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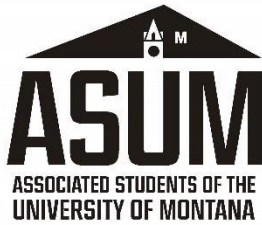
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ASUM SENATE AGENDA

Wednesday April 8, 2020

Zoom – 6 P.M.

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1. CHAIR HANLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:06

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 1, 2020

1. Tarallo-Gregory UC called Motion to approve
 - a. Motion passes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **Kellyann Deniger – Manager of Job Service of Missoula. Unemployment insurance with the cares act. I told Senator Flanagan that you won't know if you're eligible if you don't apply at all. You can apply at www.montanaworks.gov/apply Some of your money like work-study won't count towards wages. There are safety nets in the CARES Act, but we're trying to figure those out. You should apply now, and you might fall into one of those eligible categories. You should apply through the state site, since the federal benefits will go through that line. The system is a bit overloaded right now, but give us a call and we'll walk you through it. This can be enough to get you by for now. It's there to let us help you.**

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. COVID-19 General Discussion

b. Online Public Comment

1. Sam Heathcock - my name is Sam Hathcock and I am the captain and president of UM Men's rugby. Under this resolution, we would be qualified as an "exclusive membership" team and would have our travel funds slashed. As of now, our dues are \$250 dollars, and we need every bit of that money, our ASUM sports union funds, and team fundraising in order to travel, book hotels & pay tournament fees for our season. All this resolution would accomplish is make rugby more exclusive, forcing us to either fold as an organization or to increase dues to the point where the vast majority of the team would be unable to play. When we have had players in the past unable to pay dues, both alumni and current players have offered to sponsor them to make sure we are inclusive to anyone regardless of financial position. I implore those senators set to vote on this measure to vote against it. While egalitarian in theory, in practice it severely undercuts sports with higher travel costs and will actually block access to many players unable to pay the inflated dues that this resolution will force. It's quite a shame that the University of Montana ASUM doesn't feel the need to fund one of the largest student run organizations on campus. The greek system accounts for a large amount of positive initiatives happening at UM, such as philanthropy events, student involvement, and alumni donations. It would not be beneficial to discontinue the tradition of supporting the Greek system, as Greek members are more likely to graduate without transferring, more likely to donate as alumni, and much more likely to participate in University activities than non greek members. I implore you all to make the right decision, and benefit this campus by continuing the traditionally close relationship we have shared with the University. I love Montana, I love being a Griz, and I love what the greek system has done for me. Please support the student body by supporting our Greek system.
2. Rory Anderson - Hello ASUM Senators, A question and concern of mine, and many of the music student groups on campus, has come up regarding ASUM student group funds and the changes in group's plans for the current semester. I know that ASUM fiscal policy does not allow for student groups' funds to roll over from this year to next, however, with the current COVID-19 situation many of the music student groups have had to postpone events, guest artists and performances to next year because of the need to social distance and stay-at-home order. With the need to postpone these activities, groups are facing the financial reality of current ASUM funds going unspent and 2020-2021 budgets being inaccurate because of the addition of activities (due to the COVID-19 rescheduled events, guest artists, performances). With all

this in mind, I ask if there is (or may be) discussion on allowing groups to retain current funds for budgeted and rescheduled events/guest artist/performances that will now commence next year. We appreciate your continued efforts to support UM students and consideration of this new fiscal complication. Stay well and go griz! Respectfully, Rory Anderson, Student Music Union President ASUM serves a wide array of student groups, all with their own unique needs. How do you plan to ensure these needs are being adequately met during your term?

c. Administrator/Student Group of the Year

1. Belcher: We normally give these out later and with more warning. Please email me a nominee by next meeting and I will put together a list for us to vote on. Same goes for the Student Group of the Year Award

d. Committee Reports

1. Microcredential Committee – We've been discussing smaller certificates that can exist within a major program. This would be tailored towards various courses that earn badges on LinkedIn. They can also be online or in-person. There is discussion on it having a cost differential from regular courses so people can work on things to put on their resume. We're trying to get them approved, but these need to go through a few processes first.
2. Advising workshop with VP Hanley – Brian French put together a massive file of useful resources on using online tools for faculty in advising. Lots of very good things in there for professors
3. Unit standards – We finished up social work and this morning we got an interesting PowerPoint with statistics on COVID-19 in Montana.

e. Other

1. Belcher: within a day of being live, there were 50 applications for our grant fund. This is good and bad. Other funds around the university are helping to pitch in, but its sad there is this much need. You have until April 16th to apply.

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Committee Updates

- a. No changes this week.

b. Senator and Committee Reports

- a. Hanley - If you were on ASUM last semester, this should be familiar. For senate report, write up a report on your experiences as a Senator and whatever committees you served on. Same goes for any chairs of committees. Chairs need to write up changes to be made, thoughts

comments, agendas. This can work as your transition documents. Some of you will have quite a few documents to turn into me.

- c. Transition
 - a. Hanley – I will be trying to make a series of videos that will hopefully transition new senators and explain ASUM’s goals and role on campus, along with the different functions of the university and parliamentary procedure. Hopefully this will help new senators prepare for orientation. All the executive transitions will be on Zoom, or maybe a couple others. I will be sending out the schedule right after this meeting.
- d. Committee Reports
 - a. Hanley – I’ve proposed the MAS bylaw revision committee. I’m hoping to give something more than what MAS has been given the last few years.
- e. Other

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- a. RCSF Suspension
 - a. Parsons – This fund typically has a travel component, and so we didn’t really want to hand out money for travel during these times. The suspension is for the upcoming academic year. We would reimburse some activities over the summer if the lockdown is lifted. We don’t want to have an end since we don’t know when the restrictions will be lifted.
- b. Committee Reports
 - a. Publications Board – we confirmed Erin Sargent as editor of the Kaimin and Cass Williams as business manager.
 - b. Radio Board – We have been able to put on zoom information sessions on how djs and podcasters can submit audio for the station. They are always looking for more content.
 - c. BNF – we have a resolution
- c. Birthdays

- a. I have everyone's birthdays, and I want to send birthday treats via mail, but I'm not sure that doesn't violate some guidelines. I'd like to get you guys something during these hard times.
- d. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Student Political Action

2020 Census Update

ASUM Student Political Action Committee, in collaboration with the U.S. Census and Forward Montana, is hosting a Census Q&A on Tuesday, April 14 from 12:00pm-1:00pm via Zoom. Derek Kanwischer, Missoula Representative from the U.S. Census, Erin Miller from Forward Montana, Kendra Miller from the Redistricting Committee, and tentatively Melissa Neidigh from UM Housing, will be on hand for students who may have questions about how to participate. Any Senator available is encouraged to attend. Additionally, the committee is encouraging Senators and students to make a video about participating in the census. We plan to use these for ASUM/University social media in conjunction with the Q&A. We are working with UM Communications and they have agreed to give us coverage on our social media if we have organic student-generated content to share. I created a '2020 Census' folder in our ASUM Student Political Action Committee Box Drive (<https://umt.box.com/s/bqaqd5n0wpj1194794pu8bznnpdevvaca>) where you can upload your clips. All we need is a quick clip, like 30-60 seconds, and I typed up a simple script (you can find it in the folder) if you need an idea of what to say.

MontPIRG Voter Registration Drive

The planned MontPIRG Voter Registration Drive is still proceeding forward. MontPIRG has ordered more drop boxes for voters to register in Montana along with a list of potential businesses across the state. We have set a goal to register 100 UM students by the end of April, in a competition with Montana State University. Any Senator interested in contacted businesses for drop boxes please reach out to the committee.

Morgan Hahn, Chair, ASUM Student Political Action Committee

Sustainability Board

Sustainability Board met on Friday, April 3rd. We discussed our plans and thoughts on meetings for the rest of the semester, and have decided to meet at least 2 more times before the end of the term. Many of the in-person events we intended to be involved

with have been cancelled or postponed, specifically Earth Day celebrations, which may be moved to October. We still plan to do a social media takeover on the Umontana instagram story and try to celebrate Earth Day remotely.

As chair, I have decided to assign sustainability “homework” for the time being. This consists of reading 2-3 short articles related to sustainability, then returning to the Board and having a discussion about the content. My goal is not to make this an additional burden or make it feel like schoolwork, but simply as an exercise to keep us focused on sustainability when it could very easily slip away while the world focuses on responding to and coping with COVID-19.

We plan to meet over Zoom again next week - please contact me if you would like to be involved in these meetings, or read any of the articles I have shared with the committee.

Senator Kiefer, Chair of Sustainability

Zero-Waste Board

Zero-Waste Board met on Friday, April 3rd. We discussed plans for meeting the rest of the semester, and what our remote involvement could look like. We decided to meet 1-2 more times for the rest of the semester. As chair, I have decided to assign zero-waste “homework” through the resources we have access to through the Post Landfill Action Network (PLAN). These readings are not meant to be an additional academic burden, but rather a way to keep us thinking about sustainability.

We plan to meet over Zoom next week - please contact me if you would like to be included in the next meeting, or if you would like access to the PLAN source materials. There are various guides on campus composting, zero-waste move-out days, zero-waste event planning and “swag” guidelines, and many more.

Senator Kiefer, Chair of Zero-Waste

Marketing & Outreach

To the Senate and Whomever Else it May Concern:

The Marketing & Outreach Committee met this week on Monday (4/6) via Zoom from 3:30 to 4:00 pm. The past few weeks M&O has been focused on spreading awareness and increasing student knowledge of the upcoming ASUM Elections. Due to the changes on campus in lieu of the COVID-19 outbreak we have been limited to the use of social media as our main means of communicating with the student body. Among many of our considerations on how to best use the ASUM Facebook and Instagram pages as a tool to increase student engagement, the committee as a whole has been interested in an increased emphasis on targeted ad boosting. It is important to point out that we are acting independently from the Election Committee and aim to

use social media to only spread educational materials that students are lacking due to the ‘shelter-in-place’ order. If you have any questions about our timeline and/or budget moving forward through the election cycle, I would be happy to answer them. Additionally, as chair of M&O I have requested all committee members to complete at least one class rap promoting engagement in ASUM elections before our next meeting (4/13). I would like to extend that request to the rest of the Senate body. Turnout is always important. But, this year specifically it is of highest importance. For example, if 15 senators did individual class raps to courses with an average 25 participants, it would amount to 375 students being exposed to personal and relatable information about elections. 375 more students voting amounts to a 3.4% increase in turnout based on current enrollment figures. If your true aim is to advocate for students I highly encourage individual senators to accomplish at least one class rap in the next week. Again, if you have any questions I would be happy to answer them.

Best,

Jack Rinck

Chair of Marketing & Outreach Committee

Relations and Affairs

The Relations and Affairs Committee met on Sunday, April 5th at 3:00pm via Zoom to discuss three resolutions; Resolution creating a charge for the Relations and Affairs Committee, Resolution Amending the Student Group Recognition and Funding Process, and Resolution Urging the University of Montana to Create the Position of “Dean of Students”. The first resolution was seen previously by the committee, and many of the changes made to this resolution was a result of their contribution. As such, I accepted a motion for committee members to sponsor the resolution. There was further discussion regarding the word “derivational” in both its definition and the clarity of the word to those reading the Bylaws. It was later replaced after two amendments were made attempting to clarify its meaning. There was also discussion about including dialogue regarding the action of killing a resolution, but no motions were made. The second resolution also received robust discussion regarding the logistics and fairness of the process presented in the resolution. No amendments were made with the exception of an amendment by the author to include the Unions. This resolution will be seen by both the Board on Budget and Finance and the Board on Member Organizations. The last resolution had a few supportive statements which were shortly followed by a vote. All resolutions passed committee, and I encourage members of the Senate to reach out to me or other committee members to clarify any major concerns that are not presented here.

Noah Durnell Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

Legal Oversight Board Report

Legal Oversight Board had a meeting on Friday, April 3rd, 2020 at 4:10 PM via Zoom. At the meeting, Legal Oversight Board discussed the Resolution Temporarily Waiving ASUM Legal Services' Advising Fees for Clients with Landlord/Tenant or Consumer Debt Disputes – it passed. Legal Oversight Board is posting a link to an educational webinar and asks that students watch it and fill out the existing Legal Needs survey on Qualtrics.

Legal Oversight Board Chair Ream

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB69 - Resolution Temporarily Waiving ASUM Legal Services' Advising Fees for Clients with Landlord/Tenant or Consumer Debt Disputes
 - a. Tarallo: I'm just going to apologize for the long title. Director Villomez has seen a large spike in these disputes between students and landlords. We want to waive the advising fee so students can see if they have a case. This would end on May 8, the last day of finals. I'm sure this can be extended with another resolution.
 - b. Tarallo-Durnell UC Called Motion to add ;Rashana Harris, student-at-large;"
 - i. Motion passes
 - c. Nelson: Why was the language restricted to fired/furloughed rather than including laid off?
 - i. Tarallo: Furloughed is temporary, but laid off kind of means permanent
 - d. Durnell: Given the recent information on summer session, seems like the implications of the virus will go longer. Shouldn't it maybe extend through the summer?
 - i. Tarallo: Villomez was trying to go with only a short-term thing, so that's why we went with our date
 - e. Ream-Corkish UC Called Motion to change "lead" to "led"
 - i. Motion passes
 - f. Anderson: I don't believe putting a deadline on this is appropriate. I think this should be extended until campus re-opens.
 - i. Anderson-Glueckert Motion to strike "end of spring 2020 semester" and replace with "campus fully reopening to students."
 1. Anderson: Given the new changes, we need to respect that students probably won't be able to work. This is the

fairest way. And since ASUM doesn't operate in the summer, this is a nice compromise. Director Villomez has the option to reimplement the fees as director. There is still wiggle room for him if the situation changes.

2. Tarallo: I'd be more comfortable with a more concrete date. Maybe at the end of the last summer session?
 3. Flanagan: Is it possible that ASUM could be open without campus itself be open?
 - a. Belcher: It is anticipated that school will be done remotely, but its possible work might not be. I don't want you to take that as a sign that we'll be lockdown until August. This just has to be done earlier to prepare for the worst case scenario.
 4. Anderson: It's not because of Zoom. Just because shelter-in-place is lifted doesn't mean everything else opens. This is just to make sure students get included in opening. I don't think its fair to put a date considering the lack of information we have on when this will end.
 5. Rinck: How much traffic does ASUM Legal get over the summer and how much will this decrease?
 - a. Belcher: It depends. Fewer students come in during the summer. Certainly fewer with this going on.
 6. Belcher: I appreciate the discussion, but I appreciate the sentiment, but the next president and director have the power to decide, so this clause is unnecessary.
 7. Anderson: Director Villomez just texted me that he is okay with this.
 8. Motion passes 18-2-0
- g. Durnell-Flanagan UC Called Motion on punctuation
 - i. Motion passes
 - h. Durnell-Corkish UC Called Motion to replace "citizens" with "students"
 - i. Motion passes
 - i. Ream-Glueckert UC Called Motion on punctuation
 - i. Motion passes
 - j. Glueckert-Tarallo UC Called Motion to add Mary to my name
 - i. Motion passes
 - k. Durnell-Glueckert UC Called Motion to remove "and/or impossible" and replace " citizens" with "students"
 - l. Durnell-Nelson - Motion replace "those in need"

- i. Durnell: the statement is redundant.
 - ii. Tarallo: I think it makes it stronger, but I'm not gonna die on this hill.
 - iii. Motion passes
 - m. Ream-Corkish UC Called Motion on capitalization
 - i. Motion passes
 - n. Resolution passes unanimously 20-0-0
- b. SB70 - Resolution Urging the University of Montana to Create the Position of "Director of Student Employment"
 - a. Belcher: I've discussed this a lot, but I've noticed that students have many needs that aren't being met, especially for student employees. I am trying to advocate for all students, but ASUM as a whole is limited in its capacity to do so. A lot of the issues students need to talk about are also sensitive, and I have had students approach me about issues and giving them advice about who else to talk to. I think its inappropriate to expect ASUM to insert itself in these conflicts. I've also outlined what this position would do. This is a key service for students
 - b. Resolution passes unanimously 20-0-0
- c. SB 71 - Resolution Creating a Charge for the Relations and Affairs Committee in the ASUM Bylaws
 - a. Durnell: These changes aren't new and are common practices, so it seems fitting to add it into the bylaws. There are a lot of sponsors on this bill. Many wanted to collaborate and make this a good bill. I removed the pass/do not pass recommendations. Any further charges not listed in here should be under the discretion of the chair.
 - b. Tarallo-Parsons: Motion to remove line 116
 - i. Durnell: to rebuttal, there is discretion with any committee. It's still functional. I could have put in more, but these are the most essential. That's why that clause is in their.
 - ii. Motion fails 9-11-0
 - c. Johnston: I am against this, because it feels like RNA would become a bylaw fixing committee. This would become the resolution editorial committee, not relations and affairs of ASUM
 - i. Durnell: I'd like to point out that this is supposed to be countered by the removal of our recommendations. It might as well be in the bylaws to keep it from being a mini-senate.
 - d. Nelson: I worry this charge will lessen the charges and priorities of the committee. By trying to outline what the committee does, it eliminates a lot of the power the committee and it would mean a weaker ASUM with

weaker resolutions. There are safeguards to protect against the biases of the committee from affecting the intent of the resolution. RNA has also made many of my resolutions into something passable. It dives too much into specifics and puts far more pressure on the Senate.

- e. Tarallo: this doesn't take away powers from the committee. This isn't to make grammatical changes the primary function of RNA. I think the Senate should be the ones to make those impactful changes.
- f. **Brief recess for howling at 7:58-8:05**
- g. Johnston: RNA can make potentially workable resolutions into something good, where this limits RNA's power to do that.
 - i. Durnell: This doesn't limit anything. It just gives a reference so we don't make decisions entirely on emotions. This is not reducing the actions of the committee
- h. Anderson: RNA already acts like a mini-senate. It limits many resolutions and even prevents other committees from seeing them. All of our governing docs are up to the chairs of the committee. I don't see anything else that RNA can do under these charges when this is our most important committee.
- i. Tarallo: This is too important to kill. If you don't like it, vote to send it back to committee. This is necessary for RNA's job.
- j. Durnell: This gives RNA a charge, and without a charge, the committee is weaker. The committee is not based of robots. We can operate in these hypothetical scenarios. The sentiments expressed are frankly untrue.
- k. Fulton: This feels like educational materials. This isn't a good resolution. This isn't a good charge. There are no amendments that we can make on this that are worth it.
- l. Nelson: We still have to be mindful of our governing docs. Because of how specific this resolution is, it limits RNA's power. This limits the boards ability to make positive changes.
- m. Flanagan-Tarallo Motion to send back to committee
 - i. Flanagan: I'd like to strengthen this resolution in committee
 - ii. Tarallo: please. We want to compromise and fix this. Please give it another chance.
 - iii. Johnston: the only reason I'd send it back to RNA is to gut it, but that goes back on the purpose of this resolution. I'm probably gonna vote no.
 - iv. Durnell: I'm a little disheartened that all the dissenting opinions were not voiced earlier. It's pretty clear that sending back to committee wouldn't be a good compromise. What I have in the

resolution is what I want in the resolution. Vote as you will. I'd like to see productive amendments.

- v. Flanagan: Come to RNA so we can compromise. I urge you to vote.
- vi. Motion fails 8-11-1
- n. Resolution passes 9-7-4
- o. Fulton-Nelson Motion to reconsider vote
 - i. That was a very close vote and I feel the senate should not abstain. When it comes to this, everyone needs to vote yes or no.
 - ii. Tarallo: We had a lengthy discussion on this.
 - iii. Flanagan: if you abstained, tell us why. Reconsidering is a waste of time.
 - iv. Johnsnton: there were a lot of passes and abstains. If they will change, I'm okay with this. But if not, its frivolous.
 - v. Nelson: I'm not trying to be a sore loser. I just don't want such a large change to happen with 4 abstentions. This will have major impacts on how ASUM is run
 - vi. Belcher: We shouldn't have a revote. We just discussed this. If we do and I hear the same things, I will not be a happy camper.
 - vii. Motion failed.
 - viii. Division called by Fulton
 - 1. Failed 2-16-2

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Nelson: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 13 of the ASUM Bylaws
 - 1. Nelson: amending the bylaws to change the transportation committee to add the sustainability coordinator as an ex officio member, along with other various changes.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Tarallo-Anderson UC Called Motion to adjourn at 8:49
 - 1. Motion passes