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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
September 22, 1993 - 6:00 P.M.
Mt. Sentinel Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - September 15, 1993
4. Public Comment
5. President's Report
 - a. Mediation Center
 - b. Regents' Meeting
 - 1) Postponement of Vote on Restructuring; 2) Bond Issue
 - c. SOLC
 - d. Homecoming
 - e. Hiring A Mediator
 - f. New Student Complaint Officer
6. Vice President's Report
 - a. Committee Assignments
 - b. Announcements
7. Business Manager's Report
8. Committee Reports
9. Old Business
 - a. Resolution to Provide A Permanent Funding Source for UM Advocates and Consistent Funding for Escort Services - Tabled
 - b. Resolution for a Referendum to Change the Constitutional Dates for the ASUM General Election - Tabled
 - c. Additions to Code of Conduct for Student Government - Tabled
 - d. Resolution to Support Bond Issue - Tabled
 - e. Resolution Expressing Displeasure Over Honors College Siting
 - f. Resolution of Goals for the ASUM Senate 1993-4
 - g. Resolution for Ballot Initiative on Impeachment of J. P. Betts
 - h. Resolution Calling for Removal of J. P. Betts
 - i. Resolution for a Student Referendum
 - j. Resolution of Compromise
 - k. Resolution to Review and Amend the ASUM Personnel Policy
 - l. Resolution to Support Faculty in UTU Negotiations
 - m. Resolution to Change Existing Bylaws to Standing Rules of Order
 - n. Joint Resolution for 1) Senate Table 2) Senate Office Hours
 - o. Resolution of Oath of Office for ASUM Senators and Executives
 - p. Resolution to Direct the Student Health Service Advisory Comm.
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE September 22, 1993SENATE MEMBERSROLL
CALL*Committee*

JOSH ARNOLD

ELDENA BEAR DON'T WALK

DONIELLE BOYLE

JAMES BROWN

TIM CROWE

MOHAMMAD FAROOQUI

SHAWN FAST

ALLISON GRANT

BETTY GREGORY

JODY HAMMOND

EVAN KATZMAN

HILARY KUNTZ

JON LINDSAY

MICHELE MATHER

JENNIFER PANASAUK

ALISON REDENIUS

BENJAMIN REED

TANA ROGERS

TERESA SCHLOSSER

LEWIS YELLOW ROBE

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ASUM OFFICERS

J. P. BETTS

President

JOLANE FLANIGAN

Vice-President

ED HOFFMAN

Business Manager

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FACULTY ADVISORS

PROFESSOR AUSLAND

P	Y							
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ASUM SENATE MINUTES

September 22, 1993

Mt. Sentinel Room

6:00 p.m.

Chair Flanigan called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Present: Betts, Flanigan, Hoffman, Arnold, Bear Don't Walk, Boyle, Brown, Crowe, Farooqui, Fast, Grant (6:26), Gregory, Hammond, Katzman, Kuntz, Lindsay, Mather, Panasuk, Redenius, Reed, Rogers, Schlosser, Yellow Robe.

The minutes of the September 15 meeting were approved as written.

Public Comment

*Mary Meese encouraged support of the Natelson petition forcing the State to balance the budget.

*Lynette Larson introduced herself as a nominee for the Committee on Drug and Alcohol in the area of peers reaching out to students.

*Ronald Kelly indicated concern over "what's going on" in Senate and encouraged change in ASUM Constitution.

*John Madden, Dean of Honors College, stated regret over dissension on honors building siting and encouraged good lines of communication.

*Ross Best spoke against two-minute limit for public comments and encouraged changing it to at least three. He spoke on impeachment issue and told Senator's it is possible. He suggested Constitutional Review Board act in advisory capacity.

*Alain Burrese spoke on decision-making process. He quoted letter from Dean Madden to Vice-Pres. Flanigan asking for diversity on Honors Advisory Committee and encouraged Senate decisions to be made on facts.

President's Report

- a. Betts reported that a graduate student is working on a project which concerns setting up a mediation center and is asking for financial support. Notes are available at the ASUM reception desk.
- b. Concern was expressed over the postponement until January on the university restructuring. Senators were reminded that the bond issue is on the agenda tonight with Betts' hope for a vote, as this issue will be voted on by the Board of Regents tomorrow.
- c. Betts asked for Senators attending the Student Organization Leadership Conference this Saturday to volunteer for a skit, which they did.
- d. Betts encouraged Senators to attend and participate in the singing on the steps of Main Hall Thursday, Sept. 30, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Homecoming festivities.
- e. Betts announced that Rick Maedje resigned after a summer of excellent work as Student Complaint Officer. Senator Reed is acting in the position. Applications are available at the ASUM reception desk.
- f. The Foreign Language Lab will be dedicated Friday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m. in LA103. Senators are encouraged to attend.
- g. Betts indicated persons have suggested ASUM hire a mediator to help with the dissension at ASUM and asked for input on this idea.

Vice-President's Report

- a. Flanigan nominated the following committee appointments, which were approved by Senate: Academic Standards and Curriculum Review - Shannon Pugh; Information Technology and Policy Advisory - John David Childs; Scholarship and Financial Aid - Heather Rickert; Drug and Alcohol Advisory - Lynette Larson, Milly Walden, J. V. Bennett; Elections - John David Childs; Student Political Action - Laura Doll; Board on Budget and Finance - Andy Dannerbeck.

- b. Flanigan requested that ASUM committee members give her a copy of minutes and also indicate meeting times.
- c. At the suggestion of Katzman, Flanigan will attempt to alternate supporters and dissenters during resolution discussions on a trial basis.

Business Manager's Report - None

Committee Reports

- a. Brown announced University Affairs will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the Copper Commons. Katzman asked that committee members consider killing the Honors College Resolution.
- b. Panasuk announced the UC Executive Board will meet from 8-10 a.m. Wednesdays in UC114.
- c. Redenius announced ASUM Affairs will meet Wednesdays in UC114 at 3:30 p.m.
- d. Arnold and Farooqui attended the University Court orientation and noted that Shannon Peters will be changing from undergraduate to graduate status and questioned whether Peters will be able to continue or will have to be replaced.
- e. Katzman reported that Drug and Alcohol met today and discussed procedural issues. They are working on a tailgate party policy change that would allow them to continue through the first half, stopping at the start of the second half. The change has been presented to President Dennison for his action. Katzman noted that a position is available on the committee, and they hope to strike a balance of traditional and non-traditional students and therefore suggested it be a student-at-large and not from UC Executive Board as it was originally.
- f. Mather announced Elections will tentatively meet Monday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. in UC105.
- g. Cox has scheduled Constitutional Review Board for 7:30 p.m. in UC114 Monday, Oct. 27.
- h. Gregory announced Health Services Advisory will meet Monday at 3 p.m. in HS172. She is circulating a petition at student housing soliciting interest for dependent children insurance coverage.
- i. Board on Member Organizations will meet at 5 p.m. October 1 in UC105.
- j. Boyle reported the Sports Promotional Committee is working on a forum to discuss the athletic fee.

Old Business

Betts moved to set adjournment for 8:30 p.m. to accommodate those travelling to Billings for the Board of Regents meeting. Passed.

- a. Resolution to Provide a Permanent Funding Source for UM Advocates and Consistent Funding for Escort Services - tabled.
- b. **Arnold-Katzman** moved to bring the Resolution for a Referendum to Change the Constitutional Dates for the ASUM General Election (Exhibit A) from the table. Passed. Vote to approve passed.
- c. Additions to Code of Conduct for Student Government - Tabled.

Five-minute recess was called at start of following discussion.

- d. **Katzman** distributed a statement (Exhibit B1) on the Resolution to Support Bond Issue (Exhibit B). **Katzman's** friendly amendment to delete the projects with the exception of the UC renovations was not accepted. **Katzman** moved to amend the resolution (Exhibit B2). **Redenius** called previous question, which passed. Upon immediate vote, amendment failed. Three votes on previous question (called by **Betts**, **Redenius**, **Grant**, respectively) failed. Division was called in each case. **Yellowrobe** called previous question, which passed. Upon immediate vote, resolution passed.

Five-minute Recess was called.

- e. Resolution Expressing Displeasure over Honors College Siting - Withdrawn
f. Resolution of Goals for the ASUM Senate 1993-4 - Tabled
g. Resolution for Ballot Initiative on Impeachment of J. P. Betts - Killed in Committee
h. Resolution Calling for Removal of J. P. Betts - Killed in Committee
i. Resolution for a Student Referendum - Tabled
j. Resolution of Compromise - Tabled
k. Resolution to Review and Amend the ASUM Personnel Policy - Tabled
l. Resolution to Support Faculty in UTU Negotiations - Tabled
m. Resolution to Change Existing Bylaws to Standing Rules of Order - Tabled
n. Joint Resolution for 1) Senate Table 2) Senate Office Hours (Exhibit C) passed as a policy agreement upon an immediate vote called by **Lindsay's** previous question call passage. A Senate table will be in the UC Atrium Wednesdays from 10-2 with a sign-up sheet preceding for Senators to commit to a time to be in attendance.
o. Resolution of Oath of Office for ASUM Senators and Executives was withdrawn as duplication of last year. Dean Hollmann will be asked to administer the oath to the Senators and Executives next Wednesday.
p. Resolution to Direct the Student Health Service Advisory Committee - Tabled

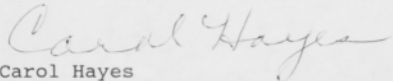
New Business

- a. Resolution for recall mechanism in Constitution
b. Resolution to place oath of office in Bylaws
c. Resolution on Alumni Career Consulting Program
d. Resolution for impeachment vote on J. P. Betts
e. Resolution for additional governing document (House Rules)
f. Resolution to clarify specific changes in committee procedures
g. Resolution to move Article 4, Section 1, A-G of Bylaws to House Rules
h. Resolution to have SPA Director report under Committee Reports

Comments

Mather announced postponement of Elections Committee meeting until after next week's Senate meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.


Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

**RESOLUTION FOR A REFERENDUM TO CHANGE THE
CONSTITUTIONAL DATES FOR THE ASUM GENERAL ELECTION**

WHEREAS, The University of Montana has converted from the quarter system to the semester system;

WHEREAS, The current ASUM Constitution's election calendar has yet to be update to reflect this change;

WHEREAS, A constitutional change requires a referendum to be placed on the ASUM general elections ballot;

BE IT RESOLVED That the ASUM Senate places a referendum on the ASUM general elections ballot which calls for a change in the elections of ASUM Senators and Executives, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the ASUM Constitution henceforth read:

Article 7, Section 3. Senators and Executives of Association shall be elected during the ASUM General Elections to be held each year after spring break and prior to two weeks before the end of Spring semester.

Sample wording

**REFERENDUM FOR THE CHANGING OF THE ASUM CONSTITUTION'S
ELECTION CALENDAR**

The elections procedure in the ASUM Constitutional has yet to be updated to be in keeping with our new academic calendar. Currently, Amendment I to Article 7, Section 3 states that "Senators and Executives of the Association shall be elected during the month of May of each year."

To update this stipulation, the ASUM Constitutional Review Board and the ASUM Senate request a Constitutional change to the following:

Article 7, Section 3: Senators and Executives of the Association shall be elected during the ASUM General Election to be held each year after spring break and prior to two weeks before the end of Spring Semester.

____ Yes, I support the changes to Amendment 1, Article 7, Section 3.
____ No, I do not support the changes to Amendment 1, Article 7, Section 3.

Sponsor: Sen. Jennifer Panasuk

Jennifer Panasuk

Whereas, The University of Montana has studied the viability of raising money for various projects on campus by the sale of direct-revenue bonds and,

Whereas, funds for the repayment of those bonds have been identified and,

Whereas, the projects identified have been done with the long-term health and viability of the University and its students in mind and,

Whereas, ASUM agrees with the priority given to these projects, that therefore be it resolved:

That the Associated Students of the University of Montana do support and affirm the intention of the University of Montana to sell direct-revenue bonds to finance various projects around the University, and do urge the State Board of Regents of Higher Education to support the issuance as stated in policy item number 80-113-RO793.

sponsored by J.P. Betts

Exhibit B.

My fellow Senators,

Tonight you will be asked to cast an important vote about the complicated issue of bonds for the University of Montana. The Administration is asking the Regents to approve a \$30 million dollar bond issue to do some large-scale projects around campus, and the motion before us requests that we give our support and endorsement to this proposal.

I will explain, as briefly as possible, my reasons for opposing this bill.

My first and most serious problem with this proposal is the lack of cost details associated with it. Although higher fees for the services used have been indicated as the source for most of the money, NO ONE KNOWS HOW MUCH THE COST WILL GO UP. New facilities are not useful if they are prohibitively expensive. A minimum of \$21,200,000.00 will be debt based on residence hall fees. This will force fees out of the reason of many of the students this idea claims to serve.

The two largest single projects, which are the 200 Bed Residence Hall and the 120-unit Family Housing Complex, represent a combined total bill of \$14,272,000.00. The breakdown, on a per unit basis, is \$35,000.00 per bed in a dormitory room (\$70,000.00 per room if the rooms are doubles). This is simply too expensive for a state agency facing budget cuts in the inevitable special session to justify, no matter what the interest rates are. These two expenditures because of their size and low cost-benefit ratio, represent poor fiscal policy. When the Special Session comes, as we all know it will, we will be one of the targets for specific cuts from the legislature. If we go ahead with these plans for extravagant and unnecessary new debts, we will get hurt for it in the form of cuts in state funds.

Two other changes are on the horizon as well. One is the proposal to change the higher education system proposed by Jeff Baker. The other is the special session itself. As I write this, I do not know what the impact of either of these events will be on the University of Montana. No one else knows either. Special sessions are unpredictable by nature, and we could be facing cuts from programs far more vital than these projects described here. The plan for higher education is still just a proposal. It has not yet been approved, and in the months between now and the January meeting of the Board of Regents, we could face new responsibilities which require resources in other areas. IF WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE PROJECTS AND DEBTS DESCRIBED IN HERE, WE WILL NOT HAVE THE DEBT CAPACITY TO ADAPT TO CHANGES FROM STATE GOVERNMENT.

We will not have the debt capacity to adapt to anything else, either. We will have achieved the maximum which Smith Barney (the consultants who determined the initial \$30,000,000.00 figure) believe we can handle. If some emergency, such as unforeseen accidents, structural flaws, or any number of other possible problems should arise in the next few years, we will not have the available credit limit to respond to new problems. We will have already used our maximum credit limit to buy forward

this foolish proposal. We will be unprepared, and possibly unable to respond.

The priority given to these projects is dubious, at best. With all this debt, more than \$30,000,000.00, and all of the accompanying interest charges (\$ 2,122,540.00 in interest alone in the first year, assuming 7% interest), our campus will still be largely inaccessible to people with disabilities. We will have new new class sections or class rooms, or programs. We will be a slightly larger University, but not a better one. We will be remembered as the Senate that gave its blessing to all these fees and didn't even know how much money we would charge how many students for how long. We would be the Senate that rushed this through.

We will be the Senate that mistook repeated student votes in favor of green space for an excuse to pave more places, and build more buildings. This proposal means less recreation areas on campus.

There are many unanswered questions relating to this proposal that we must answer before we can in good conscience pass this bill. Some of these are:

How much will the fees (from which these bonds will be paid) go up?

What will we do to accomodate the students who cannot afford all these new charges (remembering that tuition is also going up)?

Those of us who took on the issue of preserving green space from additional construction-- were we serious?

What evidence, if any, is there to indicate that fiscal responsibility will govern the specific ways in which these monies will be spent? Are we absolutely certain that these will not be like the tennis courts, whose budget shortfall was taken from student funds?

If we build another parking lot, how many spaces will be in it? How much cost per space? Will these new, distant spots be filled because still more spots are converted to Reserved?

This proposal will not make existing buildings accessible. What it will do is consume all the debt load they could have made classrooms accessible. Is this fair?

The Regents have some of these reservations themselves. They said so in the minutes of the July meeting.

Before you vote, remember the argument that resulted from a difference of just over \$2000 in an appropriation to the Kaimin. That is about one tenth of one per cent, one dime to \$100, of the first year interest payment on all this debt.

Also: The burden of proving this unworthy is not on me. I am not the one trying to borrow \$30,322,000.00. We can always borrow later, when we find better projects. IT SHOULD BE HARD TO CONVINCE SOMEONE TO LET YOU BORROW \$30,000,000.00

--Senator Evan Katzman

Two other Resolutions that I introduced last week included the senate table and the office hour requirement.

These are formal resolutions in a sense but need not be mandatory by any sense of the word.

The first is to have a Senate table in the U.C. mall every week, preferably Wednesday of the meeting, to listen to students concerns before each meeting. The table shall be held for a period of 4hrs. from 10-2 each Wednesday and the Senate shall sign up for the next week's table at the Senate meeting and shall be held to those hours of commitment. However, the table shall be open to any and all senators at any time.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Senate approve the use of a Senate Table in the U.C mall every Wednesday from 10-2. Also be it resolved that sitting at the table not be mandatory, but signing up for the table and then not showing up are grounds for admonishment by the senate.

The second issue is the office hour requirement. This is not a mandatory thing but strongly encouraged. The time that is spent in the office can be used to do homework, type resolutions, etc., for example. So, therefore, Be it resolved that Senators name and maintain two hours per week that they will definitely be in the office and available to students.

Sponsored by Alison Redenius
Jennifer Panasuk
9/15/93

AMENDMENT to Proposal to SUPPORT BOND ISSUE

Motion to Read:

Whereas the University of Montana has studied the viability of raising money for various projects on campus by the sale of direct-revenue bonds and,

Whereas the student funds available to repay these bonds are limited and,

Whereas ASUM agrees with the priority given to one of these projects and,

That the Associated Students of the University of Montana, while unable to support the entire list of projects submitted to the Regents, does support and affirm the intent to sell \$4,000,000.00 in bonds to renovate the University Center, an item among the projects listed in Board of Regents policy number 80-113-R0793. We urge the Regents to support this issue, alone, in the interests of improving our campus while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Submitted by Senator Evan Katzman