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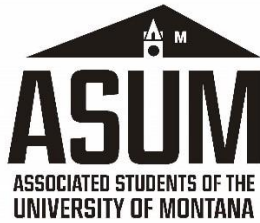
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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday August 19, 2020
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1. VICE PRESIDENT FLANAGAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Present: Senators Armington, Bentler, Bornstein, Bowles, Curry, Fulton, Gatlin, Karlen, La'a, Leone, Lyon, Martin, Mcdirmid, Merchen, Miranda, Nicholls, Pfeifer, Rinck, Schei, Spring, Tarallo, Tran, Ververis, Weisenberger
- b. Absent Excused: Senator Miranda
- c. Absent Unexcused:
- d. Tardy: Senator Durnell

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Senator Tarallo-Schei UC called motion to approve the minutes from April 29th, 2020
 - i. Motion passes

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Nevan Graves: Hello everyone, I am the Missoula campus organizer with the Montana public research interest group (MontPIRG). The group has had many successful collaborations with ASUM in motivating students in participating in democracy in Montana. This semester we are getting out there are registering young voters. Recent success happened with the recent primary election and participation was the highest it has been since the 1970s. There is still a lot of work to be done in this regard. And I am asking you, ASUM senate, for your assistance. We need people who are able to get out there and get people registered to vote. It is crucial that we get the individuals who have been displaced by COVID-19 updated with their voter registration as well. I am looking for people who are willing to volunteer to help us with this effort. I have voter registration forms here and if you are interested in volunteering, I have sign-up forms as well. Thank you for your service.

BM Hanley: Thank you for coming. I had the pleasure of working with MontPIRG last year for the registration competition and needless to say we beat MSU at the competition. I think you do great work in registering voters and I look forward to working with you for the remainder of my term.

- b. Corey Cardoza: Hello Senators, thank you for inviting me here today. Update on UMontana Mobile App. There is new version of the Mobile App and it will be available tonight at midnight. One new feature it has is the new COVID polling so students and staff so you can personally monitor COVID symptoms. Please spread the word to your peers. Thank you for your time today.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Swearing in New Senators
 - i. Tarallo-Rinck motion to swear in new senators
 1. Motion passes
 - ii. President Gregory and Brian Reed swear in new senators
- b. Seth Bodnar, President of the University of Montana
 - i. President Seth Bodnar welcomes students back to campus and gives President Gregory a compliment on how nice his gavel is and wishes he had a cool gavel like that. Bodnar discusses the hard-work and dedication that him and his administration have put in this summer regarding bringing students back to campus this Fall 2020. He discusses the mitigation plans set up for classrooms and other places on campus. COVID testing is available at Curry Health Center for all students and staff.

Senator Schei: Thank you for taking your time to speak to us today, I work for the Athletics Department and one of my main concerns is to defer athletics

until the spring and I'm curious to know how to school plans to mitigate the projecting loss of revenue from just football let alone the other fall sports?

President Bodnar: Thank you that is a good question. We are currently working through that. It is a challenge for this university. Believe it or not our athletics department is the most self-sufficient athletics department in the country and what I mean by that is that every athletics department has a portion of their budget that is funded by the university and portion is funded by the revenue they generate. Our athletics department has the highest portion that comes from external sources. But what that creates is big challenge during these times. There are plans in place that we have created this summer and there are things that we have worked out with donors and alumni and we are hopeful that we will have some Spring sports still take place.

Senator Durnell: Thank you for coming. I wanted to highlight concerns about financial aid. The provost came to us about the deadline about student payments being the first day of classes. This decision was made without the senate input. A lot of students are concerned about the \$80 late fee. It is also stressful on a few staff as well. Will the university be reconsidering this decision? Will there be more consideration in hiring more financial aid staff? I am concerned that the \$80 late fee is still assessed when it is out of the student's control.

President Bodnar: We increased the financial aid budget significantly. That included hiring, a lot of those positions available have not been filled. We are working to address immediately the back log of financial aid. We have extended the deadline for bills to August 27th

Senator Tarallo: Are you and your team looking at the universities COVID cases or the entire Missoula community?

President Bodnar: It is both. And we frankly cannot separate the two.

iii. President Gregory ends

- c. Ryan Martin, Quarantine and Isolation Coordinator & Sandy Curtis, Director of UM Housing
 - i. COVID-19 quarantine plans and testing are discussed by Ryan Martin
When students test at Curry Health Center, they are asked to sign a waiver so that we can track where that student or staff has been. Lewis and Clark apartments will be used for quarantining. As well as University Villages. We have a 21-page protocol.
 - ii. Sandy: Welcome back everyone. The policies that we have put in place have been researched well. We have examined what other campuses across the country have been doing to see what elements they are implementing. We are

trying to keep our fulltime students and staff safe. Correction, we have 40 apartments.

Senator Fulton: I live in Lewis and Clark Village, if me or any of my roommates were to be quarantined would we have to leave our apartment?

Business Manager Hanley: If you are experiencing symptoms please call Curry Health Center first.

Senator Armington: Question about students who work on campus getting paid sick/COVID leave

Senator Gatlin: Question about families and married students in COVID plan.

Sandy:

Senator Schei: Question about COVID plan and Greek communities.

- d. COVID Student Health Commitment Formal Signing
 - i. Senators sign COVID Student Health Commitment Formal Signing
 - ii. President Gregory reads pledge.

- e. Senator COVID Questions and Brief Discussion
 - President Gregory asks senate about their COVID questions in order to discuss any concerns.
 - Senator Rinck: Can you give me a rundown about ASUM offices and services?
 - President Gregory: Childcare and Transportation are open. Mitigation continues as normal
 - Senator Bornstein: I've heard around campus that COVID testing is free but elsewhere I have heard that it was \$25
 - President Gregory: Due to an uptick in cases, the COVID testing fee went from \$0 to \$25

- f. SB02 - Resolution Regarding the Approval of the Campus Voter Engagement and Registration Plan
 - i. Background given on Resolution
 - ii. Resolution has been Accepted and Passed

- g. Committee Reports
 - The financial aid payment was pushed back to August 27th
 - Search Committees are still being assembled
 - Search Committee for UM Dining Director put on hold
 - Instruction Planning Group meets to plan how things work this Fall. Outdoor classrooms are placed all around campus.
 - CPRG has been incredibly active this summer. Students can call Curry for testing. Separate entry is given to people who are getting tested for COVID
 - Another CPRG update, you can pick up our Healthy Griz Kit Thursday and Friday.
 - Convocation for Academic Welcoming will be completely online.
 - State of the University Address will be primarily virtual.

- h. Online Public Comment
 - President Gregory presents the online public comments
 - Business Manager Hanley comments on conduct on how public comments are addressed.
- i. Other
 - President Gregory asks senate to please read emails.
 - President Gregory states that he will not be able to respond to students past 5pm on Friday's.
- President Gregory calls for 15- minute Recess

Closes President Report @ 8:40

5. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. SB03 - Resolution Creating the UDT Ad Hoc Committee
 - Business Manager Hanley presents and goes over the Resolution on UDT Ad Hoc Committee
 - Senator Rinck: What is the general composition of the UDT?
 - Business Manager Hanley discusses who is on the University Design Team
 - Resolution Passes Unanimously
- b. Committee Updates
- c. Committee Reports
 - Vice President Flanagan discusses to senators about the specific committees
 - Committees position passes
 - Objection called by BM Hanley for Senator Fulton's' movement to be Childcare Chair.
 - Placard Vote: 19-5-1
 - Senator Tarallo moves to approve committee assignments
 - Motion passes

CPRG update by VP Flanagan

- d. MAS Report
 - Discussion called
- e. Legislative Session
 - Chance of Leg. Session being virtual
 - Discussion Called
- f. Fall Retreat
 - Retreat is this Saturday and Sunday August 22nd-23rd
- g. Mentor/Mentee Program

- VP Flanagan discusses senators pairing up with Admin for mentor-mentee program/relationships
- Discussion called
- h. Freshman Seat
 - VP Flanagan discusses the acceptance of freshmen seat.
 - Senator Durnell yields
- i. SB04 - Resolution Establishing a Paperless ASUM Senate
 - VP Flanagan discusses resolution on a paperless Senate
 - Move to Approve Resolution
 - Approved Unanimously
- j. Other

6. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero-Base Carryover: \$204,898.76

S.T.I.P: \$250,401.83

Special Allocation: \$20,000.00

Travel Allocation: \$45,753.63

Union Emergency: \$6,000.00

Dennison Theater Event Fund: \$5,000.00

- a. Accounts overview
- b. Committee Meeting Times
 - BM Hanley: If you are in any of my committees, you will receive an email from me. Please fill out committee paperwork in the Box immediately.
- c. Recognition Updates
- d. COVID-19 Student Group Policies
 - BM Hanley: These policies are strict. Every student group must do a sign in cheat for every event for Contact Tracing. If a student group wants to order. ASUM cannot be appointed for food. The food must be single wrapped. Groups must contact BM Hanley if food wants to be order. Only in-state travel is allowed. Only 2 persons per room on trips. If you are traveling by car with more than one person, everyone in the care must wear a mask. All traveling must be reviewed with BM Hanley. More policies are listed in UM Healthy Fall Plan.
- e. Student Group Info Sessions
- f. SB05 - Resolution Amending Travel Rates for the Fall 2020 Semester
 - BM Hanley discusses resolution on travel rates
 - Resolution Approved/Passed by Roll Call Vote 18-3-5
- g. Committee Reports
 - BM Hanley discusses UDT
 - Summer Academic Committee met last week.

- Grad Appeals will be meeting soon
 - h. Birthdays
 - i. Other
- BM Hanley closes BM report

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Fulton:

- Committee on Winter Session Courses
- College of Arts & Media Dean Search Committee

Senator Merchen:

- Registrar Search Committee

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- None

10. NEW BUSINESS

Senator Fulton:

- Resolution Amending Article V Section 14 of the ASUM Bylaws (Sports Union)

Senator Durnell:

- Resolution Amending Section 6.0 of Fiscal Policy
- Resolution Amending Section 10.0 of Fiscal Policy
- Resolution Amending Section 14.0-14.6 of Fiscal Policy
- Resolution Amending Section 14.8-14.9 of Fiscal Policy

Senator Rinck:

- Resolution Amending Article V Section 4 Paragraphs E and F of ASUM Bylaws
- Resolution Amending Section 4.0, 7.0, and 23.0 of Fiscal Policy
- Resolution Amending Section 26.0 of Fiscal Policy

Senator Karlen:

- Resolution Amending Section 18.0 of Fiscal Policy
- Resolution Amending Section 3.4 of Fiscal Policy

Senator Pfeifer:

- Resolution Amending Article V, Section 3.D of ASUM Bylaws
- Resolution Amending Section 11.4 of Fiscal Policy
- Resolution Amending

BM Hanley:

- Resolution Amending Article V, Section 4, Paragraphs I, J and K of the ASUM Bylaws

Senator Tarallo:

- Resolution Amending Article V, Section 4, Paragraph H, L, and M of the ASUM Bylaws

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 PM

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