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ASUM SENATE MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
UC 225 – 6 P.M.

Chair Hanley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –December 4, 2019

- Fulton-Keifer Motion to change spelling of Senator Pfeifer's name
  - UC Called
  - Motion Passes
- Belcher-Anderson- Motion to approve minutes
  - UC Called
  - Minutes approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Watson- Retired Professor
  - Working with motivated students and staff
  - Will be hosting a sustainability lecture and action series this year
    - Students who attended the lecture series last year are now on the panel this year
    - Building sustainability in Missoula
    - First hour of the lecture series is a Q&A
    - Open House for other people working on sustainability in Missoula
      - Thursday night 7PM-8:30pm
    - Available for 1 academic credit
      - Create action projects on sustainability
    - To show extent of UM and Missoula's work toward sustainability
  - Proposal to have a presentation on sustainability in orientation classes for professors and students- Introductory Course
  - Proposal to put the various sustainability classes together into a certificate
  - Questions:
    - Flanagan: Thank you for coming, Is there anything that ASUM can do to help advertise your lecture series?
      - Watson: Spreading the word about the lecture series would be a great help
    - Johnston: I like this online orientation course, can it be added to a freshman mandatory course?
      - We would like to make it compelling to take it, without making it mandatory (using incentives, and making the course interesting)

- Taylor Powell- UM Student
  - Would like to comment on the Impeachment proceedings to be held at the end of the meeting, and hopes that the senate body will stick to the standards that they had last semester when her impeachment was brought up.
- Maddy- ASUM Sustainability Coordinator
  - Comment on what was accomplished last semester and the goals for the spring for sustainability on campus.
  - ASUM Sustainability is housed in ASUM
  - Primary mission is to engage campus, students and staff to support sustainability
  - Coordinate Green Office Program
  - Work in transportation for social media and outreach
  - Sustainability communications
    - ASUM. Sustainability- Instagram
  - Highlights
    - First year the position has been funded full time
    - Full transportation ambassadors
      - 3 successful events
    - Met with green officers to understand how the program is working and how to move forward
    - Grew Instagram following by 20%
    - Started writing handwriting students for sustainability
  - What to Expect this semester
    - Monthly Green bags
      - Monthly sessions around green officers list and ways to get points
    - Krelf Outreach
    - Weekly sustainability tips on social medias
    - Events that are coming up
      - Missoula in Motion- Young Commuter Challenge
  - Questions:
    - Flanagan: Is there anything ASUM can do to help in the efforts in specific terms for ASUM Sustainability
      - Maddie: Sustaining people in conversation and general promotion
    - Johnston: How successful have the hand written letters been so far?
      - Maddie: The results are unclear so far, but it's better to try to write them and show students that UM cares about Sustainability
    - Belcher: Thank you for coming, and congrats on your first year at UM.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Swearing in new senators
  - a. Hanley-Fulton. UC Called. Motion to approve Medina and Gregory as New ASUM Senators
    - i. Motion Approved
- b. Cindi Williams and Suzanne Peterson: UM Foundation
  - a. General updates
    - i. Mission of UM Foundation is to offer philanthropic support
    - ii. Founded 50 years ago, and governed by official board of trustees
    - iii. Independent Non-profit
    - iv. Operating agreement by the MUS Regents
    - v. Manage Fundraising and Funds
    - vi. Priorities determined by the UM President or their designee
    - vii. New section of Website for FAQs
    - viii. Campaign Montana
      - 1. Launched in July 2013,
      - 2. Priorities set by University President
      - 3. Announced in October 2018
      - 4. \$400M goal including all UM Priorities
      - 5. To date, \$411M gifted and pledged
      - 6. Campaign will conclude this summer
      - 7. Striving to fulfill the priorities not yet met.
      - 8. 32,000+ donors
      - 9. \$120M to support students
      - 10. \$38M to support faculty
      - 11. \$85M to enhance or launch academic programs
      - 12. \$48M to construct or renovate learning environments
  - ix. Student Success Priorities
    - 1. Scholarships and Fellowships
    - 2. Experiential learning
    - 3. Student success/advising centers
    - 4. Learning environments
    - 5. Professional academic advising
    - 6. Faculty Mentoring
    - 7. S.E.A Change Initiative
  - x. Partnership in Sustainability
    - 1. Green Faculty and construction
    - 2. Student Scholarships and fellowships, faculty support and program support for ecology and other academic programs
  - xi. Questions:
    - 1. Fulton: Thank you for coming, I notices that there was \$120M for students, is that mainly going toward freshman students or all students?
      - a. Peterson & Williams: Both

2. Fulton: Does this also go toward students that need emergency funds
    - a. Peterson & Williams: The president and dean are working toward getting funds for things such as that, money is being raised for students for student to participate in academic costs as well as faculty.
    - b. Peterson & Williams: Big area for potential growth, I feel that most donors would be shocked to know how many students need to drop out due to small financial emergencies.
  3. Sladdich: Thank you so much for coming out, I'm excited to see that sustainability is becoming a big part of your mission in ASUM.
- c. Committee Reports
- a. University Academic Accreditation Committee
    - i. Created Metrics
    - ii. Priority for Action 1 committee
      1. Graduation rate
  - d. SB46-19/20: Resolution Adjusting Student Employee Hours to reflect a biweekly pay period
    - a. Hanley: Students are now being payed on a biweekly pay period, and the rates compared to the old personnel policy are different, this is something that we need to pass in order for future students to fill out their time periods.
    - b. Hanley-Durnell Motion to table to next week.
      - i. UC Called
      - ii. Motion passes
- e. Online Public Comment
- a. Fulton: Why was the Online public comment not in the binders
    - i. Belcher: I feel that we will be moving forward to paperless online comment
  - b. Nelson: Would ask that senators disregard any other public comment on the impeachment that goes beyond the absences or reasons for impeachment.
- f. Other
- a. Emergency Grant Program
  - b. Policy to move drop deadline
    - i. As of now with a signature you can drop right before finals week
    - ii. Policy to make it 45 days after class begins
      1. Causes huge Administrative Burden
    - iii. Durnell: Is this a response in the pay period to pay for classes
      1. Belcher: As far as I know, they have nothing to do with each other.
    - iv. Johnston: When will this be enacted
      1. Hanley: Fall 2020, because it need to go through ASCRC and Faculty Senate
    - v. Anderson: Will there be appeal process for students that have last minute emergency, and that need to drop a course

1. Belcher: Medical Emergencies will be given leniency
- c. Change in Office Hours
  - i. Mondays 9:30am-1130am
  - ii. Friday 3pm-5pm
- d. Reminder that we do not pass notes while we have guest speakers

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Updates
  - a. Flanagan-Johnston: Motion to remove Christian Pfeifer as Vice Chair of Website Committee
    - i. UC Called
    - ii. Motion Passes
  - b. Flanagan: If you would please post meeting times on the spreadsheet, it would make it easier for other who would like to attend your meetings.
  - c. Tarallo: Can we remove the red and blue color coding
    - i. Hanley: I will try to fix the color coding by next week.
  - d. Corkish-Flanagan Motion to approve committee updates
    - i. UC Called
    - ii. Motion Passes
- b. Committee Reports
  - a. Executive Director of Mansfield Search
  - b. Dean Search College of Business
    - i. Conducted all interviews except for one
  - c. New Student Director Search
  - d. Hahn: How many applicants did you get for College of Business?
    - i. Vice President Hanley: One
- c. Absence Policy
  - a. Two Changes
    - i. Notify me 6 hours before senate meeting
    - ii. Got rid of mental health absence
      1. Fulton- Flanagan motion to appeal the decision of the chair to remove mental health absence
        - a. Fulton: I feel that it is important that we are able to take those days for ourselves
        - b. Hanley: Being present is part of the duty of being a senators
        - c. Flanagan: Important to keep with the Mental Health absence. Would like to discuss this more.
        - d. Hanley: Reiterated what was said earlier. You can have a discussion after if you would like.

e. Motion Fails 4-15-4

- iii. Flanagan: One of the biggest thing that is bugging me about the removal of this policy is that it seems like we are safeguarding against losing senators
- iv. Corkish: I feel that this body should reflect our stance on Mental Health on campus
- v. Tarallo: Is the Mental Health defined in our governing documents? Can you set one out?
  - 1. Hanley: It is not defined in the Bylaws, previously you would just inform me that you were taking a mental health absence.

d. Communication

- a. Get into contact with us through our ASUM accounts and not our personal or student accounts
- b. Belcher: Would like to add that the same goes for me, please do not Facebook messenger for ASUM stuff.

e. Mentors and Mentees

- a. Those that are returning senators please reach out to your mentor or mentees
- b. Please try to meet at least twice this semester
- c. New Senators should read over the email regarding the Mentors/Mentees and find an admin or policy that you are passionate about.
- d. Johnston: I know you are not allowed to have two mentors is it okay to have an unofficial mentor?
  - i. Hanley: You can meet with anyone you want
  - ii. Belcher: If you need to get in touch with any administrator that you want to work with, contact me and I can point you in the right direction or connect you with them.
- e. Rinck: Can we pick administrator off the list that you sent us?
  - i. Hanley: Yes

f. Office Hours

- a. Need to sign up for office hour by end of the week
- b. Come to your office hour or you will receive a 1/3 absence

g. ASUM Committee communication/expectations

- a. You need to include me in all your communications so I can keep track of when all committees are meeting and help keep attendance
- b. Chairs need to set up a meeting time by the end of the week
- c. Once you have meeting time set, put it on the spreadsheet

h. SB47-19/20: Resolution Clarifying how to Introduce Business in Article 1, Section 2 of ASUM House Rules

- a. Hanley: The resolution has been brought to you because ASUM you should be following the law, the last section of House Rules is currently not in compliance with the transparency laws
- b. Tarallo-Corkish UC Called, Motion to add line numbers, and add signature line after Ethan Hanley's name at the end of the resolution.
  - i. Motion Passes
- c. Resolution Passes Unanimously in Roll Call Vote 23y-0n-0a
- i. Other
  - a. If you have a committee meeting time set, please say it during committee reports
  - b. The resolution template on box is having problems, and it will hopefully be fixed soon
  - c. I have clips from the livestream timestamped and hyperlinked

## 7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero-Base Carryover: \$144,953.12

S.T.I.P.: \$225,413.63

Special Allocation: \$19,561.20

Spring Travel Allocation: \$19,500.00

Union Emergency: \$6,000.00

Dennison Theater Event Fund: \$5,000.00

- a. Spring Travel Account
  - a. When we checked the books many students groups did not use their funds last year, about \$8,000 unused.
  - b. Fulton: I feel that we should be using it as rollover for this semester
    - i. Parsons: Fiscal Policy is unclear so I wanted to have a discussion about it
  - c. Durnell: Is B&F having a discussion about a possible policy change?
    - i. Parsons: B&F did not meet this week, but we can see about adding it to the agenda for the next meeting
    - ii. Johnston: B&F will see this as an agenda item this Sunday
  - d. Rinck: Do you see more travel allocations in the spring then the fall?
    - i. Parsons: Yes
    - ii. Hanley: In spring there is significantly more money being requested
  - e. Flanagan: What are the deadlines for Travel Requests
    - i. January 31
  - f. Rinck: When and where is the B&F meeting
    - i. 5 pm Sunday, in ASUM Conference Room
- b. Financial Requests
  - a. None this week
- c. SB48-19/20: Resolution Amending Sections 9.6 and 9.8 of ASUM Fiscal Policy
  - a. Parsons: Adding more flexibility to the final budgeting timeline in fiscal policy.
  - b. Hanley-Tarallo. Motion to add semicolon to line 64 and line 63



- i. Motion Passes
  - c. Durnell-Johnston UC Called. Motion to change font size to 12 for entire document
    - i. Motion Passes
  - d. Resolution Passes 21y-0n-0a
- d. Committee Reports
  - a. B&F meeting Sunday at 5pm
  - b. Pub Board Meeting Wednesday at 2pm
  - c. Radio Board meeting 1pm on Mondays
  - d. University Budget Committee to look over upcoming budget
    - i. Johnston: What time is this meeting being held?
      - 1. Parsons: 2pm Thursday
- e. Birthdays
  - a. Will be passing out the Birthday sheet for new senators
- f. Other
  - a. Final Budgeting Absences
    - i. One of the most important times of the year
    - ii. If you know you will be gone let me know by Jan 31 for an excused absence unless it's a family or medical emergency

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Fulton:
  - College of Arts and Media
    - Start search next month Monday-Wednesday
    - Hire by March
  - Cathy Cole
    - When I Grow Up Campaign
  - Gen ED
    - Gen Ed Workshop is on 27<sup>th</sup> in LA 332
    - Main discussion is on course 475 Medical
    - Course Do People will meet with Gen Ed next month
    - Calc 2 or Honors Calc will no longer count as Gen Ed Math Credit
    - Math 104, Math 118
      - Head of Math Department was concerned to offer this course because of lack of funding and faculty to teach them
    - Charged with redoing the reviews for gen ed course which is due on the 25 before noon
      - How Gen Ed is defined and how we define it
        - It is on box
      - Review Revision Form
    - Retreat in March to Review
  - Questions:
    - Belcher: Cathy Cole has sent over swag at the ASUM Reception Desk

- Parsons: ASUM does not accept bribes
- Brennan:
  - I will be making a thank you note for Linda Green
  - Mental Health and Advocacy tentative meeting time for Thursdays at 5
- Hahn:
  - University Library Committee
    - Met Monday
    - Waving Overdue fines for overall collection for students
    - Increased check out time
    - Mansfield is expanding suite space
    - Altered level 3 bathrooms to gender neutral
  - Questions:
    - Flanagan: Can you elaborate on the expansion of the suite space
- Keifer
  - International Council met this week
    - Approved partnership with
    - 100 student each year come from China
    - Agreement MOMO conservatory of Music in Sweden
      - Partner Agreements to make it more affordable for students
- Anderson
  - JDOE meeting Fridays at 430
  - GPSC Thursdays at 8 am
- Flanagan:
  - Director of Prestigious scholarships
    - Start second round soon
  - BOM meeting Tuesdays at 5 in ASUM Office
- Hurley:
  - Digital Accessibility
    - 10-11am on Thursdays
- Sladdich
  - New Student Orientation
    - Review of Orientation in Fall
    - Looking at areas for improvement
    - Redoing process for Bear Tracks
    - Student Retention is up

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. SB45-19/20: Resolution Regarding What the Constitution Should Look Like Upon Passage of the Constitutional Referenda

- i. Nelson: We laid out what the constitution should look like so that in the future the execs have the new constitution is all in one place, will be making a motion to send this back to R&A
  - ii. Anderson-Nelson UC Called. Motion to move back to committee
    - o Motion Passes
- b. Impeachment Proceedings- Senator Tarallo
- i. Hanley: 3 unexcused absences for Senator Tarallo
  - ii. Belcher: Specific Mention by name of another senator in a pas
  - iii. Anderson: I motioned for impeachment because I feel strongly about absences, and feel that if you are not showing up you are not being the best advocate for students, there is very little reason to get unexcused absences.
  - iv. Tarallo: I apologize for the unexcused absences as a result of silly mistakes on my part, and I am working of rectifying those circumstances, I would like to continue on as a senator but I understand if you impeach me
  - v. Flanagan: I think we can all agree the absences are important, I don't think that I am bound the precedent that we set in past senate meetings. I won't be considering any discussion about past impeachment proceedings in my vote.
  - vi. Johnston: ASUM is not a job, as long as you're advocating students.
  - vii. Anderson: If you are not here you are not performing your duties that we pledged to do when we were sworn in. By not enforcing absences we are setting a bad precedent.
  - viii. Durnell: One of the new core values added at the beginning of last semester was accountability, and I feel that tonight's proceedings is directly related to a lack of accountability.
  - ix. Hanley: Senator in question missed retreat, and R&A meetings
  - x. Flanagan: Would it be considered dilatory to
  - xi. Flanagan: Would you like to explain the absences?
    - 1. Tarallo: The first two absences were a result of me missing Fall Retreat, I misunderstood the email regarding the makeup retreat. I did not see the alert to new meeting times of R&A meetings.
  - xii. Nelson: The idea of accountability is a core value that should have been brought about in the past impeachment proceedings.
  - xiii. Johnston: What is the procedure for makeup meetings to take away absences?

1. Hanley: The goal is that no one misses retreat because the makeups take up a lot of my time at the beginning of the Fall Semester, and some Retreat activities cannot be made up.
- xiv. Corkish: Until someone decides to change the policy for impeachment away from attendance we need to follow our house rules.
- xv. Anderson: I have been on the senate for 2 years and have seen 4 impeachment, and they have all been for absences. I have voted for 3, and voted against
- xvi. Flanagan: If someone give prior notice before missing retreat is that an unexcused absence
  1. Hanley: Most were rules unexcused because retreat is so important, there was no prior communications by the senator before the retreat which is why they got 2 full unexcused absences
- xvii. Fulton: In the R&A meeting that the Senator missed, we would not have had quorum if I did not FaceTime in.
- xviii. Flanagan: I don't see anywhere in which we are bound by precedent, by I have heard very good arguments for both sides.
- xix. Durnell: Regarding past impeachment proceedings I did not make a motion because I was new to the body, and I feel that this proceeding is not being voted on without bias.
- xx. Sladdich: I understand that we are all human, but I see that making exceptions might be a slippery slope for impeachment proceedings, but I do sympathize with Senator Tarallo.
- xxi. Anderson: Notice is very important, and the R&A meeting that was missed was very important because 17 resolutions were being seen., and I feel that the importance of notice was communicated to the senator, and if we do not hold each other accountable we are not doing our job
- xxii. Willmus: Senator Tarallo, What do you plan to change this semester to be more accountable
  1. Tarallo: Being more organized
- xxiii. Nelson: We broke up the resolutions to three different meetings, and I don't feel that we should be putting that on the shoulders of one senator. Especially since we had quorum in the end
- xxiv. Tarallo: I would like to apologize one more time.
- xxv. Impeachment Fails 4Y-12N-6A

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- Anderson:

- Resolution to be sent to R&A and Constitutional Ad Hoc regarding referendum Language for Article 6 of the ASUM Constitution
- Resolution to be sent to R&A and Constitutional Ad Hoc Amending referendum Language in Article 4
  - A line that was not added in committee in the fall, regarding same tie in with student conduct code
- Durnell:
  - Resolution to be sent to R&A regarding Renovation and Expansion of the Music Building
    - The music building has had serious need for renovation and now the music building is coming up on reaccreditation which relies heavy on the renovations

Fulton-Tarallo Motion to adjourn

Motion Passes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm