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ASUM SENATE AGENDA

April 27, 1994

UC 114 - 6 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - April 20, 1994
4. Public Comment
5. President's Report
 - a. Declaration
 - b. Announcements
6. Vice President's Report
 - a. Ballots
 - b. General Announcements
7. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Men's Rugby Special Allocation Request
 - b. Kyi-Yo Special Allocation Request
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. SB143 Resolution to Change Budgeting Schedule
 - b. SB147 Resolution to Dissolve the Position of Communications Intern
 - c. SB148 Resolution for Elections Reform
 - d. SB149 Resolution to Change Item 6.6 of Current Fiscal Policy
 - e. SB152 Resolution to Oppose Proposed Change in Flat Spot
 - f. SB153 Resolution on UC Renovations
 - g. SB154 Resolution for Public Audit of University Dining Services
 - h. SB155 Resolution to Drop Athletics to Division II
 - i. SB156 Resolution to Endorse the Health Service Bond
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE

April 27, 1994

SENATE MEMBERS

ROLL
CALL

Roll call 9:45-10:30
SPB 155-155

Comments

JOSH ARNOLD

SUSAN ARNOLD

ELDENA BEAR DON'T WALK

JAMES BROWN

TYE DEINES

MOHAMMAD FAROOQUI

Counting
Ballots

ALLISON GRANT

BETTY GREGORY

JODY HAMMOND

EVAN KATZMAN

HILARY KUNTZ

JON LINDSAY

MICHELE MATHER

Counting
Ballots

JENNIFER PANASUK

ALISON REDENIUS

Counting
Ballots

BENJAMIN REED

TANA ROGERS

TERESA SCHLOSSER

JOAO TOMAZELI

LEWIS YELLOW ROBE

P	P	Y	Y					
P	P	Y	Y					
P	P	Y	Y					
P	P	Y	Y					
P	P	N	Y					
At used	→	-	-					
Resigned 3/31/94								
At used 7:13	→	Y	Y					
P	P	Y	Y					
At used 6:18	P	Y	Y					
At used 5:17	→	N	Y					
At used 4:02	P	N	Y					
At used	→	-	-					
P	P	N	N					
At used	→	-	-					
At used 6:03	P	Y	Y					
P	P	Y	Y					
P	P	Y	Y					
P	P	A	Y					
At used 6:03	P	Y	Y					

ASUM OFFICERS

JOLANE FLANIGAN

President

TIM CROWE

Vice-President

ED HOFFMAN

Business Manager

P	P	N	Y					
P	P	-	Y					
P	P	A	Y					

FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

PROFESSOR KIA

Counting Ballots	→	-	-					
-	-	-	-					

ASUM SENATE MINUTES

April 27, 1994

UC 114 - 6 p.m.

Chair Crowe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Flanigan, Crowe, Hoffman, J. Arnold, S. Arnold, Bear Don't Walk, Brown, Deines, Gregory (7:13), Hammond, Katzman (6:18), Kuntz (8:17), Lindsay (6:02), Panasuk, Reed (6:03), Rogers, Schlosser, Tomazeli and Yellow Robe (6:03). Excused for ballot counting were Farooqui, Mather and Redenius. With the exception of Gregory, late arrivals were unexcused.

Public Comment

There was no public comment when called. Later in the meeting Alain Burrese of Honors Students reported on the conference ASUM helped fund.

President's Report

- a. Flanigan proclaimed no walking on the grass this week.
- b. A leaflet on Students for Economic Justice was circulated.

Vice-President's Report

- a. Crowe asked for ballot counter volunteers after the Senate meeting.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Senate passed a Special Allocation request by Men's Rugby for \$650.
- b. Senate passed a Special Allocation request by Kyi-Yo for \$700. The original request was for \$500. A friendly amendment by **Bear Don't Walk** to change the amount to \$700 was accepted. A friendly amendment by **J. Arnold** was denied. A motion by **J. Arnold-Reed** to change the amount back to \$500 failed.
- c. Due to a delay in recognition, Senate considered a request from Outing Club to fund them for \$2,540 from carryover for the '94-'95 fiscal year. A motion by **Tomazeli-Panasuk** to reduce 2290 from \$40 to \$0.00 passed. A motion by **Rogers-Lindsay** to increase 2210 from \$0.00 to \$295 passed. A motion by **Katzman-Schlosser** to reduce 2104 from \$1,000 to \$0.00 passed. A motion by **Lindsay-Hoffman** to increase 2104 to \$500 failed. A motion by **Bear Don't Walk-Schlosser** to reduce 2304 from \$100 to \$30 passed. A call of previous question by **Lindsay-Yellow Robe** failed. A motion by **Katzman-Schlosser** to reduce 2385 from \$30 to \$0.00 failed. A motion by **Tomazeli-Katzman** to reduce 2516 from \$50 to \$.00 failed. A motion by **Lindsay-Rogers** to increase 2401 from \$0.00 to \$450 passed. A call of previous question by **Reed-Lindsay** passed. A budget of \$2,175 was approved.

Committee Reports

- a. Hoffman reported that SB143 passed out of Budget and Finance and will be considered under Unfinished Business.
- b. Brown brought SB153 Resolution on UC Renovations (Exhibit A) out of committee for consideration. A call of previous question by **Deines-Yellow Robe** passed. Upon immediate vote the resolution passed. SB154 Resolution for Public Audit of University Dining Services was brought out of committee for consideration. After some discussion it was sent back to committee.
- c. Panasuk reported that UC Construction Committee will meet next Wednesday at 7 a.m. and UC Executive Board at 2 p.m. She invited input on UC renovations.
- d. Katzman reported on the final meeting of the Family Definition Subcommittee.

- e. Reed reported that the new Faculty Senate president is Bill Chaloupka of the Political Science Department.
- f. Gregory reported on the status of the proposed new married student housing.

Unfinished Business

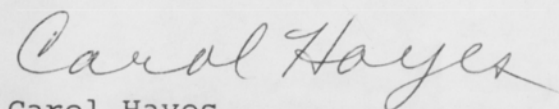
- a. The decision was made to consider SB156 Resolution to Endorse the Health Service Bond (Exhibit B - as passed) to accommodate interested parties in attendance. A call of previous question by **Lindsay-Yellow Robe** passed. Upon immediate vote, the resolution passed.
- b. SB143 Resolution to Change Budgeting Schedule (Exhibit C). A motion to table failed. A motion by **Panasuk-Rogers** to number 6.10 to 6.11 and 6.11 to 6.10 (reverse order) and to change "fourth" to "fifth" in the body of the original 6.10 and "fifth" to "fourth" in the body of the original 6.11 passed. A friendly amendment by **Reed** to change all references of "groups" to "organizations" in the body of it was accepted. An amendment by **Lindsay-Rogers** to renumber 6.12 to 6.13 passed. A call of previous question by **Reed-Yellow Robe** passed. Upon immediate vote the resolution passed.
- c. SB147 Resolution to Dissolve the Position of Communications Intern - tabled.
- d. SB148 Resolution for Elections Reform - in committee.
- e. SB149 Resolution to Change Item 6.6 of Fiscal Policy - withdrawn.
- f. SB152 Resolution to Oppose Proposed Change in Flat Spot (Exhibit D). A friendly amendment by **Katzman** to insert an additional whereas before "THEREFORE" to read "WHEREAS there is no evidence that this will achieve its stated goal of increasing the graduation rate" was accepted. A call of previous question by **Tomazeli-Lindsay** passed. Upon immediate vote the resolution passed.
- g. SB154 Resolution for Public Audit of University Dining Services was sent back to committee.
- h. SB155 Resolution to Drop Athletics to Division II (Exhibit E). A friendly amendment by **Flanigan** to insert a phrase asking Commissioner Baker to study the effects of changing this status was not accepted. A friendly amendment by **Katzman** to insert a phrase asking Commissioner Baker the study the costs and benefits of this change was not accepted. An amendment by **Katzman** for the same purpose was withdrawn. A friendly amendment by **Panasuk** restating the original request was accepted. A friendly amendment by **Reed** to insert it at the end was accepted. A call of previous question by **Katzman-Tomazeli** failed. A call of previous question by **Lindsay-Yellow Robe** passed. Upon immediate vote the resolution passed as amended.

New Business

- a. Resolution to take position on athletics fees board
- b. Resolution to have Food Service managed by a student management committee
- c. Resolution for Senate dress code

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.



Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Exhibit A
SB 153
U Aff

Student input on the UC renovation project has been pretty sparse so far. But student apathy is not to blame. Once students know what is going on, we will be plenty vocal.

People with causes often blame the apathy of others for the failure of their causes. However, if the cause is explained clearly and in terms of this-matters-to-you-and-this-is-why then the people we are trying to reach will respond.

Our cause is the UC renovation project and the fee we approved to pay off the \$4 million dollars in bonds that were sold to fund this project. We approved this fee to create more study space, to remove asbestos, and relieve overcrowding in spaces that are popular with the people who are paying the bill for this project, us.

Right now the UC renovation project is on the verge of being anything but the UC renovation project. Unless the plans change, and soon, this plan will be nothing but The Great Food Service Give Away of 1994.

The UC Board finally got the plans and the numbers for the project. The numbers total \$7 million dollars and everyone involved with the plan knows and accepts this as a wish list only. We know that this must be pared down to conform to the \$4 million dollars available for the project.

But unless we pare carefully the Food Service could end up with the most of the budget after asbestos is removed. Now, it is fair for the money in this project to be used to renovate their spaces like any other tenant. However, we have no intention of allowing this money to be spent on new equipment for the Food Service. As it stands now, \$375,000 is earmarked for equipment in a new first floor central production kitchen and \$660,000 for a kitchen on the second floor. These amounts are in addition to the \$559,720 to renovate the space for this equipment on the first floor and

the \$485,700 to renovate the space on the second. Grand kitchen total: \$2,080,420. And this amount is in addition to some possibly good ideas such as \$328,000 to create a new food court in the Copper Commons as well as \$385,840 improve the Copper Commons itself. New grand total: \$2,793,420. So, after removing \$700,000 in asbestos, this \$4,000,000 dollar project has only \$506,580 left to spend on other improvements.

Before we spend any money on improvements to Food Service spaces some questions need to be answered:

1. The Food Service Director claims that Food Service operations in the UC are losing money. Does it make sense to spend more money on a losing operation?

2. There are changes in the meal plans that would strictly limit the amount of meal plan points that could be spent in the UC. Does it make any sense to spend all this student money and then restrict student access to what our money is spent on?

3. The claimed "loss" on Food Service operations in the UC is achieved in a very curious way. When meal plan points are purchased, the money spent is registered as income only at the Lodge. So, any meal plan points spent in the UC show up as income only for the Lodge and not as income for UC Food Service operations. Shouldn't the revenue show up as income where it is actually spent?

Its your building. Its your money. This renovation is happening now. Please come to the next renovation forum and ask some of these tough questions.

Written on behalf and
approved by the ASUM
Senate, authored by ASUM
Senator Jon Lindsay

SB 156

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE THE HEALTH SERVICE BOND

-- as amended, April 26, 1994

Whereas the Student Health Service is in need of expansion,

Whereas the most viable option for funding an expansion project is the obtaining of a bond in the amount of \$1 million in addition to \$960,000 of funds already accumulated for a total of \$1,960,000,

Whereas the repayment of the bond should allow the greatest amount of time possible for further aid from the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana arrangement,

Whereas the repayment of the bond will need to be obtained by student fee increase, and

Whereas the repayment of the bond should bring the least financial burden on the students who will not be students when the expansion is completed,

Therefore let it be resolved:

The ASUM Senate approves the expansion project for the Student Health Service as proposed by Nancy Fitch.

Let it be further resolved:

The ASUM Senate approves purchase of a bond to help finance the project along with \$960,000 in accumulated funds. Repayment of this bond will be obtained from an itemized increase of the student health service fee of \$5.75. The fee increase will exist for no longer than seven years from the first year the increase is assessed. This increase shall have a sunset clause, which will automatically revoke the increase upon final payment of the bonds. Funds from this increase will not be used for any purpose other than payment of the bonds.

Let it be further resolved:

If the bond is repaid by the end of the designated seven year period, the student health service fee will be decreased by \$5.75.

Authored by: Tye Deines

6.0 Student Appropriations

6.1 (No Change)

6.2 Budgeting Time Period. Budgeting for the next fiscal year shall be accomplished during the first seven academic weeks of the Spring Semester.

6.3 Recognition for Budgeting. Recognition status shall have been determined by the Board on Member Organizations before an organization may apply for any funds from ASUM.

6.4 Budget Request Form and Budgeting Packet. The Business Manager shall prepare a budget request form and a comprehensive packet explaining the budget process including a time line. The budget request form and packet shall be made available to all organizations by the third academic day of the Spring Semester in the ASUM office. The form and packet shall be available up to the Student Forum.

6.5 Allocation Figures. During the second academic week of the Spring Semester, the Business Manager and the Accountant shall determine the total allocation figures for the upcoming fiscal year. This shall be done by determining the actual activity fee income for the prior fiscal year and budgeting 100% of that amount. The administrative assessment expenditures and special allocation expenditures must be included in this amount. These figures shall be forwarded to the President, the Board, and the Senate. Upon receipt of allocation figures, the Board shall develop preliminary Categorical Funding Percentages.

6.6 Student Forum. Upon receiving the total appropriation figures, the Board shall hold a minimum of one publicized student forum, which shall be organized by and presided over by the Business Manager. A forum shall be held during the second academic week of the Spring Semester. The Business Manager shall explain the budgeting procedure to participants and answer questions. The Board shall present the proposed Categorical Based Percentages at the open student forum.

6.7 Categorical Funding Percentages. The Board shall finalize the Categorical Funding Percentages for each category. On or before the fourth academic week of the Spring Semester, the Business Manager shall bring the Board's approved ~~the~~ Categorical Funding Percentages recommendation to the Senate for a two-thirds majority approval. Once the Categorical Funding Percentages have been approved by the Senate, they must be publicized and forwarded to the President as guidelines for the Executive Recommendations.

6.8 (No Change, Old 6.6)

6.9 Budget Request Form Due Date and Approval. Budget request forms shall be due at the end of the third academic week of the Spring Semester. The Business Manager shall inform organizations

of the due date for budget request forms. No budget request form shall be accepted after that date. Budget request forms shall be submitted to the Business Manager so that each request form can be approved solely on the basis of accuracy and adherence to Fiscal Policy. If the Business Manager does not approve a budget request form due to its apparent deviation from Fiscal Policy, the request form shall be taken to the Board. A majority vote of the Board shall be required to approve any budget request form not initially approved by the Business Manager.

6.10 same as current 6.8 except: The President shall submit copies of the executive recommendation and an explanation thereof by Wednesday of the fourth academic week to the Senators. A copy shall be made available in the ASUM office for organizations to review.

6.11 Formal Lobbying. A minimum of three formal lobbying sessions shall be scheduled in advance for the fifth academic week. Each group shall schedule a ten minute period to explain their budget request. The Business Manager shall schedule these appointments on a first come, first serve basis; however, each group shall have the opportunity to schedule an appointment. Formal lobbying for any group shall be limited to the scheduled appointment for that group. Senate lobbying sessions shall be publicized during the fourth academic week. All Senators and Executives shall attend the formal lobbying sessions. Any Senator or Executive unable to attend must have prior written approval from the Vice-President. Unexcused absence from a lobbying session shall be considered equivalent to an unexcused absence from a Senate meeting.

6.12 Informal Lobbying. Not less than one hour of informal lobbying shall occur after each night of formal lobbying.

6.13 The Order of Funding Categories. The order of discussion on categories for Final Budgeting shall be selected by lottery during the Business Manager's report just prior to the commencement of Informal Lobbying.

6.14 Same as current 6.10 except that it "shall occur by the Tuesday of the seventh academic week".

6.15 Final Budgeting. Final budgeting shall occur by the weekend of the seventh academic week. The Senate may, by majority vote, schedule Final Budgeting for more than one day or on a Saturday. If the former option is chosen, specific categories shall be scheduled for budgeting each day not less than one week prior to the first budgeting meeting.

6.15.1 Beginning Final Budgeting. Final Budgeting shall come under the Business Manager's Report.

A. The order of the categories shall be written prominently at the front of the meeting area.

B. During the final budgeting Session, the Vice-President shall preside over the meeting. The Accountant and the Office

Manager shall be present to record transactions of the meeting.

C. The total amount in the budgeted Senate Discretionary Account shall be prominently written in plain view of the meeting area. All motions to add or subtract funds from an organization shall be made into or out of this fund. No motion shall be made by the Senate to directly move any funds from one organization's proposed budget to that of another. Two motions must be made: First, to place funds from an organization's budget into the Senate Discretionary Account, and, second, to remove funds from the Discretionary Account into the proposed budget of an organization.

6.15.2 NOTE: In ITEM 6.15.2 "Executives" excludes the Chair.

Amendments to the Executive Recommendation. Final Budgeting shall not be closed until the first round has been completed.

A. Discussion of categories shall follow the order selected by lottery as mentioned in 6.13. A round shall be the discussion of the order of categories as determined by lottery. An order of rotation shall be established by the Chair for Senators and Executives to recognize organizations.

B. Once a category has been opened in the first round of discussion, each Senator and Executive shall have an opportunity to recognize one organization in that category for the proposal of amendments to the Executive Recommendation during the first rotation. The proposal of amendments shall be open to the Senators and Executives. During any round of budgeting, budget line-items may be increased or decreased by a simple majority vote.

C. All subsequent rotations shall follow the same procedure.

D. A category shall remain open for discussion until the end of the first rotation. The motion shall be passed by a two-thirds majority. Once the first round of discussion on a category has been closed it shall not be reopened until all other categories have been closed for the first round of discussion.

E. If any funds remain in the Senate Discretionary Account after all the categories have been closed for the first round of discussion, a second lottery shall select the order of categories to be reopened for a second round of discussion. During the second round, budgets of organizations can be only increased.

F. Once no funds remain in the Senate Discretionary Account and all categories have been closed for the first round of discussion, Final Budgeting shall be concluded by approval of the Executive Recommendation by a two-thirds majority.

6.15.4 (no change to old 6.11.4)

6.16 (no change to old 6.12)

ADDITIONAL FISCAL POLICY CHANGES
from Business Manager & Board on Budget and Finance

6.11.2

ADD:

During final budgeting the amounts with in categories may only vary plus or minus .3% of the Funding Based Percentages approved by Senate. The exception is as defined in ITEM 6.8 of this document.

EXPLANATION:

This rule has been applied in the past, but is not currently in Fiscal Policy. Implementing this would be a safety net for funding categories and groups within those categories.

6.6

ADD:

NOTE: Pursuant to Article II, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Montana, ASUM funding will not be provided to groups that promote religion or pursue religious activities. Earmarked funding may be awarded, through Special Allocation funds, for participation in activities that are purely ethnic or cultural and do not promote religious beliefs. In these instances ASUM shall be provided assurances that the limitations on religious activities are being observed. Such ethnic or cultural activities shall be part of larger festivals or cultural group activities or be totally isolated from religious activities pursued by the group.

EXPLANATION:

This year many questions were raised by groups as to why we do not fund religious groups, and our only answer was the division between church and state. This addition puts that down in writing and further explains the rules on funding those groups.

ADD:

ASUM groups shall not use ASUM funding to support specific political candidates or an affiliation with political parties. In all instances ASUM shall be provided assurances that the limitations on partisan activities are being observed.

EXPLANATION:

As with the religious organizations, questions were raised on why ASUM does not fund political groups. Our only answer is that you cannot use public/state funds to endorse political candidates. This addition clarifies this and puts it in writing.

Exhibit D

SB 152

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE PROPOSED CHANGE IN FLAT SPOT

--as amended, April 26, 1994

WHEREAS the flat spot in the incidental fee (tuition) schedule is now between 14 and 18 credits, and

WHEREAS the Dean of Students has approached the ASUM Senate with a proposal to change the flat spot to between 12 and 18 credits, and

WHEREAS her proposal is a tuition increase, and

WHEREAS the Administration declined the opportunity to justify another tuition hike,

↑ THEREFORE, be it resolved that the ASUM Senate opposes deviation from the current incidental fee schedule, specifically the proposal to change the flat spot as offered by the Administration.

SPONSORED BY: Senator Joao Cesar Tomazeli

*whereas there is no evidence
that this will achieve its stated
goal of increasing the graduation
rate,*

Whereas, in this time of diminishing quality and rising costs, it has become increasingly important to prioritize expenditures, and

Whereas a relatively large amount of money has, is, and will likely be spent maintaining the increasingly high standards demanded by the NCAA for Division I AA schools, and

Whereas one of the primary missions of The University of Montana is to provide its students with an education, and

Whereas, until such time as the athletic programs become self-sufficient, ^{in fact} the increasing expenditures on athletics can only be understood as indirectly hindering, rather than facilitating, the fulfillment of that aspect of its mission,

Be It Resolved that the ASUM Senate does hereby recommend that The

University of Montana change its NCAA standing from Division I AA to Division II and ask the Commissioner of Higher Education to study the effects of changing the NCAA standing, keeping the idea ~~idea~~ ^{in mind}.
Compliments of the University Affairs Cmte.

"No detail too small, no windmill too large..."