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ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
March 22, 1995  
Mt. Sentinel Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - March 4, 1995, and March 8, 1995  
(NOTE: It will be noted in this week's minutes that the March 4, 1995, minutes should be amended to state that Chair Hilburn had to leave due to illness and Panasuk, Deines and Johnson alternated as Chair during the meeting.)
4. Public Comment
5. President's Report
  - a. Committee Appointments
  - b. Regents Meeting
6. Vice President's Report - None
7. Business Manager's Report
  - a. Final Budgeting Report
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
  - a. SB51 Resolution to Amend the Constitution Article VII, 1 and House Rules 4
  - b. SB52 Resolution to Amend the ASUM Bylaws, Article IV
  - c. SB56 Resolution to Amend ASUM House Rules, Article II, Section 4
  - d. SB60 Resolution to Request Space in the Old Business Building
  - e. SB61 Resolution to Create an Information Technology Committee
  - f. SB62 Resolution for the ASUM to Sponsor A Forum on Sexual Consent
10. New Business
  - a. SB63 Resolution to Oppose Mountain Line's Proposed Route Change
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE March 22, 1995

ROLL  
CALL

*Signature*  
*Comment*

SENATE MEMBERS

SARAH AKHTAR  
NILES BRUSH  
DIXIE DISHON  
BETTY GREGORY  
ERIK HADLEY  
JEREMY HUETH  
JERRY JOHNSON  
ANGELA KEEDY  
MELANIE KOVARIK  
MATT LEE  
TIMBERLY MAREK  
KELLY McARDLE  
ALAN MILLER  
JOSH RECTOR  
DANA SHONK  
KIM SKORNOGOSKI  
ROD SOUZA  
DERRICK SWIFT-EAGLE  
JASON THIELMAN  
JOHN ZIMMERLING

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P	<i>Ext. called 7:00</i>	-						
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P		Y						
P		Y						
P		Y						

ASUM OFFICERS

JENNIFER PANASUK  
President  
RENEE HILBURN  
Vice-President  
TYE DEINES  
Business Manager

P	<i>Ext. called 6:40</i>	-						
P	<i>Ext. called</i>	-						
P		Y						

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND  
PROFESSOR KIA

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES  
March 22, 1995  
Mt. Sentinel Room - 6 p.m.

Chair Deines called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Present: Panasuk, Deines, Akhtar, Brush, Dishon, Gregory, Hadley, Hueth, Johnson, Keedy, Kovarik, Marek (6:12), McArdle, Miller, Rector, Shonk, Skornogoski, Souza, Swift-Eagle, Thielman, and Zimmerling. Excused were Hilburn and Lee.

The minutes of the March 4, 1995, and March 8, 1995, meetings were approved with the following additions to the March 4 minutes as requested by Panasuk: "Chair Hilburn had to leave the meeting due to illness. Panasuk, Deines and Johnson alternated as Chair for the duration of the meeting. Office Manager Carol Hayes and Accountant Marlene Hendrickson were in attendance and were active in offering expert advice.

**Public Comment - None**

**President's Report**

- a. Mike Kress of Mountain Line Bus distributed information on proposed rate and route changes and fielded questions from Senators.
- b. Hueth explained the Senior Challenge - graduating senior pledge \$75 to be paid over the next four years with a starting donation of \$5 - and encouraged graduating Senators to join in 100%.
- c. The following slate of committee appointments was approved by Senate: SPA - Lewis Rusk (at large) and Elections - Dixie Dishon. Panasuk noted openings on NCAA Accreditation Committee for interested persons. Appointments will be made next week.
- d. Panasuk and Dishon will be leaving tonight for the Board of Regents meeting to be held tomorrow and Friday. Deines and several Senators will be leaving in the morning. Some of the items to be addressed will be tuition and the Health Service Fee. The radio station fee will be submitted but will not be addressed until the May meeting.

**Vice-President's Report - None**

**Business Manager's Report**

- a. With no objection, Deines entered a STIP request for \$500 to supplement \$6,500 from UC Administration to purchase 100 country flags for check-out by students as needed. Rector-Swift Eagle moved to approve. A call of previous question by Skornogoski-Marek passed. Upon immediate vote the request passed.
- b. Deines noted that Hilburn will return late Thursday evening from the meeting in San Antonio and will be in the office Friday.
- c. Deines previously distributed a memo about final budgeting. A summary of events during the final budgeting period from Deines' perspective is available for review.

**Committee Reports**

- a. SPA Director Pullar reported that SB62 was discussed and is out of committee. SB63 is still in committee pending further information.
- b. Miller reported that the next public forum on the Prescott House will be Thursday, March 30 from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Montana Rooms.
- c. ASUM Affairs did not meet this week but will meet next Monday the 27th at 5:30 p.m.
- d. Gregory circulated a color drawing of Student Health Services with the proposed additions.
- e. Gregory reported that Board on Member Organizations will meet Friday at 2 p.m.

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**Unfinished Business**

- a. SB51 Resolution to Amend the Constitution Article VII, 1 and House Rules 4 - in committee.
- b. SB52 Resolution to Amend the ASUM Bylaws, Article IV - withdrawn.
- c. SB56 Resolution to Amend ASUM House Rules, Article II, Section 4 - in committee.
- d. SB60 Resolution to Request Space in the Old Business Building (Exhibit A) was passed.
- e. SB61 Resolution to Create an Information Technology Committee (Exhibit B) was passed.
- f. SB62 Resolution for the ASUM to Sponsor A Forum on Sexual Consent (Exhibit C) was passed.

**New Business**

- a. Swift Eagle tendered his resignation on the Elections Committee.
- b. SB63 Resolution to Oppose Mountain Line's Proposed Route Change
- c. Resolution to put statistical information on election ballot
- d. With no objection House Rules were suspended to consider SB64 Resolution to Oppose A Provision in House Bill 214 Concerning Homosexuality (Exhibit D). The fifth Whereas paragraph was eliminated. A call of previous question by **Thielman-Souza** passed. Upon immediate vote the resolution passed.

A motion by **Kovarik-Souza** to adjourn failed.

**Comments**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

*Carol Hayes*

Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager

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*Exhibit A*

**RESOLUTION TO REQUEST SPACE IN THE OLD BUSINESS BUILDING**

- Whereas; The petition submitted to ITPAC by students of the University of Montana identifies the acute deficiency of general computer lab availability,
- Whereas; The 1992 Information Technology Strategic Plan identified general purpose computer labs as a significant goal and established a target, not yet achieved, of one unit for every twenty full time equivalent student,
- Whereas; Increased student owned computing assets and societal dependence on computing technology necessitates greater information and technological assistance,
- Whereas; Old business Building Space Reallocation Committee has identified joint requests will be granted a higher level of consideration,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved:

The Associated Students of The University of Montana in Conjunction with the department of Information Technology request rooms: 109, 112, 107c, 107b, 105, 106, 104, 103, 102, and 101 in the first floor of the old business building to increase general computer lab availability, to expand the help desk and to provide dedicated training facilities.

Authorized by:

Jason Thielman

Sponsored by:

John Cleveland

*Passed*

SB 61  
Exhibit B

RESOLUTION TO CREATE AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Whereas, The students of The University of Montana have indicated a need to examine and revise the current information technology policies, and

Whereas, The Department of Information Technology has requested ASUM involvement, and

Whereas, Student involvement is essential for a viable information technology policy,

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved:

That an Information Technology Committee be formed and the following By-Laws changes be enacted:

Article 4

Section 12. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

A. The Information Technology Committee shall be composed of six student members of which one shall be the ITPAC representative and one shall be a student computing fee committee member. No fewer than three shall be ASUM Senators and a Senator shall chair the committee. The Director of Information Technology shall serve as a permanent ex-officio.

B. The Committee shall be responsible for the following purposes:

1. Develop long term technology advancement strategy from the students' perspective.
2. Serve as a student advisory committee to the office of Information Technology.
3. Establish student priorities in information technology.

Authored by:

Jennifer Panasuk  
Jason Thielman

Passed

RESOLUTION FOR THE ASUM TO SPONSOR A FORUM ON SEXUAL CONSENT

Whereas, there is a growing concern on campus about sexual assault and rape, and,

Whereas, in this issue consent has not been adequately addressed;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED

THAT The ASUM Senate in conjunction with other organizations, sponsor a forum on what SEXUAL CONSENT means,

THAT SPA organize and direct this forum, and the forum shall be held on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, and,

THAT a result of the forum will be a definition of what CONSENT is, resulting in The ASUM Senate considering to add the definition into the Student Conduct Code,

Authored by: Dana Shonk

Passed



Exhibit D

SB64

Resolution to Oppose a Provision in House Bill 214 Concerning Homosexuality

Whereas SB 135 of the 1993-94 ASUM Senate stated: "The Associated Students of The University of Montana, striving for protection of all human rights guaranteed in the (Montana) State Constitution, and an end to discrimination and harassment, do hereby support the lawsuit to fight the Montana Deviate Sexual Conduct Law. The Montana Deviate Sexual Conduct law of Montana contradicts protection of all people equally under Montana State Law, and there is incompatible and inconsistent with the mission of The University of Montana, denounces this law and asks that this law be declared unconstitutional."

Whereas the Montana State Constitution states in Article II, Section 4: "The dignity of the human being is inviolable. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws. Neither the state nor any person, firm, corporation, or institution shall discriminate against any person in the exercise of his civil or political rights on account of race, color, sex, culture, social origin or condition, or political of religious ideas."

Whereas the Montana State Constitution states in Article II, Section 10: "The right of individual privacy is essential to the well being of a free society and shall not be infringed..."

Whereas the United States Constitution states in the Fourteenth Amendment states: "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law..."

Whereas the ~~definition stated in the Deviant Sexual Conduct law~~ prohibits almost all kinds of sexual activity and, as such, restricts the activity of heterosexuals as well as homosexuals

Whereas the 1995 Montana State Legislature, by passing this provision, will be continuing to negatively impact students of The University of Montana;

Let It Be Resolved:

The Associated Students of The University of Montana reiterates its opposition to the Deviant Sexual Conduct law.

In pursuance of that opposition and the clauses cited above the ASUM opposes the provision in House Bill 214 that considers homosexuality to be an offense similar to murder and rape and mandating "offenders" to register with law enforcement agencies.

The ASUM will actively lobby via Student Political Action in accordance with our opposition.

Passed

The ASUM condemns Senator Al Bishop for his following statement:  
"This type of action is even worse than a violent sexual act" and  
sends him the attached letter.

Authored by: Tye Deines

Sponsored by: Sarah Akhtar, Rod Souza, Dixie Dishon, Jennifer  
Panasuk, Jerry Johnson, Timberly Marek, Derrick Swift-Eagle, Betty  
Gregory, and Jason Thielman



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March 22, 1995

Senator Al Bishop  
Legislative Distribution Center  
State Capitol, Room 60  
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Senator:

The Associated Students of The University of Montana are appalled and insulted by remarks you have made with concern to homosexuality. It is ridiculous to compare a violent sexual act to the acts of consenting homosexual adults. What competence do you have in making this comparison? Have you fielded the opinions of consenting homosexuals and the victims of sexual assault to see if they are related? Since your comments printed in newspapers including the Montana Kaimin, many students, homosexual and heterosexual, have come to us as their representatives to express their discontent with your statements.

Please be aware that there are homosexuals in Montana. The ASUM has been proud to be supportive of the diversity of our student population including diversity of sexual orientation. We urge you to reconsider your opinion of homosexual activity after contacting student leaders on our campus who are aware of homosexual issues. Please contact ASUM Administration at 243-2451 and we will be eager to put you in touch with the necessary individuals.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Panasuk,  
ASUM President  
Plevna, Montana

Renee Hilburn,  
ASUM Vice President  
Hamilton, Montana

Tye Deines,  
ASUM Business Manager  
Glendive, Montana

cc: Montana Kaimin  
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March 22, 1995

Governor Marc Racicot  
Office of the Governor  
Montana State Capitol  
Helena, Montana 59620

Dear Governor Racicot:

The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) is very concerned about a certain provision in House Bill 214 which likens homosexual activity to murder and sexual assault with regard to tracking "offenders". The ASUM represents many homosexual students on our campus including an active support organization. Homosexual students and heterosexual students alike have approached us as their representatives with strong opposing opinions to this provision.

The ASUM has long been opposed to the Deviant Sexual Conduct law. We feel that this provision continues to reinforce a discriminatory law. In pursuance of the Montana State Constitution Article II Section 4 and at the request of our students, we ask that you veto this and any legislation that discriminates against Montanans because of their sexual orientation.

While we are trying to lobby and educate legislators about homosexual issues, we feel that time constraints are working against us. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Yours truly,

Jennifer Panasuk,  
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Plevna, Montana

Renee Hilburn,  
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The Senators of the Associated Students of  
The University of Montana