers, more for child-care, and another part-time attorney. We are the last opt-in fee [on campus] and we are looking at a proposal to change [that policy]. I wanted to move forward with part-time students paying half the fee. That will be a resolution coming forward in the spring. I will accept any suggestions.
      i. Hahn: Will the recycling fee be a different one on the list?
         1. Parsons: Yes, it will just be under facilities.
2. Belcher: Back when they printed the bill, they felt it was too long, and combined a few to get to the magic number of 12 [lines].

ii. Durnell: If the fee is moved, do we save any money?
   1. Parsons: No, it’s just more accurate

iii. Flanagan: Is this going to have to go to BOR or can we do this internally?
   1. Parsons: Since we’re just moving this fee, they can just move it internally.
      a. Flanagan: When will this take place?
         i. Parsons: Not much headway [on timeline], so it will probably start next year.

iv. Tarallo: You said part-time students will pay half the fee to use all our services. Are you afraid of how that will look to the rest of the student body?
   1. Parsons: If you look at the fee structure, they’re either prorated or half for the mandatory fees. But the justification is that if you’re taking 6 credits, you’re on campus half as much.

v. Johnston: Has there been talk of expanding services to students who are part-time?
   1. Parsons: Yes, they’d get [access to] all our services
      a. Johnston: I meant about something like expanding bus service to Missoula College
         i. Parsons: Yeah, nothing has been done there.

vi. Durnell: Would there be an option for part-time students to opt-in for the last half?
   1. Parsons: If there’s interest. We want to cut out the bureaucratic checking for students trying to use our services. I’ll ask VP Lasiter.

vii. Corkish: have you reached out to part-time students about how often they use our services?
   1. Parsons: Yeah. They won’t show up on our 790 list. Only two students have opted in, and believed it was for a good cause. I know with legal services there is a high demand for child-care and legal services among part-time services.

viii. Flanagan: How do they check if they [the students] pay?
   1. Parsons: We gave them [Agency Director’s] the list [of ASUM fee paying students], and we give them [non-fee paying students] the option to opt-in to the fee to use our services. It’s a bureaucratic wall. It [this resolution] just makes sure that they’re a student now under the new plan.

ix. Anderson: Has there been a thought to offer a prorated amount according to what they pay for the services?
   1. Parsons: No, there hasn’t. It might encourage students to opt-in for a full-time slot. I think that’s a valid concern to bring to Vicki [ASUM Childcarecare Director].
b. Financial Requests
   1. International Students Association: Special Allocation ($890)
      i. This will come in the form of reimbursement since it already happened.
         1. Nelson: The Board [Budget and Finance] felt strongly about
            funding [the request] in full, since it impacted a lot of students.
      ii. Tarallo: Why did they fund it in full?
         1. Johnston: It was funded at the amount they requested.
            a. ________: They did the math wrong.
         2. Johnston: I am not in favor of
            funding this in full since it’s a lot of
            money to one group.
      iii. Belcher: Did they say where they got their catering from?
         1. They went through University Catering
            a. Belcher: I’m okay with funding this full since this was a
               big annual event. But I’d like to see more cooperation with
               ASUM and our event.
      iv. This wasn’t brought up in their annual budget though
      v. Nelson: They funded it because our account was full right now. It’s not
         fair to people in the spring. I personally disagree with the sentiments on
         the Board.
      vi. Tarallo: Senator Johnston, is this not within the ballpark if this is too
         much?
         1. Johnston: About 52 students went. About a $100 per fee paying
            student
      vii. Tarallo-Johnston motion to fund line item in the amount of $700
         1. Tarallo: I just wanted to start this conversation
         2. Anderson: I’m against lowering it in any amount. The board
            passed it in full and I’d like to honor that. It’s wrong.
            a. Previous Question: Passes
         3. Motion fails
      viii. Akmal: Can I use my phone as a calculator?
         1. Yes.
      ix. Johnston: I think the student paying fee should be 1:1. It looks like 2:1
          here.
      x. Johnston-____ : motion to fund line item 625 in the amount of $0
         1. Johnston: I’d like to start here.
         2. Anderson: I respect we’re trying to keep it to a specific ratio, but
            we aren’t consistent on that.
         3. Nelson: The rhetoric to respect the board is inconsistent with how
            the board was scrutinized in the past
         4. Johnston: There is a discrepancy that the board didn’t make the
            right decision
         5. Akmal: I’m going to use their estimate, but if we remove 625,
            we’d only save $3 per student.
6. Anderson: We’d be spending $17 per student.
7. Vote to end discussion passes
8. Motion fails
  xi. Willmus: Rather than going back and forth, I’d rather just here an overall number that people are comfortable with.
  xii. Durnell: I want to see specific line items. But I want to see specific reasons for why or why not.
  xiii. Tarallo: I think 650-700 would be a good ballpark [amount]. Let’s not make this a moral thing please.
  xiv. Motion to end discussion made by Flanagan-_______.
      1. Motion fails.
  xv. Nelson: Do you have their final budget?
      1. Parsons: No, I do not.
         a. Nelson: Do you know if they requested funding for advertising?
            i. Parsons: Not for this specific event.
  xvi. Belcher: Could anyone speak on why they voted in favor of it?
  xvii. Tarallo: I question the legitimacy of the Board.
  xviii. Durnell: Is it in the interest of the board to tell the group to include it in their budget?
       1. Yes
  xix. Parsons: I think the board tries to fund student groups in an equitable manner.
   xx. Motion Passes.
2. International Forestry Students Association: Emergency Travel ($175)
   i. Parsons: Earlier in the Semester we saw a request from this group and the Senate allotted them $400, but that trip was cancelled. This is the only travel this group will take throughout the year.
   ii. Nelson: This was something else I disagreed with. But the Board landed on a happy medium after heated discussion.
   iii. Belcher: I fundamentally disagree with using travel for individuals, and funding flights at all.
   iv. Johnston-Corkish: Motion to fund commercial in the line of $0
       1. Johnston: I think 1 person getting $175 is a bit excessive.
       2. Flanagan: Thanks to the board for their decision on this and getting to the nitty gritty on this. I was gone at this meeting, but I would have supported this. I think $175 is a good amount, especially considering their last event got cancelled. I think we should just fund it in full.
       3. Corkish: I do agreement with the sentiment we should stop funding commercial flights. There are other ways to get to conferences.
       4. Nelson: I don’t think we should rely on an unspoken rule that has been debunked time and time again.
5. Belcher: I agree with this amendment that we funded travel at about 70-80 per person. I think the amount for 1 person travelling should be close to 0.

6. Motion to end discussion
   a. Motion passes

7. Motion fails

8. Division of Assembly was called. After a tie vote, BM Parsons votes no.
   v. Johnston-Nelson made a motion to decrease lodging in the amount of $0
      1. Nelson: This is more consistent with how we’ve funded before. Every amount we save in the fall rolls to the spring where we get more requests.
      2. Motion passes
   vi. Motion to approve in the amount of $75
      1. Motion passes

c. Committee Reports
   a. We are looking for a DJ and general manager for KBGA in radio board.
   b. SGRC has a number of applicants to review and a healthy fund to dole out.
   c. We have planned on defunding the Arts Committee to give to the Athletics Committee…. (That was apparently a joke). No, everything is going well.

d. Birthdays
   3. We’ll be celebrating Senator Borghesani’s birthday with chocolate chip cookies and a 10 minute recess.

e. Other
   4. The executives recently gave a presentation to the law school about what we are and what we do.
      i. Anderson: They’ve requested you meet with them before final budgeting to help out
         1. Parsons: Yup.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Fulton: I met with Cathy Cole, a lovely human being, and the “When I grow up” campaign, and creating interest in the university among young kids in Missoula.

b. Flanagan: Board on Member Organizations
   a. Flanagan-Anderson made a motion to approve the 6 groups up for recognition. UC Called. Motion passes.
   b. I was impressed with the candidates in my other committee {TITLE OF COMMITTEE}, and going through phone interviews to determine who is serious or not and inviting the finalists to campus. I look forward to seeing how that turns out.
c. Hurley: Student Computer Fees Committee met and we didn’t come to a consensus. We will be meeting this Friday determined to reach a consensus.

d. Anderson: Grad Student Committee met today and voted to postpone what to do with the funds until spring. They voted to create new committees over a variety of issues which you can read in the Committee Report page.

e. Nelson: Gen Ed Committee met today about the assessment workshop, and required professors to put forward assessment data to track how students are doing. They didn’t approve the multi-disciplinary degree, but it’s still on the book. President Bodnar wants a broad discussion on the student experience. The Y selection got another course. We also approved Social Work 100 under the F committee and the Bachelor of Fine Arts got an exemption for language requiring 80 credits. We’re still waiting on additional documents. We’ll be discussing more General Education reform and freshmen seminar, along with curriculum changes

   a. Flanagan: What course is Honors 121
      i. Nelson: I don’t know. It’s an intro course
         1. Kiefer: It’s ways of knowing 2
         2. Flanagan: Could you address the foreign language for the Bachelor of Fine Arts?
            a. Nelson: Moving forward, we wanted to make more relevant courses to the major. The question is always language, and most faculty disagree with cutting language, especially at a liberal arts institution. The second science requirement might also be on the line in the spring

   b. Nelson: I spoke to President Bodnar about sexual assault on campus, especially with the Greek system and some of their autonomy. Pres Bodnar was relatively receptive to dealing with campus safety, and wanted a campus wide infrastructural survey of where to put phones and more lighting, but he seemed fine with Greek reporting. I also voiced concern about transitional housing and what to do about sexual assault on campus. Most of the language focuses on discrimination, but sexual assault and harassment under this is too broad and the language could be stronger. But it does make those cases stronger. I also asked him how he’s resolved ambiguity with local law enforcement vs jurisdiction.
      i. Parsons: What did he say?
         1. Nelson: He argued since 2012 that they’ve done more joint training exercises about what to do in sexual assault cases. He’s sat in on a couple meetings recently to clarify the relationship between UMPD and Missoula PD

c. Nelson: We’d like to see Medicaid be accepted at Curry, and we spent a long time lobbying for Medicaid expansion, so we’d like to be able to use it on campus.
   i. Brennan: I also have a meeting with Linda Green and would like to bring that up for something to talk about next semester.
f. Johnston: the Student Health Advisory Committee met about a Coffee Days at west campus and a health fair. We’d like to see if there’s some student interest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. SB28-19/20: Resolution Amending SPA Bylaws Regarding ASUM City Council Liaison
   a. Authorship by Glueckert: SPA has been redoing our bylaws and found we were supposed to have a Liaison to city council. We wanted to make it more doable for a student. Rather than being appointed at the start of each month, we thought about doing it each semester so they can build that relationship with the council.
   b. Corkish-Durnell move to add a period to line 33. UC called.
      i. Motion adopted
   c. Akmal-Corkish motion to approve. UC called.
      i. Motion passes
b. SB30-19/20: Resolution Amending the ASUM House Rules to Reflect Gender Neutral Pronouns
   a. Authorship by Hurley: We sent it back to committee to get it fixed, I don’t think we need a whole lot of discussion and I encourage the senate to vote on it and be done.
   b. Durnell: This is a continuation of a series of resolutions to make us more gender inclusive
      i. Durnell-Hurley move to amend line 29 from “he/she” to “they”. UC Called.
         1. Motion passes
   c. Resolution Passes 20-3-1
   c. SB32-19/20: Resolution Amending Board on Member Organizations Bylaws to Address Co-Curricular Student Groups
      a. Authorship by Parsons: Basically, this resolution helps us make sure groups are as inclusive as possible. Some have had requirements taking a specific course to join. That restricts a lot of students from participating. That also means the faculty member determines what the group looks like
      b. Flanagan: A lot of the justification for this is already in our bylaws and fiscal policy. This actually specifies and restricts power of BOMO, rather than giving us ultimate discretion. This should help clear up an issue that has gone on unaddressed.
      c. Tarallo: I understand there is justification for it, but I disagree with it wholeheartedly. Just because we have oversight and power doesn’t mean we should use it. ASUM is exclusionary in many ways, so why can we do it but others can’t. It doesn’t sway me about course requirements and it’s a lengthy connection.
      d. Corkish-Anderson moved to un-bold the semicolon on line 37. UC called.
         i. Motion passes
e. Anderson-Johnston moved to strike “co-curricular” and add “enrolled in an academic course”. UC Called.
   i. Nelson: We removed all instances of co-curricular because it wasn’t defined and could be abused by BNF to prevent groups from getting funding. We just want to specify what this resolution does. I think removing co-curricular, it doesn’t allow BOMO to discriminate against things like degree requirements. It makes it more consistent.
      1. Belcher: I don’t think co-curricular is a new term, and it can mean something you do in conjunction with a course. It’s a common term.
      2. Durnell: There was a lot of language that wasn’t justifiable and most of it was centered around “co-curricular.” There was a lot of vague language that could lead to a misuse of power on the board.
      3. Flanagan: Co-Curricular actually fit very well, because that was who we were targeting in the first place. We specified that well, but every instance has been removed, so I’m in favor of removing it.
   ii. Motion passes
f. Flanagan: I just wanted to address that this isn’t a power grab for BOMO; this specifies the power we have. It is the only committee that oversees student groups on campus.
   i. Flanagan: I was hoping to amend the effective date before formal lobbying, so we can streamline final budgeting, and get the senate’s opinion.
   ii. Belcher: I love the new name for BOMO. I also want to add that requiring a course could be an economic burden on students to participate.
g. Anderson: Part of what we do is tell student groups what to do. This isn’t preventing students from forming a group; it just creates barriers for students.
h. Durnell: I’m not against the directive of BOMO. But I think the use of “co-curricular” that threw in a lot of language that makes things vague
   i. Durnell-Akmal made a motion to add a semicolon on the end of line 7. UC Called.
      1. Motion passes
   i. Johnston: I think there is more discussion, this can be brought up later. I think the date for August 1, 2020 because I don’t want this to be added in the middle of the year.
      i. Motion to end discussion. Roll call vote
      1. Motion passes
j. Resolution passes 21-1-2
d. SB34-19/20: Resolution Amending the Student Music Union Bylaws
   a. Authorship by Durnell: The current bylaws do not reflect how the music union is governed. They have made a lot of change to update the bylaws. There are substantially more groups now, and they need a voting body to make sure they have a voice representing the interests. There is also an executive board of all
the presidents and the business manager is now an ex officio member. The language is now just more descriptive and showing how [Music Union] is actually governed now.

b. Fulton: When we wrote this, we based this off the Sports Union bylaws for a lot of uniformities between the two. I highly recommend the senate pass this through. It needs to happen.

c. Flanagan: One section adds a liaison to the committee from the Senate, and I wanted to see if the senate was curious about adding a second senator liaison.

d. Anderson-Nelson move to amend lines 48-50 to say “the ASUM VP…. Majority of the Senate”
   i. Anderson: The VP doesn’t make these appointments; the president does. This also gives them no flexibility if something happens.
   ii. Fulton: This is copy and pasted from the Sports Union.
   iii. Durnell: The senator liaison is also mentioned later that they’d serve that board.
   iv. Anderson: Please just vote this through to correct if because they need to change it too.
   v. Motion passes

e. Durnell: The language as it stands is good. The Music Union as its governed now is pretty effective. It doesn’t need another senator liaison. It’s more that the Senate and Union maintain a relationship. There’s also the Business Manager on there too. All bases are covered; it’s somewhat redundant.

f. Parsons-Anderson move to amend line 85 to add “when not contrary to ASUM policy.” UC Called.
   i. Parsons: I think just it just clarifies that we retain our rules first.
   ii. Durnell: In the SMU constitution, it says the Union will first be governed by its bylaws. I’m fine with this though.
   iii. Flanagan: Even if it is already clarified, I think it’s good to clarify in our own governing docs.
      1. Flanagan-Nelson Motion to end discussion on the amendment
      2. Motion fails 11-12-1
      3. Nelson-Keifer motion to amend to governing “docs”
         a. Motion passes

   g. Pfeifer-Akmal made a motion to remove “s” on line 70. UC Called.

   h. Resolution Passes 22-0-2

e. SB35-19/20: Resolution Amending Expectations for Student Group Leaders
   a. Anderson-Akmal UC Called motion to postpone after discussion on SB37
      i. Motion passes

f. SB36-19/20: Resolution Supporting the Recommendation of the Diversity Advisory Council to Remove the Swastika-like Symbol From the Exterior of Corbin Hall
   a. Authorship By Belcher: Adrienne Smith mentioned other organizations took [Swastikas] down. Another point is that this symbol is a “blank slate” with no intention other than to be a decoration; I can’t find a reason to keep it up. She also talked about how if it did, it would be cultural appropriation. It should probably just be taken down.
   b. Johnston-Belcher move to remove the “-like” in lines 3 & 14
i. Johnston: It is a swastika, not a shape like it.
ii. Belcher: That phrasing was put in when it was unclear what it was; I can link you to the article where I found it.
iii. Willmus: I found the Nazi swastika is actually a swastika-like symbol based on ours
iv. Motion passes

c. Flanagan: President Belcher, could you speak about the difference between neocolonial vs art deco architecture?
   i. Belcher: Neocolonial is derived from Eastern and Greek Roots. Our government saw itself as similar to the Greeks and Romans. I may be getting the terminology wrong. This is renaissance architecture [that] focuses mostly on the aesthetic, making this [symbol] just a decoration. All the symbols on the hall are just some variation of combinations of lines and dots.
   1. Flanagan: Initially, I would have like to see student support on this, but I am in full support now.

d. Hahn: I was initially in favor of keeping the symbol up. But now I’m against it as time goes on. It’s incorporated on nearly everything [architecture and otherwise] dating back 15,000 years, but Hitler assumed all recognition with this symbol. It’s nearly impossible to appropriate that symbol. It is a symbol we will never be able to change.

e. Brennan: I will also be changing how I vote too because there is an overwhelming demand from students. It’s my duty to support that and I don’t want to be a part of something that justifies wrongdoing. The research was inconclusive anyways.

f. Akmal: I have been very for taking it down. If someone is really attached this, please have them hit me up. It could be a cool student project if we took it down, like something to commemorate a graduating class.

g. Willmus: I was fully prepared to abstain, but after the new information made me come to a new conclusion. Japan is having a much, much bigger debate about this over the upcoming 2020 Olympics, as they have many symbols [displayed] that could be problematic. It is universal in our culture that it is a hate symbol. It will have to come from the Asiatic countries to appropriate that symbol. There’s no defensible reason to keep it up; it’s not religious.

h. Tarallo: I am the odd man out again. Hitler rose to power 6 years after the symbol was put up. The symbol has a different configuration from the Nazi symbol. We’re supposed to mold great thinkers and I’d like to educate students. But the consensus is to take it down. We lose an opportunity to educate students. We set a dangerous precedent. We should be reminded of our history because we are bound to repeat it.

i. Sladich: We have to think of it in the context of right now. Nazi Germany and Hitler took it away from other cultures. It’s not our job to reclaim that symbol. It’s just a safe bet to take it down. It might lead to more complications after and keeping it up would create more problems. Not many people even know what it was before Nazi Germany. I just think we need to pass this and take it down.
j. Pfiefer: I appreciate the sentiments of trying to reclaim the symbol, but I do not think the broad context is going to die by this one tile. This isn’t an erasure of history.

k. Johnston: I’m going to be a bit redundant, but if a potential student saw that, it doesn’t look great. I’d hate to lose students because of one tile. It looks pretty bad to defend invincible symbols as ASUM. It’s important to take it down.

l. Flanagan-Fulton made a motion to add “whereas, students have reach out to the DAC to express their dissent with the tile” on line 29. UC Called.
   i. Motion passes

m. Fulton: I was originally for keeping it up, but my biggest concern is that this would be put in the archives and forgotten. I want it to be shown, but not publically displayed. I don’t want us to hide this; I want to show that we did have this and what we’re doing now.
   i. Fulton: Previous question
   1. Passes

n. Resolution passes 19-1-4

g. SB37-19/20: Resolution Amending Article IV of the ASUM Bylaws to Expand Impeachable Offenses
   a. Authorship by Anderson: I defined a ton of terms in our impeachable offenses as I didn’t want any loopholes.
   b. Parsons: Senator Anderson, I know you didn’t include a reference to being convicted. Is that a personal list, because it’s not found in the law?
      i. Anderson: I ran this past three law professors and our legal advisor. I added this as 98% of cases end in a plea bargain.
   c. Johnston: Senator Anderson, what is ‘nolo contendere’?
      i. Anderson: It means ‘no contest’. It means that you won’t admit that you did it. It’s a weird middle ground.
   d. Flanagan: My first thought was how broad misdemeanor can be. I like how it was narrowed down to misdemeanor of a certain nature.
   e. Akmal: That was my biggest concern too, because of broad meanings; those were not ideal. This closes on what we want to focus on. I am absolutely in support of this resolution
   f. Durnell: In RNA, there were a good amount of questions that related to other meetings, and this clarified everything. All the puzzle pieces came together. It was also really well written. We weren’t rushed, because we had three meetings [to look at it]; this was well prepared.
   g. Belcher: I know Senator Anderson has been working on this for a long time, so I want to thank her for being receptive suggestions.
   h. Glueckert: This is a great resolution.
   i. Resolution passes 23-0-1

h. SB35-19/20: Resolution Amending Expectations for Student Group Leaders
   a. Authorship by Anderson: I am going to ask the Senate to carry a piece of the burden I’ve felt every day. I don’t share this lightly; It’ll explain why I feel like this needs to pass. I survived abuse at the hands of my partner for over two years. I was repeatedly raped and strangled and abused. The fear and dehumanization has never changed. The views what happened to me
differently. I listed every misdemeanor that was an offense against another person. If you vote no, you tell me my story doesn’t matter. Everyone has had three weeks to read this. I ask you to consider what you tell students like me that what happened wasn’t enough to remove student group leaders who commit actions like this.

b. Fulton: I sent this to multiple people in the legal profession and they are in full support. We should pass this now.

c. Tarallo: It is a long resolution, but that is not inherently bad. Don’t let that make you want to kill this bill.

d. Parsons: Misdemeanors was an important part, and I appreciate the work you’ve done.

e. Flanagan: We should have the capabilities to remove a leader who has committed a misdemeanor against another person. I wish I had something to discuss, but I think it will benefit BOMO and student groups for years to come.

f. Hahn: I want to thank the author, and the public comments add to this.

g. Resolution 21-0-3

i. SB38-19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Articles 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of the ASUM Constitution
   a. Authorship by Hurley: We brought you a chunky [resolution]. These were minor grammatical things that we wanted to take care of. This is grammatical housekeeping. Pass it.
   b. Durnell-Kiefer moved to change the formatting in line 306 for the chair of the senate. UC Called
      i. Motion passes
   c. Nelson-Fulton made a motion to capitalize “officers”. UC called.
      i. Motion passes
   d. Resolution passes 23-0-1

j. SB39-19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article 3 of the ASUM Constitution
   a. Authorship by Fulton: This [resolution] outlines Article Three for the Executive of the Association and outlines their duties.
   b. Flanagan-______ moved to amend line 98 to strike “general, reflect and functions” and replace with “particular, address & elections”
      i. Motion withdrawn
   c. Parsons-Nelson made a motion to amend additional duties for the Business Manager. UC Called.
      i. Parsons: I realize we won’t be seeing Article 6, but I just want to add this language now.
      ii. Anderson: I’d rather see this with the other changes so we can do this all at once now. We aren’t seeing the changes to Board on Members until next semester.
      iii. Nelson: I think the Business Manager can still chair BOMO regardless of the changes to Article 6.
      iv. Anderson: Right now, in Article 6, it says the Business Manager isn’t allowed to sit on BOMO.
v. Flanagan: I don’t care when, but I think [they] should. I don’t see how the Business Manager can though.

vi. Durnell: This isn’t burdensome; it’s not a hard change. It’s not what it’s made out to be.

vii. Anderson: I don’t want to force someone vote for Article 6 just because we’ve added it to Business Manager’s duties.

viii. Nelson: I get that [Re: Senator Anderson’s Statement], but there’re several points in the constitution that cross-reference each other. Article 6 will be pretty inconsequential for the Business Manager. I just don’t think it’s particularly logistical.

ix. Motion passes 12-3-9

d. Nelson-Johnston motion to strike “(2) Business Manager….of the Montana” and replace with “and the (2) or a member of the ASUM senate.”

i. Nelson: In committee, they voted to prevent “popularity contests.” I get that sentiment, but that’s what elections are. Going against that might not choose the most qualified senator and who might be really good at the job. There’s a lot of us who could be if a line of succession happened. The Business Manager ran independently from the VP and President; they might not want it. I don’t think that’s the best way to do things.

ii. Anderson: I am the one who proposed this change to avoid popularity contests and to protect the institution. It’s for the instability crisis that would happen if the execs got wiped out in the blink of an eye. There’s nothing saying they have to do it. It’s to preserve the institutional knowledge. It’s just the most logical; I didn’t want a randomly chosen officer.

iii. Johnston: I don’t equate “longest on the body” with “most qualified.” If you’re comparing who has done more, it’s not always fair or better. It doesn’t take much to get on Senate anyways: you could have someone who ran uncontested for 3 straight years get into that position which is almost worse.

iv. Fulton: Being a former executive of a student group, you do have to work with other student governments. Execs from the four year schools reach out to two year schools. Longest serving won’t take into account experience; it should be [based] off experience and qualifications, not length.

v. Akmal: It was a magical time. I respect others experiences, and I think qualified people join at many times. If this scenario did happen, it would good to have someone who’s been sitting there for a while who knows everyone, who could just keep things moving. I don’t think that’s a bad idea. There’s nothing wrong with favoring stability. I don’t have an issue with either way.

vi. Belcher: I appreciate the sentiment, but I’d want to pick someone who had time to get trained with a mix of experience and qualifications. I don’t want it to [automatically] be a senior who’s in the middle of a big academic year.
vii. Durnell: I wasn’t able to see what senators were able to do when I voted in favor of it in committee. I’d just like to remind everyone this still happens by a 2/3 vote. This isn’t a high school election. We’re all mature enough to see that. That adds stability. It adds a bit more discretion to the Business Manager. This allows many senators to campaign and show who’s the most qualified. I ask that people support this amendment.

viii. Flanagan: While I get this hurts Business Manager Parson’s chances at a coup, I think this moves away from treating seniority as the most valuable characteristic, and it shouldn’t be.

ix. Tarallo: I understand the sentiment of the amendment, but I think having the most senior person would add stability. It would bring forward someone who would have an easier time transition. If you open it to too many people it would leave us without an exec for too long. A line of succession is meant to help out in a crisis, and it would just be your duty to step up and serve.

x. Nelson: I think institutional knowledge is a mix of qualifications and time. Seniority ignores half the equation. The idea of talking about that is incomplete. Our constitution does not say it goes to the next person if they turn it down. The longest serving senator is locked in. This amendment fixes that. Another idea I’d like to explore, you’re not taking into account that the longest serving senator might have very different ideas than the previous exec and be very different to work with. That could lead to internal fighting, which doesn’t lead to stability. Shoehing in the longest serving senator doesn’t lead to stability; stability is about picking the most qualified, the best candidate, versus choosing someone who’s been here for the longest. The longest serving senator might not have time to do the job. It’s not good, especially if there is no alternative in place if they don’t want it.

xi. Anderson: The longest serving senator should have a good understanding of our institutions. If we don’t want to lock people in, we shouldn’t have a line of succession at all. It doesn’t lock people in at all. If we don’t want to lock anyone in, we should scrap the whole thing. Also, it doesn’t specify anything. It just describes the order. Also, differing ideas between execs happens all the time. I would like people to get this idea about “longest serving” out of their heads. This is to help survive a major crisis.

xii. Parsons: I never thought I’d have to fear for my life or my position.

1. Previous question. fails

xiii. Pfiefer: The conditions under which someone would be elected can vary wildly. This can happen at any time in the year. The candidates need to be considered well. If it’s the beginning, they have to train new people. If its in the middle, they may have to reverse some priorities. It’s better to vote based on who is interested. I don’t think this section is good.
xiv. Johnston: Being the longest serving on senate does not mean you have the authority or presence to do the job. We are a herd of candidates. Also, what happens if we have a few senators who all joined at the same time? And I think younger senators know more about this job than me.

xv. Willmus: Since it hasn’t been explicitly said, I hope nothing happens to all three execs at once; that would be very bad. If this happens in a large country, it breaks down to civil war. Hopefully it wouldn’t happen here because the stakes are so low. But as long as there is some form of line of succession, it’s fine. Line of succession something that happens on the fly; the odds of this situation are extremely low. People find their way to senate in strange ways, anyways.

xvi. Akmal: It’s clear this isn’t the thing I’m stressed about. This is just an automatic succession. This just makes things easier. We know why some of us are on senate. This would prevent a power grab.

xvii. Fulton: We should be looking at what happens with MAS. What happens if they longest serving senator hasn’t been to any presidential responsibilities? We should be looking at most qualified.

xviii. Motion passes

e. Parsons-Kiefer moved to add the word “the” on line 147. UC Called.
   i. Motion passes
f. Resolution Passes 18-0-6
g. Durnell-Fulton made a motion for a 5 minute recess. UC Called.

k. SB40-19/20: Resolution Regarding the List Format of the Constitution
   a. Authorship by Pfiefer: There are parts of the constitutional that are redundant and this is to bring it to a list style. There are parts that don’t adhere to the list.
   b. Belcher: I fully agree with the sentiment, but I move to change the font to size 12.
      i. Belcher-Kiefer made a motion. UC Called.
      ii. Motion passed
   c. Pfiefer-Nelson moved to remove the indentation in front of Ethan Hanley’s name. UC Called.
      i. Motion passed

l. SB41-19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article 4 of the ASUM Constitution
   a. Authorship by Durnell: Article 4 is one with controversial language. It took a long time for the committee to develop [this resolution]. This is where discussed the type of representation along with proportional.
   b. Anderson: We followed the unofficial straw poll of the senate; this was the same idea in my proposal.
   c. Belcher-Fulton made a motion to change the font to size 12. UC Called.
      i. Motion passes
   d. Flanagan-Kiefer Motion to strike “general, reflect, functions of, & as a” and replace it with “particular, address,” and an ‘s’ after ASUM from line 85.
i. Anderson: My issue is that this addresses the elections, something Article 4 doesn’t. This changes ASUM’s makeup. The way it was submitted to the body is more appropriate; Article 7 is for elections.

ii. Akmal: This language is very helpful. This will help make a more informed student body.

iii. Motion passes

e. Johnston: I’d like to bring attention to lines 136-137. It says if we grow [enrollment] by 250 it would add another seat. Just want to point that out.

f. VP Hanley stated that he would be limiting discussion.
   i. Durnell: I am against limiting discussion.
   ii. Anderson: I am against limiting discussion.
   iii. Motion to appeal the decision of the chair limit speaking time to 1 min.
      1. Motion fails

g. Tarallo: The language on making this a proportional body; the biggest complaint is we don’t earn our senate seats. This will let us govern better.

h. Corkish: Why is the number of student reps 20?
   i. Anderson: We said that it should never be below 20 for the amount of work senators have to do, so this was the sweet middle ground.
   ii. Durnell: When you look at previous trends, we average out to 20 Senators.

i. Glueckert: I am in favor of this resolution for competitive elections. It might make people actually want to run if they feel like it matters. I think we should have a discussion on a maximum number of seats if we will have a minimum
   i. Durnell: It’s okay to have the senate grow. As the student body grows, the Senate should too.

j. Nelson-Johnston Motion to strike “but greater than 250” from Sec. 1, Sub 1, clause 9.1
   i. Nelson: I believe we should be over correcting to represent students. I get that was a happy medium for the committee, but I am okay with overcorrecting.
   ii. Johnston: I’d love to [hear from] some other voices tonight.
   iii. Durnell: It was my original intent to have one student for the 500. This was a compromise to prevent senators from being overworked. When we brought this before the senate it was pretty popular. Please vote yes; it makes a big difference going forward.
   iv. Hurley: I raised the same issue Nelson did. 500 to one senator, making it 250 overrides that representation.
   v. Fulton: I’d like to not take that out. I don’t think those 398 students should be forgot about if we have 10,398 students.
   vi. Flanagan: I feel at [odds] about that. I’m not sure how I feel about 1 student representing x number of students.
   vii. Anderson: I voted in favor of this language. I felt that the 500 language is inconsistent with what we do here. I supported this to make it clear for the elections committee; it’s a lot of work saved for them. We still get that representation for a significant chunk of the population.
viii. Johnston: We don’t represent a single constituency. We all represent all UM students.

ix. Pfiefer: This is splitting hairs. It’s the content of the future of the senate. It’s how much allowance you’d like to see for the student body.

x. Corkish: I’m hard pressed to prevent say 230 students from being representative.

xi. Nelson: The language argues there would be 1 student for 500. Same message as Johnston. We don’t represent an arbitrary constituency.

xii. Durnell: Please think of 500 as the threshold, not 1 per 500 students. It just creates sustainable constitutional language. We add this so we aren’t stuck with a big or small senate. If it passes another 500, it automatically adds another representative.

xiii. Flanagan: I don’t see a problem with overrepresentation. I think 1 senator for 31 is fine. An extra senator doesn’t burden or delegitimize the body.

xiv. Motion passes

k. Belcher-Kiefer Motion to postpone this resolution to the next senate meeting.
   i. Belcher: That last conversation was the least productive I’ve ever heard. Obviously we aren’t doing our best work. Additionally, I appreciate the timely manner the committee gave us these, but there is no deadline.
   ii. Durnell: There is a tangible deadline. The sooner we get done, the sooner we can market to the student body. I see controversial discussion with Article 7. Let’s just keep going; we should have the conversation now.
   iii. Flanagan: Previous question.

   l. Anderson-Akmal UC Called move to strike “per students” in line 143
      i. Motion passes

m. Pfiefer-Fulton move to amend lines in Clause A of Article 9, Sec. 1, Sub. 1, to strike “student representatives” and replace with “senators”. UC Called.
   i. Motion passes

n. Motion to postpone this resolution fails.

o. Resolution passes unanimously.

m. SB42-19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article 7 of the ASUM Constitution
   a. Authorship by Anderson: The biggest change here is how we do our elections. It’s pretty self-explanatory: it adds a seat for freshmen, reserves seats for grad students and determines how many senators there are.
   b. Flanagan-Kiefer made a motion to replace “general, reflections, and functions,” with “particular, address, and elects”. UC Called.
      i. Motion passes
   c. Akmal: If you have a problem with this language, please talk about it now.
      i. Akmal-Durnell made a motion to change document font top 12
   d. Tarallo-Borghesani move to strike Sec. 4.1.b
i. Tarallo: I don’t think we should reserve this many seats for constituencies. If a freshmen gets on, it will be through the interview committee.

ii. Akmal: Freshmen are more at risk and they need representation. Most think they can’t get on. This isn’t the only seat they’ll be able to get. The rest of us don’t live in dorms or on campus.

iii. Willmus: We need to have this language included.

iv. Flanagan: To say we don’t need a freshmen seat is baseless. It’s the largest constituency on campus. It helps create continuous members.

v. Johnston: It’s important we have freshmen. They represent things we don’t see. They could tell us the problems in the dorms and whatnot. It’s so different now going into 2020.

vi. Belcher: Previous Question
   1. Motion fails

vii. Durnell: It’s not reserved; it’s a plus one seat. It’s if the body is full, they can get on. This gives us an opportunity to market to freshmen.

viii. Sladich: I’m a freshmen. I don’t even know how I found out about [senate]. [This is] important.

ix. Pfiefer: Having a freshmen seat [could] also increase retention. It’s a good place to help someone feel heard.

x. Borghesani: I see the importance for making freshmen feel represented. I dispute the notion you need to be a freshmen to represent them. None of us lack empathy; we can vote accordingly.

xi. Glueckert: I’m really against removing this. Freshmen are on this campus. It’s ridiculous that we wouldn’t have those perspectives. Things change over the course of a year.

xii. Anderson: I agree and this amendment is fantastic

xiii. Rinck: I agree and this amendment is fantastic

xiv. Fulton: I disagree with the amendment

xv. Hurley: At the beginning, I almost didn’t apply. If this senate seat was in place and was advertised, I would have applied.

xvi. Akmal: I have a separate resolution for this, one that doesn’t discriminate. We only represent what we know best. Freshmen represent freshmen like no one else. I’m so grateful for two amazing senators.

xvii. Tarallo: I don’t want to say freshmen can’t serve. It should be the job of the interview committee.

xviii. Motion fails

e. Nelson: I wanted to discuss the same section. I want to talk about the timeline for filling the seat.

f. _______: Will the fall census data include the non-mountain campus?

g. Durnell-Kiefer moves to remove indentation before “chair of the senate”. UC Called

h. Durnell-Nelson: I’d like to strike “no earlier than the fourth week” from line 126-127.
i. Durnell: This was added in RNA. But I didn’t see an adequate reason for the timeline. I think being able to advertise during orientation, and pushing it later, they will have to wait 4 weeks to serve for four weeks. It doesn’t harm anything.

ii. Fulton: When freshmen do come here, there first week is syllabus week and the first month is to let them experience what college is really like. This timeline will help them not fight with conflicting schedules.

iii. Corkish: I want to add a timeline after striking this.

iv. Akmal: I’m in favor of this amendment. I added it in concern for freshmen scheduling. I was added to Senate 4th or 5th week later. That’s when the first appointments come in anyways. I’m not attached to it all. We can always refill seats.

v. Johnston: I agree with previous sentiments and this amendment.

vi. Flanagan: I am not in favor of any timeline. I trust the discretion of any ASUM President to make the right decision.

vii. Anderson: I am in support of the timeline for retention for senators. When I came in, I had ridiculous goals. I don’t want anyone to get burned out after one semester and we want to keep the best people for senate.

viii. Durnell: With how interviews are going, I don’t see this being a huge deal. Having limiting language is worse than not having it in there at all. Freshmen might be overzealous, but whatever; some freshmen could serve right away. Let’s not discredit that in our constitution.

ix. Pfiefer: There may be some chaffing against the seat and it should be made as soon as possible.

x. Nelson: It’s not our job to make generalizations about the freshmen class. It’s unfair for us to tell them what they are capable of and it’s irresponsible with the changes we’re trying to make.

xi. Fulton: I don’t want someone to come in, all excited, and quit after getting slapped in the face. We should give the students a chance to experience college.

xii. Motion passes

i. Tarallo: Could the authors clarify where the freshmen senators would come from?

   i. Akmal: There was a lot of argument over where they came from. I’m more concerned it’s there. It’s up to Presidential discretion. It doesn’t matter how. If we advertise it properly.

      1. Tarallo: Is it names out of a hat right now?

         a. Akmal: It’s the same as the normal way.

j. Corkish: I’m glad the last question was asked, but deciding that is something for the future. Just get it passed

k. Glueckert: If the lowest number of seats is 20, does that mean 19 are elected and one is for the freshmen?

   i. Nelson: No
l. Durnell: Thank you for the conversation. We’ve created something formalized. It’s settled a lot of controversy. Kudos.
m. Flanagan-Anderson move to replace “appointment with discretion” on line 127.
   i. Flanagan: I feel appointment is limiting. It doesn’t allow for a special election if that’s the discretion of the president. I trust future ASUM presidents.
   ii. Nelson: I agree that it is limited, but I like that. It should be through appointment. I don’t want absolute discretion. It’s an expansion of powers with no vision of what that looks like.
   iii. Akmal: Appointment is used for consistency since that’s what is used for all additions to the senate. This is the most effective way to describe what we mean.
   iv. Anderson: I think using “discretion” is not beneficial since we don’t lay out how.
   v. Flanagan: The fact we have disagreement on what appointment means shows this isn’t good language. This is why I think we should have this amendment. It sets us up for failure and doesn’t clarify how that is supposed to work.
   vi. Corkish: I changed my mind.
   vii. Parson: Regardless, there is a 2/3 Senate vote to approve it.
   viii. Motion fails
n. Resolution passes 19-1-4

SB43-19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article 8 of the ASUM Constitution
   a. Nelson: This is relatively simple; it just updates our article on finance. It also changes what the president should adhere to with regards to fiscal policy. Clarifies some wording that is unclear.
   b. Parsons: This includes something that has never been done.
   c. Johnston-Sladich move to approve.
      i. Resolution passes unanimously.

SB44-19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article 9 of the ASUM Constitution
   a. Nelson: This is also relatively straightforward. Fixes uses of vernacular and spelling errors. Removes the office of the provost nominating people on the committee. Updates policies that the board should be adhering. There were some changes to make it clearer.
   b. Willmus-Fulton made a motion to change to Times New Roman size 12. UC Called.
      i. Motion passes
   c. Nelson-Sladich made a motion to add “Publication and Broadcast Boards” after Article 9 on line 92. UC Called.
      i. Motion passes
   d. Corkish-Glueckert moved to add a semicolon on line 132.
      i. Nelson: You’re wrong.
      ii. Motion withdrawn
e. Johnston-Fulton motion to approve. UC Called.
   i. Resolution passes unanimously
p. SB45-19/20: Resolution Regarding What the Constitution Should Look Like Upon Passage of Constitutional Referenda
   a. Nelson: I wrote this to put the changes to the constitution in one place. Our current constitution is incredibly difficult to work with and change. I might be making a motion to postpone this.
   b. Durnell: I’ve taken a list of all the amendments. We could just make a motion for a slate of changes. They need to happen.
   c. Fulton-Tarallo: Move to send back to RNA
      i. Fulton: With all the changes written out, this makes more sense to get done in RNA.
      ii. Nelson: It would be good to add these so we can add these changes at the next senate meeting.
      iii. Corkish: It might be better for Durnell to type these up so we can copy and paste these next week.
   d. Johnston-Willmus made a motion to postpone to the next Senate meeting. UC Called.
      i. Motion passes

NEW BUSINESS

a. Impeachment Proceedings
   1. Anderson-Gleckert: Motion to impeach Senator Vincent Tarallo for absences
      i. This motion is automatically moved forward to the next regular Senate meeting for consideration.
   b. Nelson: One resolution amending Fiscal Policy
      1. I’m amending STIP policy as a result of previous infractions
   c. Parsons: One resolution sending ASUM Fee to RNA
      1. It will be increasing the fee by $4 and so part-time students pay half that rate.

ADJOURNMENT at 1:26 a.m.

Motion to Adjourn by Fulton-Pfiefer. UC Called. Motion passes.

EXHIBIT A:
Senate Bill 20: January 24, 2019

“Okay, you might just feel a little pinch, what do you want to do after college?”

The room was stark and somber, the air cold. I held my breath and braced for the undesirable feeling that sent waves through my body. Waves like those in the raging sea, during a storm, engulfing anything from their surface and hurling around even the greatest ships like dainty toys.
“Do you want to see your cervix? It is the only time you will ever be able to see it.”

I laid on the exam table with my heels cemented into the stirrups and tears streaming down my face. “This is kinda what a pap smear is like. You will get one when you are 21.”

The nurse examiner took swab after swab of every crevice of the most intimate parts of my body, all the while a camera pointed in between my legs to track her every movement. I was 19.

Hours before, I had been out with friends, joking, laughing, drinking in between conversations. Growing tired of the same dull talk about majors and finals, I made my way to a house to spend time with a few people I barely knew. After numerous attempts to go home, beginning to walk, and telling the guy I was with that I wasn’t interested in anything else that night, I found my way back in his bedroom in his bed, almost sober. I wasn’t that girl in college who would spend the night with guys she barely knew. For the first year, I was happily engaged, wore turtlenecks to fraternity parties, never showed my shoulders or thighs, and spent Friday nights curled up in my oasis at the sorority watching movies and studying. What felt like hours later, I scrambled to collect my belongings and put my clothes on.

Call after call, I begged anyone who would answer for help. I don’t remember much between the time I left the fraternity to the time I got home besides the comfort and warmth of my own tears in the freezing weather. It was in the examination room with nurses making some attempts to ease my pain that I realized, it was merely the beginning of the greatest change of my life. They offered me shots and medications like candies in a candy store, Plan B, antibiotics, anti-nausea tabs, instructions on when to be tested for HIV, “the syllabus for the rape victim”. I was a lucky one, my exam took only around three hours and I had a compassionate and uncritical woman waiting to take me home and let me cry with open arms. I left with more confusion than I had gone in with and could barely keep my eyes open, getting home and crying in a ball at the bottom of a shower stall. My whole life was a blur from December to mid-February. What felt like every night from December to October, I would wake up at 2:32 am in a panic. In February, I applied for an order of protection but due to my perpetrators constant travel outside of the country, it became nearly impossible to complete service. In July 2018, he was officially charged with one count of sexual intercourse without consent in district court, I was now a victim who had a chance at her perpetrator failing into the 3% who spend time in prison. For those of you who are unaware, the criminal justice system is a tediously slow moving process, meaning, we still don’t have a trial date set yet.

After reporting my assault to my sorority chapter president, I came to realize that there were no processes at the University to hold chapter leadership accountable to their actions and to protect female students. Her attempts to console me after my assault were based solely in the fact that I was the fourth woman to be assaulted by a member of the same fraternity. I instantly made clear that we should limit our interactions to which I was assured that we would. After two social events and monetary support for their senior games the next month, I became aware things would not change. I received text messages from both the president and vice president of risk management that if I was uncomfortable with men from the fraternity being in my home during dinner that I could excuse myself and so I did, twice. After the second time, I resigned my executive position as Vice President of Finance sighting the rape culture and lack of regard for
membership safety that executive members had demonstrated. I also shared with the president that my roommate had explicitly blamed me for desiring change and being assaulted. I slept on the couch and would eat less than 300 calories a day to avoid going downstairs to the kitchen and hearing other members talk about my situation. When local chapter leadership was not responding to my requests to be moved out of my room, I contacted regional directors and gained support but it was too late.

April 16, 2018. I gathered up all my pillows and blankets, and walked into the parking lot of my sorority house. I climbed into the backseat of my car and made myself the most comfy little space that I could. I fell asleep to the sound of rain synchronized with my tears. April 18, 2018, I was so suicidal that I couldn’t make it to class. I cried for hours on end because I felt like I couldn’t even be in the same house as the women who had implicitly supported my perpetrator or told me I was “making a big deal out of this”. I planned to kill myself four days later while all the sorority members were at a philanthropy event. By 5:30pm, I was forced to tell my parents from 1500 miles away that I was raped months before and needed a place to stay because I had 24 hours to move out of the sorority house. I have attempted to work tirelessly with Fraternities and Sororities, I created comprehensive policy recommendations for fraternities, attempted to develop a Greek sexual assault task force and would produce resource guides for overnight fraternity formals including directions to the closest hospitals providing rape kits and encouraging non-male attendees to stay sober and drive a car to location. My first actual taste in the area of sexual assault awareness was when I worked closely with the men of Sig Ep to host a candlelight vigil for survivors of sexual assault. I have ever since realized it was my calling to work on these issues on this campus.

In June my perpetrator showed up for an initial appearance and then again in August for the arraignment. It was the first time I had seen him since the day I reported to the cops. On September 5, 2018, I got all of my electronics subpoenaed by the courts and did not have them for nearly 8 weeks, all the while, the time for my appeal documents of a retaliation complaint was quickly dwindling and a private investigator was reaching out to anyone who was aware of the situation.

September 25, 2018. The buildup for weeks had finally hit. The sorority chapter president released my name as the victim of the perpetrators crime to members of the sorority and the Title IX Office made clear they did not intend to discipline her. I began to research the best types of rope to hang yourself with and scout my apartment for the best place to do so. If I had a mechanism to adequately express to you the pain that I have endured in the past year, I wouldn’t, I would keep it to myself in a box under my bed. I want to make clear, the process is not easy and has impacted every relationship I have, school, my physical, mental, and emotional health, it has been a financial stress.

On January 6, 2019, my story became a part of Missoula’s history, when a story was published about the Greek system at the University of Montana in the Missoulian. Like the women who had shared their stories before, it was my story. As I shared with President Bodnar in October 2018, “I am a survivor and a student. The ultimate double-edged sword that for the past 320 days has been used to produce consequences that minimize my value as a human being…” It has now
been 406 days. Both members of the fraternity and sorority on campus have blamed myself while in the same sentence stating that they could see my perpetrator doing something like this.

When I first opened up about my assault, I was touched by 12 other women who had worn the same shoes as me. Everyday my heartbreaks for the women who continue to come forward. Throughout the course of this speech, roughly 5 women will have been assaulted and if this senate meeting was to end at 9:30, 40 assaults have occurred, maybe one right here on campus. The difficulties I had faced within the Greek community are not unique to myself, they are far too often the same. Women within the campus community face the same adversities and trials.

Yet, today I stand before you with the desire to restore hope to both survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. There is power in the stories of the students on campus who have experienced these pains and have continued on the path of higher education. The students on this campus deserve better from us. As the Associated Students of the University of Montana we play an integral role in academic success, student life, and campus culture. This Resolution stands to provide the missing link in the University, showing survivors that they are a fundamental part, cornerstone that allows our community to thrive. I want to make clear, rape and drinking on college campuses is not merely “Montana Culture,” to diminish the magnitude of the problem is detrimental to the continued exodus of higher education. When I take questions I am kindly asking a few things. First and most important, I have shared with you all everything that I am comfortable expressing about my situation. I am more than willing to discuss what occurred in the aftermath of my assault, I am however not inclined nor do I desire to discuss my assault, perpetrator, or details of the criminal justice process, out of respect for my privacy and well-being please do not ask. The second, an apology for what I have experienced only makes me feel more exiled than I already am, the only thing you have to be sorry for is the fact that we as human beings neglect to practice empathy in place of ignorance. Third, please do not walk on eggshells on the topic around me nor in candid discussion or questions. I ask that if anyone is offended by comments to excuse themselves from the room but there is such incredibly great value in hearing the beliefs of those in the room. I assure you, I will correct you, so do not be offended. And finally, I ask that you be authentically open and vulnerable in our ensuing conversation and keep in mind the goal to provide an equal ability to fulfill higher education experience for all.

With the utmost respect and compassion.
Thank you.