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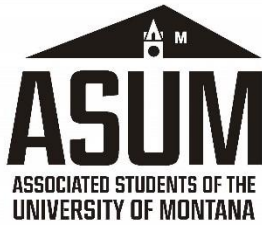
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ASUM SENATE AGENDA

Wednesday April 1, 2020

Zoom – 6 P.M.

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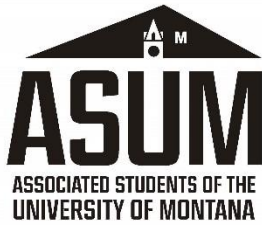
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1. CHAIR HANLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:01

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Present: President Belcher, Vice President Hanley, Business Manager Parsons, Senators; Anderson, Borghesani, Bowles, Corkish, Durnell, Flanagan, Fulton, Glueckert, Gregory, Hahn, Hurley, Jimmie, Johnston, Kiefer, Medina, Nelson, Ream, Rinck, Tarallo
- b. Absent and excused:
- c. Absent and unexcused:

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 25, 2020

- a. Durnell-Tarallo UC Called Motion to change RNA in all instances to RA
 - i. Motion passes
- b. Tarallo-Gregory UC called motion to approve
 - i. Motion passes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. ASUM Student Service Award

1. Nelson: I didn't know I was nominated, and thank you to Senator Johnston for nominating me. Ream is a fantastic person on UM's campus. I think a lot of people really deserve this award for the work done on this campus. Thank you for voting for me.

b. Online Public Comment

1. Melody Hollar - Hello. My name is Melody Hollar. I am President of the UM Climate Response Club and an engaged supporter of sustainability efforts at UM. I am writing now to publicly submit my support for the Resolution Encouraging the Creation of a Campus-Wide Paper Towel Compost Program. In its pilot phase, this student-driven effort saw remarkable success at diverting waste from the local landfill. With ASUM's support, that success may be extended. This program has the significant potential to overcome a major barrier to other waste diversion programs and pave the way for future waste diversion efforts on campus. Specifically, buy-in from waste collection staff must be secured to ensure successful implementation of composting or recycling. By focusing specifically on bathroom compost collection, this program can demonstrate the viability of waste diversion programs to both waste collection staff and UM's administrators. At a time of national inaction on climate change and other environmental issues, it becomes incumbent upon individuals to act as leaders and participate in grassroots mitigation activities. Many students come to UM to learn how to do just that. However, this is in itself unsustainable as advocates burnout from the impossibility of that demand in the absence of enabling infrastructure. UM can counteract that pattern now by taking feasible steps to work towards the infrastructure that will enable its students to do the right thing and feel the support of their institution. If enacted completely, this program will be a powerful first step towards addressing UM's waste stream and increasing UM's role as a player in a local, circular economy. In other words, this program would simultaneously reduce UM's environmental footprint while improving its community footprint. It would additionally provide income to UM's growing compost collection economy, which may allow for prices to fall for both UM and other Missoula community members. The support of ASUM will be vital to build the momentum and support necessary to achieve the outcomes described above. I urge you to consider the full range of implications of both UM's lack

of composting infrastructure and its current, feasible, student-led effort to change that. Thank you.

2. Lane Arthur - I am writing in support of Adrianna Medina's initiative to employ campus wide composting of paper towels. Adrianna is a friend and I know that she has been working on this project since the first day she arrived at the university. With the university claiming to be eco-friendly, it is about time they start thinking of practical ways of practicing sustainability. I believe the composting of paper towels campus wide is a great idea. Not only does it align with the university's initiative of being sustainable but it is also fairly easy to implement. It is also a easy initiative for people to support as it does not make them change their lifestyle in any way other than putting their towels in a separate bin. The Franke College of Forestry and Conservation is already applying this initiative with great success. The fact that this college is applying this in spite of the university's current policy should make an impact as that college specifically focuses on being eco-friendly and sustainable. If the university as a whole is concerned with being as equally sustainable, they ought to follow the college of forestry and conservation's example. The time to act is now! If not now, then when will we ever make a change!
3. Lauren Spaeth - My name is Lauren Spaeth, and I am an Ecosystems Science major. I am writing to express my support for the paper towel resolution. This is going to assist in furthering sustainability efforts on campus. Composting is such a great way to decrease our campus's waste, and hopefully we will see the benefits in our food systems and gardens. It's about time we consider composting campus wide. Adri has been working so hard to make this campus a better place, and I think we should honor her hard work and the care she put into the betterment of the health and sustainability of our campus. UM should be a model for sustainability, and I think that holding ourselves accountable for our waste production is a great way to show that we care about our students' ideas and the environment. If we want to be "Tomorrow Proof", shouldn't we uplift our students and focus on what they are passionate about while helping the environment? Adri's work is inspiring, and I also think this will also draw more students in. For UM to be different and hold ourselves unaccountable for our core value of sustainability, we need to make composting efforts a campus wide project. We can do this!
4. Victoria Bloomgren - This proposal is a necessary step for the university if we want to be more sustainable and zero-waste in a

reasonable amount of time. The fact that we are viewing this as something that still needs to be questioned is counterproductive. Some of UM Dining's facilities are already composting and have been for a while now, it's time for others to catch up. Adrianna Medina has put lots of time and effort into writing this proposal and it outlines what needs to happen in great detail. Someone is finally putting the work into trying to get this university up to its own standard that the question of whether or not we put this into place is laughable. We already have a beautiful campus in a beautiful state, so why not take the steps to make this breathtaking place even better and sustainable.

c. Committees Reports

1. University Athletic committee – because of sporting events were cancelled, athletes can sit back on their academic standing for scholarships and stay for another year
2. COVID-19 meeting – if you have any questions, send them to me.
3. University Standards is meeting reviewing social work
4. Student Affairs, with the exception of housing and dining, will be fully moved online. Brian French has been working with advisors on how to treat grading this semester

d. Transportation

1. Transportation will be functioning, and we are piloting a rideshare replacement because we aren't seeing the ridership to justify a bus. We are only doing this with one route and its to Missoula College, so far.

e. Emergency Grant Update

1. Big thank you to BNF for approving this. We have been working on a online application. UFA is matching our grants too. It's a good opportunity for anyone who has been displaced by this.

f. Student Employee Discussion

1. I'd like to give you an update on the student employee situation. Student employees already have fewer rights than most others on campus, students get the short end of the stick. Students won't be receiving anything from the stimulus package, and they're in an extremely sticky situation. Work study students will still get paid, but that doesn't mean something for non-work study students. If you are in a campus job, its in your best interest to stay there because the university has a hiring freeze right now.

g. COVID-19 General Discussion

1. Opportunity to have general discussion on COVID-19.

h. A day in the life of ASUM President

1. I'm scheduling a zoom meeting for anyone running for president to give you an idea of what its like to be ASUM president and all the responsibilities associated with it. I'm going to try and make it fun and interesting for you.
- i. Other
 1. OCHE might be cancelled, so I'm curious what might be appropriate replacements, such as the class of 2020 being able to walk with 2021, or something over homecoming. I'm not interested in that as a senior, but I understand some of you have differing opinions.
 2. My office hours might be cancelled, but talk to me anyways over Zoom or phone

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Updates
 - a. Tarallo-Flanagan UC Called Motion to approve
 - i. Motion passes
- b. Office Hours
 - a. Please be sure to send me an email if you can't get your office hours in. I can extend it based on whats going on, just be sure to get your tasks done. They are separated into "necessary" and "optional" tasks.
- c. Committee Reports
 - a. I am staying on the Grad Appeals committee for the summer, but reach out to me if you are interested for next year. It's extremely important, probably the most important work I've done on campus
 - b. Faculty Senate – I gave President Belcher's report to the faculty and they are on board with helping out with elections since many are sending out emails to drive turnout. Provost Harbor has also changed the model from High credit/credit/n credit to complete credit/credit/no credit. Study abroad students are also sought after by the state department. They didn't vote on the graduate credit though.
 - c. UM Summer Academic Council – Students are deciding not to register for summer and it is posing a big financial threat to UM. We're down by 6-7 percent from last year. All first half session classes will be held online and staying on the original timeline. Because of the declining enrollment, some courses will get cancelled as well. Also discussing extending credit/no credit to the summer semester.
- d. Other
 - a. It's been tough to get people to come to senate meetings because we've been working non-stop. One person is Grace Gardner to come update you all on summer topics. If you have any specific issues you

want to talk about, send an email to me so I can pass it on to higher ups.

- b. Elections campaigning has started. You still need to be an ASUM senator in your official capacity. Please be cordial and kind to each other. This is usually the time of year when things get tense.
- c. If you are running for VP, meet with me.
- d. Please make sure you fill out the survey about winter session. Its extremely important. I'm not sure when it would be implemented, but we need your feedback. Please share it when I post it.

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- a. ASUM Loan Fund Implementation
 - a. Parsons: We contribute \$15000 from the loan fund to help students impacted, but there are a few qualifications and restrictions. We wanted to be flexible, so we are turning it into a grant, rather than a loan.
 - b. Belcher: This is an old account. No one actually knows where the money came from, but its been existing in business services for the last few decades accruing interest. We're going to rewrite ASUM fiscal policy to make this money more accessible.
- b. Financial Requests
 - a. Kaimin STIP Request (\$2,026/\$2025.53)
 - i. This has been bouncing around for awhile, but it worked with the new changes to STIP policy.
 - ii. Nelson: the committee approved the first quote in full.
 - iii. Flanagan-Fulton UC Called Motion to approve in full amount
 - 1. Motion passes
 - b. Circus Club STIP Request (\$737/\$1,287)
 - i. This one is a bit confusing, but BNF reached a decision how to fund this. They're treating it like exercise equipment and decided to fund it as if it was one item with multiple attachments. The only thing board decided not to fund was labor.

- ii. Flanagan-Fulton UC Called motion to approve in amount of \$737
 - 1. Motion passes
- c. Committee Reports
 - a. Publications Board - We had the publications board and interviewed candidates for editor and business manager. We'll have an update on who we pick next week
 - b. Research and Creative Scholarship Fund – I've had conversations about how to allow people to access this money, without using travel because of the upending caused by COVID-19
- d. Other
 - a. We have decided to suspend all student activities after Governor Bullock's stay at home order. We don't want to put the student body at risk unnecessarily. We won't be reimbursing student group activity prior to the stay at home order, but as far as I know, no one did meet.
 - b. We've also been working with committees and coordinators on how to get internship credit for student group leaders to help them reach the 120 credit limit.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Bitterroot-Missoula College Affairs Committee (BMAC)

BMAC met via Zoom on Thursday, March 26th and discussed the impacts of COVID-19 on Missoula College students. SAL Pablo and Lee both expressed their concerns of students unable to access campus services. Due to the impending pandemic, this was BMAC's last meeting of the semester.

Morgan Hahn, Chair of the Bitterroot-Missoula College Affairs Committee

B. Student Political Action Committee (SPA)

The Student Political Action Committee met on Tuesday, March 24th and invited Nevin Graves, Madison Morgan, and Kali Prescott from MontPIRG joined us to discuss the Spring Voter Registration Drive. We have set a goal to register 100 UM students by the end of April, in a competition with Montana State University. Each of the committee members had planned to find a business or organization that would house MontPIRG Voter Registration drop boxes, however, with the recent shelter-in-place order we've had to abandon that plan. Chair Hahn is in contact with MontPIRG to develop other ways SPA can be instrumental to get students registered before the June primary. For the 2020 Census, the Student Political Action Committee will focus most of its efforts to reach students. It's important to clarify that The Census counts people where they live and sleep most of the time. UM students who spend most of the year at an apartment in Missoula will be counted here, not at their parents' house where they stay

during college breaks. Chair Hahn is still coordinating between Forward Montana, MontPIRG and the U.S. Census.

Morgan Hahn, Chair of the ASUM Student Political Action Committee

C. Legal Oversight Board Report

Legal Oversight Board had a meeting on Friday, March 27th, 2020 at 4:10 PM via Zoom. Legal Oversight Board is planning to post a link to an educational webinar and ask that students watch it and fill out the existing Legal Needs survey on Qualtrics.

Legal Oversight Board Chair Ream

D. Relations and Affairs

The Relations and Affairs Committee met at 3:00pm on Sunday, March 29th to discuss two resolutions; Resolution Endorsing the University of Montana's Commitment to reduce its energy use by 35% by 2025, and Resolution Amending Article V Section 23 of the ASUM Bylaws. The meeting experienced many technical difficulties, but through those difficulties the committee grew more capable of proceeding and working with Zoom going forward. Each resolution passed unanimously with discussion centered around strengthening the wording of the resolutions. The committee also discussed Senator Durnell's drafted resolution regarding the charge of the Relations and Affairs committee so the committee could make any recommendations or objections they saw fit before it is proposed in New Business.

Noah Durnell,

Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB66 - Resolution Endorsing the University of Montana's Commitment to Conserve 35% More
 - a. Durnell: yield to Melody Hollar
 - b. Hollar: UM got nearly 60 million in federal money for physical infrastructure, and now that we have that opportunity, UM needs to commit to using 35% less energy. It will make campus more comfortable to be in on top of being more sustainable.
 - c. Flanagan-Fulton UC Called Motion on formatting in lines 30-32
 - i. Discussion called
 1. Flanagan: I thought the whereas clauses in line 69 would fit better in lines 30-32. Overall, still well-written resolution.
 2. Medina: I just wanted to hear the reasoning
 - ii. Motion passes 16-3-1
 - d. Gregory-Fulton UC Called Move to approve
 - i. Objection by Ream
 - ii. Resolution passes
 - e. Chair Hanley calls for a 5 minute recess at 8:02

- b. SB67 - Resolution Amending Article V, Section 23 of the ASUM Bylaws
 - a. Chair Hanley calls meeting to order at 8:07
 - b. Rinck: This is my first resolution, and its pretty straightforward, we're just changing the name from KRELF to Sustainability Fund to keep in line with the language
 - c. Rinck-Kiefer UC Called Motion to table until next senate meeting
 - i. Discussion called
 - ii. Rinck: We decided just to pass it in committee, but we want to reach out to the donor family and give them time to do our due diligence. If not, we'll change anyways, but we just want to reach out
 - iii. Motion passes 19-0-1
 - iv.
- c. SB68 - Resolution Encouraging the Creation of a Campus-Wide Paper Towel Compost Program
 - a. Medina: This is built on the forestry building's effort to demonstrate how to reduce waste on campus, particularly with paper towels. The belief is that UM could significantly reduce waste. It costs about \$48 a bin, and we can divert more waste away from landfills. The goal is to get this pilot program implemented campus-wide. Fits with UM's efforts to be a more sustainable campus.
 - b. Tarallo-Flanagan UC Called Motion on formatting
 - i. Motion passed
 - c. Kiefer-Hahn UC Called Move to add "the" before each committee and changing to refer to them as 'advisory boards'
 - i. Motion passes
 - d. Fulton-Tarallo UC Called Move to approve
 - i. Discussion called
 - ii. Tarallo withdrew, but Fulton did not concede.
 - iii. Fulton: hearing previous sentiments that were said and how we voted on the last resolution, I don't see any reason why we wouldn't approve it. No need to go through it all.
 - iv. Kiefer: I had some more amendments. I would appreciate if you could withdraw so we could make this look correct.
 - v. Fulton withdrew
 - e. Kiefer-Corkish UC Called Motion on formatting and terminology
 - i. Motion passes
 - f. Kiefer-Rinck UC Called Motion to correct the spelling on Paul Lasiter's name.
 - i. Motion passes 19-0-1

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tarallo: One Resolution to Legal Board Temporarily Waiving ASUM Legal Services' Advising Fees for clients with Landlord/Tenant or Consumer Debt Disputes
- b. Durnell: One resolution creating a charge for the Relations and Affairs Committee
- c. Flanagan: Resolution Amending the Student Group Recognition and Funding Process to be Categorical
- d. One Resolution Encouraging the Reconsideration the Dean of Students Position
- e. Belcher: One Resolution Urging the Creation of a Director of Student Employment Position at the University of Montana

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Fulton-Tarallo UC Called Move to adjourn at 8:35
 - i. Motion passes