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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
April 19, 1995
Mt. Sentinel Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - April 12, 1995
4. Public Comment
5. President's Report
 - a. Steve - Get out the vote.
 - b. Aber Day - Saturday
 - c. Committee Appointments
 - d. Diversity Awards - Wednesday
 - e. Volunteer Coordinator Position
6. Vice President's Report
 - a. Committees
 - b. Provost Kindrick
 - c. General Announcements
7. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Special Allocation - Kyi-Yo Indian Club
 - b. STIP Request - D.B.S. Graduate Student Association
 - c. Resolution to financially support a volunteer coordinator position.
 - d. Fiscal Policy
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. SB51 Resolution to Amend the Constitution Article VII, 1 and House Rules 4
 - b. SB56 Resolution to Amend ASUM House Rules, Article II, Section 8
 - c. SB69 Resolution to Include Statistical Questions on the General Election Ballot
 - d. SB70 Resolution for the Restructure of Student Political Action
 - e. SB71 Resolution to Poll Students for Their Opinion on Retaining or Dissolving the Board of Regents
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

April 19, 1995

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
April 19, 1995
Mt. Sentinel Room - 6 p.m.

Chair Hilburn called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Present: Panasuk, Hilburn, Deines, Akhtar, Dishon, Gregory, Hadley, Hueth, Johnson, Kovarik, Lee, Marek, Miller, Rector, Shonk, Skornogoski, Souza, Swift-Eagle, Thielman and Zimmerling. Excused: Brush and Keedy. McArdle has unofficially resigned.

The minutes of the April 12, 1995, meeting were approved as written.

Public Comment - None

President's Report

- a. Steve Breezley of SPA circulated a sign-up sheet for Senators to make calls to students on Sunday to encourage them to vote in the General Election, which is April 26 and 27.
- b. A sign-up sheet by circulated by Panasuk for Aber Day activities on Saturday. Students are to meet at 8 a.m. Saturday.
- c. The following committee appointments were approved by Senate: ASUM Affairs: Jennifer Taylor, Chris Miller, Brent Harper, Timberly Marek; NCAA - Timberly Marek, Betty Gregory.
- d. Betty Gregory was nominated by ASUM Senate for and will receive a diversity award. The awards will be made Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Dell Brown room.
- e. A Volunteer Coordinator position has been made possible through a grant, and Senate will consider matching funds.

Vice-President's Report

- a. Hilburn needs students who can serve on a search committee for Mansfield Center Director.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Kyi-Yo Special Allocation funds. A proposal to give the remaining balance of \$366.77 to the organization was approved with a friendly amendment by **Kovarik** to allocate all of the remaining balance (\$370) for Pow Wow expenses.
- b. A STIP request by Division of Biological Sciences Graduate Student Organization for \$2,979.25 for a laser printer passed.
- c. A STIP request by Jazz Band for \$820 for PA sound equipment passed.
- d. An allocation from Zero-Based Carryover for \$3,300 was approved for Volunteer Action Services to fund a share of a Volunteer Coordinator position commencing July 1 (Exhibit A).
- e. Any proposed amendments to Fiscal Policy will be offered next week.

Committee Reports

- a. Gregory of Board on Member Organizations offered UM Men Against Rape organization for recognition, which Senate approved. Gregory has developed some criteria for organization advisor duties.
- b. SPA Director Pullar noted that SB71 was killed in committee.
- c. Breezley of SPA brought SB74 to Senate under seconded motion status (Exhibit B). It passed with a friendly amendment by **Shonk** to include summer session for the assessment.
- d. Pullar noted SPA is sponsoring a table for Gay Pride Week.
- e. Dishon asked Senators to refer groups to UC Board who are interested in UC space so that proper procedures can be followed.
- f. Miller reported lack of a quorum for ASUM Affairs.
- g. Rector reported on space priorities for the old Business Building: School of Education, general classrooms, computer lab, etc.
- h. Skornogosky reported lack of a quorum for University Affairs.
- i. Thielman reported that the UTU equivalencies are finished concerning workloads and will be sent for further approval.

- j. Shonk reported that the Building Fee Committee decided on proposed projects which include soccer fields, ADA improvements, lighting, and a high tech classroom.
- k. The Elections Committee brought a possible campaign violation before Senate (Exhibit C-1 and C-2) for discussion and resolution.

Ten-minute recess

A call of previous question by **Kovarik-Souza** failed. A motion was made by **Souza-Lee** to take a vote tomorrow after more information is available. Souza and Akhtar left to contact the vendor involved.

Unfinished Business

- a. SB51 Resolution to Amend the Constitution Article VII, 1 and House Rules 4 - tabled.
- b. SB56 Resolution to Amend ASUM House Rules, Article II, Section 4 (Exhibit D) passed.
- c. SB69 Resolution to Include Statistical Questions on the General Election Ballot (Exhibit E). A call of previous question by **Swift Eagle-Deines** passed. Upon immediate vote the resolution passed.
- d. SB70 Resolution for the Restructure of Student Political Action - in committee.
- e. SB71 Resolution to Poll Students for Their Opinion on Retaining or Dissolving the Board of Regents - killed in committee.
- f. A motion by **Hadley-Swift Eagle** to suspend House Rules to bring SB73 Resolution for Student Referendum on Lifting the Smoking Ban on the Third Floor of the University Center (Exhibit F) passed. A call of previous question by **Rector-Marek** passed. Upon immediate vote the resolution passed.
- g. **Hueth-Swift Eagle** moved to reconsider SB69 (see c.). A call of previous question by **Lee-?** passed. Upon immediate vote the motion to reconsider passed. A call of previous question by **Lee-Deines** passed. Upon immediate vote SB69 failed.

Committee Reports (continued)

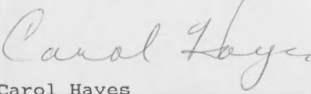
Panasuk-Kovarik moved to table the issue until 8 p.m. Thursday until further information could be gathered and Legal Services could be consulted. An objection to consideration was made by **Rector**. The vote was not to consider the motion. After a second call to the vendor the grievance was withdrawn.

A motion by **Gregory-Swift Eagle** to adjourn failed.

New Business

- a. Resolution to define the word donation in reference to campaigns.
- b. Resolution for ASUM to oppose design of UC lounge.
- c. Resolution to amend Constitution Article 9.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. on a motion by **Shonk-Marek** that passed.


Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

RESOLUTION TO FUND A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR POSITION FOR 1995-1996

Whereas, community service and volunteerism is a growing trend benefitting both volunteers and host organizations; and,

Whereas, the The University of Montana and the Missoula community have numerous opportunities for community service, and campus organizations and individuals hold great potential for benefitting the community; and,

Whereas, an opportunity exists through Volunteer Montana (An Americorps Program) to create a one year, full-time volunteer coordinator position to bridge the gap between the ASUM and opportunities for volunteerism;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the ASUM Senate authorizes the allocation of \$3300 from the Zero-Based Carryover Account, effective July 1, 1995, to fund a full time volunteer coordinator position for the Academic Year 1995-1996. The position shall be coordinated through Volunteer Action Services who shall also provide \$500 toward the total cost of \$3800 for the position.

Sponsored by:

*ASUM President Jennifer Panasuk
ASUM Business Manager Tye Deines*

Panasuk

**RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AN ASUM-GENERATED REFERENDUM FOR A
VOLUNTARY STUDENT RECYCLING FEE**

WHEREAS, The University of Montana Recycling Program is experiencing a shortage of funds which makes it difficult for it to provide necessary services to The University of Montana campus, and,

WHEREAS, The Associated Students of the University of Montana, the bonafide representative of The University of Montana student population on campus, together with the university administration and Auxiliary Services, have identified recycling as a high priority on campus, and have recognized the shortage of funds and the need for the services provided by a fully funded University Recycling Program, which is threatened by this shortage, and,

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the entire campus should bear equal responsibility in funding the University Recycling Program; therefore ASUM is asking the faculty, staff, administration, and students to all contribute to the Recycling Program. This will be in the form of either a voluntary \$4.00 salary deduction each academic year, or a volunteer, waiveable \$2.00 per semester student fee.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that an ASUM-Sponsored referendum for a voluntary, waiveable, \$2.00 Recycling Fee, be put to a student vote, and upon approval, be assessed each semester beginning Autumn 1995.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the referendum, for ballot purposes, shall read:

An ASUM-generated referendum for a voluntary, waiveable, \$2.00 per semester Recycling Fee, to be assessed beginning Autumn 1995. This fee will be used to help fund The University of Montana Recycling Program. Because the entire campus is responsible for the waste generated at the university, the faculty, staff, and administration are being asked to deduct \$4.00 from their salaries each academic year to help fund the Recycling Program as well.

___ FOR a voluntary, waiveable \$2.00 per semester Recycling Fee.

___ AGAINST a voluntary waiveable \$2.00 per semester Recycling Fee.

Authored by Steve Breezley
Sponsored by Student Political Action

*Passed
4/19/95*

Exhibit C,

To: ASUM Senators, Executives, Elections committee members

From: Sen. Sarah Akhtar and Sen. Rod Souza

Re: Jason Thielman's Campaign Expenses

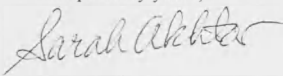
Due to several complaints before the primary election, an inquiry was made into the campaign budget of Jason Thielman, specifically relating to the vinyl sign hanging across the atrium in the UC. We have found reasonable proof that he has exceeded his \$125.00 budget.

Originally, Jason claimed on his expense sheet that he paid \$26.95 for the sign. An employee from St. Marie's Graphics in Kalispell, where the sign was obtained, quoted a price for lettering of smaller specifications of \$77.44. Repeated attempts were made to receive a price confirmation on the reported expenditures, but the calls were not returned. We then called Sign Pro in Missoula for a price quote. A sign of Jason's specifications would carry a cost of \$150-\$200. Although St. Marie's costs are wholesale buying lettering for a sign of Jason's specifications would still exceed his budget.

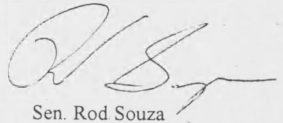
The total amount that Jason is claiming thus far in the campaign is \$64.31. Today at 3 PM, Jason changed his \$26.95 total for the sign to \$61.00 for the lettering and said the sign was an undeclared donation. It was then that Jason admitted his miscalculated budget. The Elections committee feels that this was an error regarding donations. Upon his own admission, the store owner is a "friend" of the family. This morning, as a committee, we agreed that Jason must take down the 15 foot sign in question and should not be allowed to spend any more funds. Whether this alleged overexpenditure made a significant impact on the results of the primary election is open for speculation.

A grievance was filed this afternoon by Sen. Timberly Marek. Our committee has passed this on to the Senate for a vote to determine whether or not Jason Thielman's candidacy should be suspended. Our committee is not taking an official stand on the issue. However, we have passed this onto the Senate because we feel this is a valid and warranted grievance.

Respectfully yours,



Sen. Sarah Akhtar



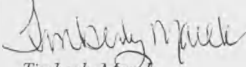
Sen. Rod Souza

Members of the Elections Committee and Fellow Senators:

I understand that submitting this grievance may appear to be a last effort to restore my campaign. I do feel as if I am the party most effected by the described action. However, I must bring the issue to the attention to the Senate out of my belief that the ASUM election should be conducted fairly and provide the candidates with equal obligation to the rules applied. I hope that when you make your decision, that it based solely on the current facts and circumstances described by the Elections Committee and not on the emotional consequences that may precipitate a decision pursuant of this grievance.

I ask that the candidacy of Jason Thielman for the office of ASUM Business Manager be invalidated by the ASUM Senate for reasons detailed by the Elections Committee and most specifically for his known violation of the ASUM House Rules.

Respectfully submitted,



*Timberly Marek,
ASUM Senator*

Exhibit D

SB 56 Resolution to Amend ASUM House Rules, Article II, Section 8

Whereas, there are currently no rules governing special elections, and,

Whereas, a special election is equally as important as a regular election, and,

Whereas, a special election needs to be a legal and legitimate representation of the student voice;

Let It Therefore Be Amended to the ASUM House Rules, Article II, Section 8:

Special Elections:

A. For a special election, more than one voting area may be established, the amount of which and locations to be decided at the discretion of the Elections Committee. One location shall be the University Center and shall be shielded from traffic. The polls shall be open a minimum of four hours at sometime between 8:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. and for at least two days, a Wednesday and a Thursday. Any other days or hours shall be in addition to those already mentioned. The polls shall be staffed by any member of the Elections Committee or a current ASUM Senator or Executive.

1. The University of Montana Colleges of Technology East and West campuses shall have one voting area set up at each campus; the specific area will be at the discretion of an Elections Committee member. The polls for the special election at the Colleges of Technology are as established in the ASUM House Rules, Article II, Section 8.

B. To vote for a special election, a member of the Association must fully complete and fulfill any requirements as established by the ASUM House Rules.

C. No groups shall be allowed to share the polling facilities set up by the Elections Committee. The polling facilities are defined as whatever locations the Elections Committee has decided upon, one of which shall be the main floor of the UC.

D. After each day of an election, ballots shall be locked in a safe and may not be examined in any manner until the close of the polls on the final day of voting. Upon closure of the polls, the Elections Committee shall count the ballots, to be done in the presence of the faculty advisor(s).

E. Write-in votes do not need to be spelled correctly in the intent of the voter is clear.

F. Election results shall be ^{submitted to} published in the Montana Kaimin ^{for publication} on the next publishing day immediately following the election.

G. All ballots shall be kept at the ASUM offices for a period of two weeks, after which time they shall be destroyed.

H. Any member of the Association who disagrees with any ruling of the Elections Committee may file a complaint concerning any action involved with the election. This member may appear with a signed complaint to the Elections Committee no later than 9:00a.m. of the second business day following the special election.

I. The Elections Committee shall examine the complaint and decide what action, if any, is warranted.

J. The Elections Committee may invalidate the results of any election and demand a new election, but the committee must do so before the first Senate meeting following the election, and such a motion to invalidate must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.

K. The necessity for a special election shall be determined by the ASUM Senate.

Authored by Timberly Marek

Passed
4/19/95

SB 69

Resolution to include statistical questions on the general election ballot

Whereas statistical information could be used by ASUM to make a concentrated effort in encouraging groups of students to vote;

Whereas this information is also valuable to classes and other offices on campus;

Let It Be Resolved:

That included on the general election ballot will be the following:

Year in school?

____ Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Junior ____ Senior ____ Graduate

Are you:

____ under 16 years old ____ 17-20 years old ____ 21-24 years old

____ 25-28 years old ____ 28-32 years old ____ 33-40 years old

____ 40 years old and older

____ Male

____ Female

Let it be known on the ballot that this information is completely voluntary and will be used to encourage non-voting students to vote in general elections. This information will not be used to persuade students to vote for a particular item or person.

Authored by Kim Skornogoski

Passed

RESOLUTION FOR STUDENT REFERENDUM ON LIFTING THE SMOKING BAN ON
THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE UNIVERSITY CENTER

Whereas, all smoking in the University Center was banned two years ago in a student vote, and,

Whereas, the current student population may not reflect this same belief and conviction, and,

Whereas, a determination of such shifts in polity can be best identified by a student referendum,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved:

The ASUM authorizes a referendum to be placed on the upcoming general election ballot which will read:

☐ YES I support the lifting of the smoking ban on, and only on, the Third Floor of the UC.

☐ NO I do not support the lifting of the smoking ban on the Third Floor of the UC.

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