

University of Montana

ScholarWorks at University of Montana

Senate Meeting Agendas and Minutes,
2007-Present

ASUM Student Government

Spring 4-21-2021

Documents from the April 21, 2021 meeting of the 2020-2021 Body of the Associated Students of the University of Montana

University of Montana–Missoula. Associated Students

Follow this and additional works at: https://scholarworks.umt.edu/asum_minutes

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Recommended Citation

University of Montana–Missoula. Associated Students, "Documents from the April 21, 2021 meeting of the 2020-2021 Body of the Associated Students of the University of Montana" (2021). *Senate Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2007-Present*. 363.

https://scholarworks.umt.edu/asum_minutes/363

This Institutional Document is brought to you for free and open access by the ASUM Student Government at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in Senate Meeting Agendas and Minutes, 2007-Present by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact scholarworks@mso.umt.edu.



**ASUM SENATE AGENDA
2020-2021 Senate
WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2021
Hybrid: Zoom & In-Person – 6:00 P.M.**

Room: Gallagher Business Building (GBB) Room 123

Zoom:

<https://umontana.zoom.us/j/96566400287>

Meeting ID: 965 6640 0287

Dial by your location

- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 646 876 9923 US (New York)

Find your local number: <https://umontana.zoom.us/u/achOLY4nbQ>

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Award Recipient Announcement
 - a. Student Service Award
 - b. Administrator of the Year Award
 - c. Student Group of the Year Award
- b. Legislative Session Updates- SPA Director Bornstein
- c. UM HB 102 Working Group Campus Gun Policies
- d. Online Public Comment
- e. Committee Reports
- f. Wrap-up / Reflections

- g. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Updates
- b. Committee Reports
- c. Bagless Campus Project
- d. Senate Reflections
- e. MAS Update
- f. Other
- g. SB76-20/21: Resolution Establishing the ASUM Elections Chair as a Paid Position

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero Base Carryover: \$204,898.76
S.T.I.P.: \$235,660.47
Special Allocation: \$20,000.00
Travel Allocation: \$45,448.63 (\$425.00)
Union Emergency: \$6,000.00
Dennison Theater Event Fund: \$5,000.00
Fundraising: \$10,000.00

- a. Funding Requests
 - a. UMATSA Travel Allocation Request (\$425.00)
- b. Student Group Recognition
 - a. Kyi Yo
- c. Committee Reports
- d. Birthdays
- e. Other

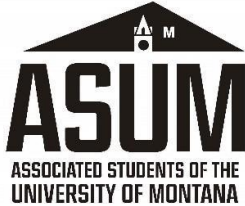
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB77-20/21: Resolution Regarding Student Group Travel Requests for Funding Airfare
- b. SB78-20/21: Resolution Clarifying the Definition of a Third Party
- c. SB79-20/21: Resolution Encouraging Collaborative Management of Parking and Transportation at the University of Montana
- d. SB80-20/21: Resolution Eliminating the Pay Rate for Most Student Positions in ASUM Personnel Policy
- e. SB81-20/21: Resolution Amending ASUM Executive's Pay and Hours
- f. SB82-20/21: Resolution Eliminating the Option for a Unanimous Approval Call on a Resolution

10. FINAL REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT



ASUM SENATE MINUTES 20-21'
WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2021
Hybrid: Zoom & In-Person – 6:00 P.M.

To view a Zoom recording of this meeting, please [click here](#).

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Senators Bentler, Bowles, Curry, Durnell, Fulton, Gudmundsson, Karlen, Kiefer, Kuney, La'a, Lock, Nicholls, Pfeifer, Ploot, Vanderkar, Ververis, Williams ; President Gregory, Vice President Flanagan, Business Manager Hanley

Excused: Senator Merchen

Unexcused: Senator Armington

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve by **Veveris-Durnell** ; UC Called

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Nevin Graves: I came before this body at the start of the semester to talk about legislative engagement and you all have shown up and made a difference. I know members who authored and forwarded resolutions to move things forward. Some of you showed up and testified and I want to thank each of you for being great UM representatives. I want to uplift a few people; Jack Rinck, there has not been a harder working member of this body that I am so fond of. I would also like to uplift all the hard work done by Senators and

Executives to turn out the vote. I saw an amazing amount of turnout from James, Ethan. Senator La'a. and UMPIC so that people would know about the elections. Thank you all for that. MontPIRG is holding board elections next week and nominations are open for any MontPIRG fee paying members. You will receive your ballots next week. There will be a lot of turnover due to graduation, but we will be missing our graduates. This organization leverages the power of Montana students. The application form for nominations must be filled out by you so make sure you get that done and thank you for a great Spring.

- b. Jordan Hess (ASUM Transportation Director): I want to welcome the upcoming Executive team and extend my enthusiasm for working with you next year. ASUM is special to me, and I have enjoyed working with ASUM for over seven years now. Thank you to the transportation committee for a successful year. Your transportation staff stands in support of SB76, which encourages a collaborative management and future structure of parking and transportation. Our office was founded in the late 90s' as a result of students desiring more transportation choices. Transit was infrequent and bicycling was unsafe. Parking was also congested back then. So ASUM levied a student fee and formed a transportation office which has grown to providing a couple thousand rides to providing about a half million of rides. We became the first university in America to purchase and operate modern, fast charging, battery buses in 2015 and that is an innovation of ASUM. Since, we have completed a collaborative transportation study, co-funded and co-led with the city, Mountain Line, and UM admin. We have a slate of recommendations for managing parking and transportation more cohesively. Right now, UMPD does a fantastic job of providing public safety but there is a disconnect because of where we are in the organization chart. Over the years, myself and members of my staff have had conversations about how to holistically improve the collaborative management of the entire transportation ecosystem. The resolution tonight [SB76] is affirming the Senate's support for those conversations and encouraging future Senates to pick up where you all left off and advance those conversations. It is very non-committal but is a statement of support for implementing the objectives of the 2015 study and advancing our transportation conversations.
- c. Brain Kerns (UM Project Engineer): I presented to you all two weeks ago on campus lighting and some questions came up during the meeting, so I want to show you what projects are receiving funding. About 30 projects, highlighted in blue, are done and are organized according to cost. There is quite a slate of projects and nowhere on this list exists the campus street lighting project that would cost ~\$2million. At this point, it will not be funded. If the Senate and shared governance feels that it is a worthy project, I encourage you to do whatever you can to get that on there. There was a previous resolution that addressed this issue. We talked about adequate lighting and safety across campus, and we spent considerable time and effort to study this project. This project would save us a lot of money. I want to talk about something that will probably put most of the Senate to sleep. UM management maintains a storm weather permit that allows us to deliver storm water into surface water. One of our systems picks up around the Performing Arts/Radio TV Center (PAR/TV) building and there is a more expansive eastern system around the Clapp building that comes down Campus Drive. We only have two outfalls so we are a pretty minor player in the city, but we do have to manage that permit, which is federally regulated by the EPA. There are certain requirements,

including providing public education on what we do. There are different places around the Clarkfork that we have to monitor specifically for copper, iron, and lead. We have had a couple of big hits on iron but there is nothing on campus we do that would cause that. But we did find that the Winter sanding we use for traction contains a high iron content, which could have contributed. We try to impede the flow of this type of heavy sediment materials with gutter stocks to slow the water and collect some of that sediment. There is storm drain protectors as well to prevent highly turbid water from emptying into the system. We appreciate when people report oil leaks. We also found materials on top of some snow that was from the artificial turf from the stadium, so the tiny pellets get caught and deposited. We have since taken precautions to prevent this. There is a page to report incidents under the resources tab on the facilities service's website. You can click on "storm water" to report or comment on any kind of storm water issue. This is a feature of sustainability that we try to maintain at UM, so thank you for your time and I am happy to entertain any questions.

- d. Cierra Anderson: I want to encourage you to vote for the resolution on making the Elections Chair position a paid position. From personal experience in the past year and watching a close friend in this job, I think it was a grave oversight to not pay the Elections Chair and I think it would be easier to fill that position if it was paid. Here is a highlight of what I did: oversaw the election, complaint processes, marketing, setting up ballots, making sure everyone is on the same page, updating forms, and being there for the county. I put in 20-25 hours a week doing this as a chair. I think the only way to get a dedicated student to do this work is to pay them, so I hope you all recognize the importance of that position and choose to fund it.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Award Recipient Announcement
 - i. Student Service Award
 1. Adrianna Medina: Thank you so much, especially Taylor because I read your comment in the previous minutes. I am really grateful, but this award does not mean anything if my recommendations on diversity and inclusivity are not in place for next time, so keep that in mind.
 - ii. Administrator of the Year Award
 1. Alicia Arant: Thank you so much. I was really surprised to receive this honor and am deeply humbled. I think of all of the awards there could be, this is the most meaningful, so I really appreciate it. Prior to starting at UM, I practiced law for 8 years and it was clear to me back then that when I did something effective, I got verdicts. Here, I do not get a lot of feedback, especially because of the nature of my work. This award is really meaningful to me, and it is such a great privilege to work here and to serve students. I am constantly inspired by the work all of you do and the passion with which you do it. It has been a difficult year and I think one of my goals this year has been to take the new Title IX regulations and implement them in a way that is the most humane to those going through difficult experiences. I also work to expand the role of my office because there are a lot of things that are not captured by the law and the policies,

so I have tried to stay in my lane but also do what I can. I am deeply invested in the mission of this university, which I believe is tired tightly to being equitable. Thank you for coming along and working with me.

iii. Student Group of the Year Award

1. SSDP (Michael and Kyle): It was helpful to get the support we did from the Senate, from the medical amnesty policy, resolutions, and getting an interim policy in place. We appreciate everyone's help with that. The interim policy is in place but not in the Student Conduct Code, so we are seeing Housing and the Office of Community Standards trying to undermine the policy. We are concerned with how things will be placed in the Conduct Code, but it will be the will of the student body and what we know best. Thank you for the award and special thanks to the Executives- it has been wonderful to connect with you guys. There is a lot of work to be don't still to value student life and our students that use drugs and alcohol. We have accomplished a lot this year in connecting with Curry and engaging in legal discussions with UM. If you are anyone you know are interested in the resources we have providing, please let us know and also connect with Open Aid Alliance so we can slow the spread of bloodborne disease and the awful stigma we have created toward drug use. Congratulations to the upcoming body and we look forward to a great relationship going forward.

b. Legislative Session Updates- SPA Director Bornstein

- i. Bornstein: We won this session in the telehealth and long-range building plan arenas. Our projects were prioritized in ways that other campuses were not, so we will see tangible projects. We even killed some bad legislation like one that would have lifted vaccine requirements in childcare facilities. We lost on a number of priorities, but we are in our eleventh hour. I wish the outcome could have been different. There are significant and dramatic changes that will take into effect. There were many students that engaged in the session and that were heard, which is powerful. The committee pulled off amazing organizing in a short time and I cannot thank the SPA folks enough. The session is still not over, and I need your help in getting Governor Gianforte to veto HB112. We saw an interesting moment this week and saw Bryce Bennet formally cease all discussion around a healthcare ban that would affect transgender youth in Montana and all Senate Republicans and Democrats joined him in this motion, which is a powerful message that this legislation can be stopped. All of you have done wonderful work so we can call the Governor's office and ask for a veto. There are a number of talking points provided if you make one of these calls. I feel very passionate about this organization and the role SPA plays. Thank you to those on the committee because you have all done so much work. I am disappointed that the wage of the SPA director is not being addressed tonight. I think it is going to be an ongoing issue to find qualified employees without funding. Wages are a value statement and you are ethical and wonderful people, so we should want to do better. It has been a huge privilege to be in this role, but I have been disappointed with ways I have seen individuals fail to engage in the session because we are supposed to be student service leaders. That leaves me with a great sense of sadness. Repeatedly,

I have been made to answer to students who do not even understand why we politically organize, which is a statement about our marketing and outreach effort. I think you all want to do better, and I think it is important that we move forward positively.

- ii. Bentler: Thank you for all your work this session. It has been a pleasure working with you on SPA. You are so driven, poised, and truly an inspiration. Montana is truly a better state because of the work you did.
 - iii. VP Flanagan: I want to explicitly share the emotional frustration with this legislative session. For those at our HB112 press conference, a lot of my speech was on my disappointment with how bad things have gotten in Montana and I stated that I felt like I had to leave the state because it does not care about its constituents or students. There was a wonderful speaker this week at the protest. If these legislators do not want to listen to us, we have the power to vote them out. We have to move forward with future elections and make the power much better than it has been, because it has been awful. I have had numerous breakdowns about how bad things have gotten. I want to very harshly highlight the amazing work Maggie has done- there is not enough to be said there. Anywhere you look at the legislative session, Maggie has left her mark. She was able to very quickly organize ASUM's part in the HB112 protest, and we would have been in dire straits without her. She is a great friend and a great person, so I would urge everyone to take Maggie's comment into consideration because SPA is key to our connection with students and the legislature.
- c. UM HB 102 Working Group Campus Gun Policies
- i. Pres. Gregory: The OCHE working group is supposed to meet this week but is postponed to next week. We are looking at universities with similar policies, and it looks like ours will be modeled closely to the university of Texas, Austin, because of their demographics and time constraints. Gary in the working group came into the group and spoke last week. I believe he was the VP of Strategic Marketing and that was very informative. We are going through UM policies right now that must be updated, such as the Student Conduct code. I do not have specifics on that yet, but we have identified the document and procedures that need to be reviewed with HB102. A frequently asked questions document has been drafted by UMPD which should be online soon, and that must be greenlighted by OCHE first, so all communications are consistent. A faculty senate survey went out so they could provide those concerns, which were elevated to the working group and to OCHE. I have confirmation that those will be taken into OCHE consideration and the draft policy will surface sometime in May. Still no clarity about what the term "domicile" means, whether that be the entire residence hall or a room. The working group is breaking into subgroups over Summer and housing is still working on a draft outline right now to figure out their response, which should be out soon. OCHE is looking at developing a system wide training regarding HB102 that all campuses can use, which can be tailored to each campus. The graduate student representative David and President elect Durnell will serve on the committee starting next week.
 - ii. VP Flanagan: From CPRG- It was shared that the working group met with a representative from the university of Houston, Texas. They stated a big issue with

the policy with students or other persons forgetting their firearms in the bathroom or in other instances where they are left unattended. They had about one year to implement the policy as opposed to our shorter turnaround. They were able to restrict in residence halls and we are looking at restricting in other areas like Childcare, disciplinary hearings, mental health spaces, etc. There is current legislation about restrictions in Childcare, but we are not sure if HB112 supersedes them. That legislation would have to be incorporated into OCHE.

- iii. Gregory: the bill went into place with significant controversy for about a year at UT Austin and things settled down there.
- d. Online Public Comment
 - i. La'a: In relation to Bill's comments- what is the ASUM stance in relation to his public comment today?
 - ii. Pres. Gregory: I have been engaged in conversations about this. Any policy regarding vaccination requirements at UM- we do not have the unilateral authority to make such a policy. OCHE would have to make that decision and that conversation is still happening. The Medical Director at Curry has stated that there is not political will in Montana to implement something like this, and there is a bill at the legislature to prevent such implementation. UM does not have this direct authority
 - iii. VP Flanagan (POI): Governor Gianforte has made an executive order to ban public institutions from implementing any vaccine requirements. That itself is a huge burden. I think I speak for all of ASUM to say that we would like to make our campus safer by having a vaccine requirement.
 - iv. La'a: Is anyone able to answer the questions stated in the third comment?
 - v. BM Hanley: There is transparency there but there is a reason why the funds in that account have not gone anywhere. We have a student group account in the red for \$4,000 for about four years. In Section 10, it specifies the amount of time an agency can keep funds until it rolls into Zero Base, which is for four fiscal years. The money from UMP will go there after four years. Right now, we are using that money to offset the amount we put from general into the administration budget. We are letting the time run out until it can go into Carryover because that money was generated by UMP. There are currently no student fees in that account, it is purely generative money.
- e. Committee Reports
 - i. International Council: Brian Dowdle spoke about outreach to colleges and presented on an Evolving World Competency certificate that is a supplement to minors and existing majors that builds on general education X and the modern and classical language requirements. You take the foreign language sequence and specialize in a region of the world to build on analytical thinking. They are currently looking at structure and it will likely be 22-26 credits that will depend on the language studied. There was a discussion on the year in review and a large focus on online programming. Global Engagement received funds to jumpstart virtual learning programs and there will be two small courses that will occur in Fall. They are looking at ways to increase the number of students going abroad and there is a discussion on how international recruitment will look and they are interviewing international students to encourage their involvement.

- ii. Commencement: It looks like the announcer might be Karen Schmidt. UM Advocates will volunteer at the Oval to help direct students, with roughly fifteen advocates volunteering. Departmental flags will not be displayed. Roughly 100 ADA seats have been set in the Adams Center. They are printing physical programs that guests can grab. The UC will be open for bathrooms and the Market will be open. There will be menial shuttles from Lewis and Clark and Missoula College to the university. They feel pretty good about parking on campus in terms of who has reserved. Graduate passes are now available, and every individual is allocated four guest passes. Please bring all of those with you to the ceremonies.
- iii. Other: UM is having difficulties getting J&J to campus and Jeff does not believe there is political will for mandatory vaccine requirement. A survey for students on diversity, equity, and inclusion will come out soon and the data will be available by the end of summer. They are shooting for at least a 20% completion rate, so I encourage you to take the survey. HB102 will be discussed in Student Affairs. On Fall 21' enrollment- it looks pretty good and there are roughly two weeks to go. 1,150 students signed up for Bear Tracks and that is a good number to see. Advisor training occurred two weeks ago and there were roughly 150 transfer students registered for Fall 21'.
- f. Wrap-up / Reflections
 - i. Completed in final remarks following the meeting closure.
- g. Other
 - i. If you want to get in contact with me through email, please email my student email. [taylor1.gregory@umontana.edu]

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Updates
 - i. Myself, BM Hanley, and President Gregory will be finishing our term on the University Comic Board and anything similar to that this term.
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Command Team and CPRG: UM is planning to operate on updated guidelines during the summer, different to classroom guidelines to follow new county and CDC guidelines. Curry is looking to offer vaccines during the summer to staff. Faculty are nervous about the return to in-person, and they are unsure of the appropriate steps or research being taken for where we will be at during that time, so it will be important that you give feedback to your new ASUM leaders. They will be able to elevate it to the appropriate offices. The plan is for a normal return in Fall, but that is dependent on whether there is another case surge or a new mutation to the virus. Missoula County's Homeless Response Unit will start being present on campus, and they are not a hostile group. They are making sure our homeless population on campus is okay and they have what they need. Governor Gianforte placed an executive order that restricts the implementation of vaccine mandates. Missoula County is putting

in place metrics to appeal the mask order by May 11 if we reach a 60% vaccination rate. If we do not meet that rate, then the order is going to stay in place. We are currently at 40% vaccinated, but if we hit 60% before the 11th, we will still wait until the 11th to appeal. UM can establish their own mandate but there does not seem to be a lot of thoughts for that right now. Missoula County is one of the last counties to have a mandate. There will be issues about going against the grain of guidelines, but there are methods for UM to pursue a mask mandate of their own.

- ii. Fulton: You said that some faculty are concerned about returning to school in the Fall, but professors are still allowed to require an in-person final. I do not know if that is fair to students who choose to Zoom in. I am hearing faculty say one thing and then they do the opposite
 - iii. Durnell (POI): Faculty are not allowed to force in-person attendance and that issue will need to be brought up.
 - iv. Fulton: I did hear concerned students and I emailed Nathan Lindsay. It does state that faculty are allowed to do this, so I do not know. Students can potentially work something out with the professor, but professors have discretion
 - v. Summer Council: As of April 16, 2,200 students enrolled in summer session and 217 have paid the fees.
- c. Bagless Campus Project
- i. We were unable to receive Kless funding for the reusable bags but will be moving forward in UM Dining locations where they will not offer plastic bags. Lightweight boxes will be provided and new students at orientation receive reusable bags. As it stands, the only way to receive bags currently is going to be purchasing them at an appropriate campus location. The UM Bookstore has not been very friendly about going bagless and printing locations on campus also offer plastic bags. That will be a new conversation that will have to be had.
- d. Senate Reflections
- i. Please send me reflections about your time on Senate and your committees if you were a chair based on the instructions emailed to you. They are easy to do and consist of three to four sentences about what worked, what did not, and if you have any recommendations
- e. MAS Update
- i. We had Chair Lozar of BOR and Deputy Commissioner Tessman attend. There was a great discussion for over an hour which was powerful, and it includes big challenges for students right now, bouncing back from COVID-19, and collaboration between MAS and BOR. They stressed one of the ways that they can operate most effectively is when they collaborate with student

governments and vocal students about how they want issues to be addressed and how we can work together to address issues, so I will harshly advise the next MAS President to work on this. As we go forward, you will hopefully have a regent at every other meeting. We spoke about the possibility of additional funding and can learn more about that by those involved with the legislative session. I sent three resolutions to MAS to form it and make it a more active body that can accomplish great advocacy for students. The first requires an advisor, like the role Brian Reed and John DeBoer fills for us, and that would be filled by an OCHE position that passed unanimously. Another requires a Fall retreat to build a team relationship and establish goals for the body, personal goals, and to explain how MAS works. That passed unanimously. The last requires attendance at MAS by Executives and that failed on a 2/3 vote 5/4 and the 4 “no” votes refused to participate in discussion. I am disappointed in the council response to that and am embarrassed about MAS attendance so far. I will draft a resolution to require MAS attendance in the ASUM Bylaws and ask someone on the Senate at that time to forward it to MAS. UM should leave by example to have executives attend MAS meetings. The student regent recommendations have been completed and we are waiting to hear back from Deputy Tessman to see where we should send these, and I will be in touch with applicants.

f. Other

- i. Student achievement awards were on Monday and those awards are in the office, so stop by and pick up your award. There are also graduation cords that Gwen can give you.
- g. SB76-20/21: Resolution Establishing the ASUM Elections Chair as a Paid Position
 - i. Authorship (BM Hanley): This resolution is a theme I am going with tonight to try and create more equity for ASUM employees which will be shown in each resolution. This is establishing a paid position for the ASUM Elections Chair. We see it this year and we have seen it in past years- the chair is putting a lot of time and it is interesting that we do not pay our chair. This position is more of an administrative-unction due to their duties, and it is a bit like being the Business Manager. You have to be the administrator in this process while students vote and during violations. I am seeking to pay this Chair, as I feel other Chairs are more volunteer and advocacy based. This Chair serves an administrative function and in the future I would want to see this position turn more into an administrative role in terms of elections forms. I think at least paying this position is important.
 - ii. Motion by Durnell to amend “typically” in L24 to “typical”; Called Friendly by Author

- iii. Motion by **Durnell-Ververis** to amend L34 after “UM IT,” and add “working with the M&O Director to advertise and facilitate elections events”
1. Authorship (Durnell): I think it makes sense to clarify that because marketing elections material is a position of the Chair, so I would like for this to be added. A common complaint about elections is the marketing and we almost experienced a voter turnout too low to pass referenda, so I believe this is an appropriate place to do that
 2. BM Hanley: My question is, is this a job for the Chair of the committee to be working with M&O and is that specified in the description?
 3. Durnell: The description mentions that they work with the Elections committee, but I do not believe that would deter the intent of this amendment.
 4. BM Hanley: I think I am fine with the language as is right now and then having M&O. My hesitation is that I do not think it should be on the Chair to be doing the M&O to facilitate those events, which is why we have the M&O position. The committees sometimes have a duplicative purpose, but I do not know if this is the right solution. I think at times we have to rethink how we market and who is doing it. I think this is fine for now
 5. Durnell: Would the language work better if we changed it to “advised the M&O Director”?
 6. Motion by **BM Hanley** to strike previous wording and replace with “advised the M&O Director...”; Motioners called friendly
 7. *Motion passed unanimously*
- iv. Karlen: Why ten hours?
1. BM Hanley: I thought that was a fair start because the meetings are going to go longer during campaigning and I think that for the Chair, this can allow them to set office hours that are set within available hours. Counting is when they might need to go over their hours and I think they can fit that in
 2. Karlen: I was thinking the other direction, less if anything. The reason I say that is because if we are going to be paying them for the time that they sit as Chair on the Elections committee, and they are just having that meeting and the chair is getting paid for it and I am not, that does not seem fair. I do not mind paying them if they do things outside of what the rest of the committee is doing. I am a little hesitant to pay under the circumstances outlined.
 3. BM Hanley: Here is the difference- I think about the meetings Anderson worked over ten hours a week, so if there needs to be a directive that says they can only work during office hours there can be,

but I am not in favor of that because I am facilitating as Chair of six boards and committees and my jobs are to prepare and run meetings. I do not have authority during those meetings, and this is the same for the Elections Chair.

- v. Motion by **BM Hanley** to add “76” in the Senate Bill Line and strike the passed by committee signature line; Called Friendly by Author
- vi. Nicholls: I want to speak to some of the work I saw Cierra do and some of the work this body asked her to perform. I remember during one of the first sanction meetings that Cierra hand-verified several signatures, which was outside of her job description. Those are the kind of tasks the Chair is given on a very regular basis and for those 4-6 weeks that is their life. Cierra easily worked over ten hours a week easily during her time as Chair, so this is reasonable given how much work this position does to keep the body running. Without an Elections Chair we do not have an election or a Senate, so we should recognize that hard work.
- vii. ***SB76 passed unanimously [Roll Call SB76]***

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

Zero Base Carryover: \$204,898.76

S.T.I.P.: \$235,660.47

Special Allocation: \$20,000.00

Travel Allocation: \$45,448.63 (\$425.00)

Union Emergency: \$6,000.00

Dennison Theater Event Fund: \$5,000.00

Fundraising: \$10,000.00

- a. Funding Requests
 - a. UMATSA Travel Allocation Request (\$425.00)
 - b. This is looking for reimbursement because they submitted this in February and unfortunately we are seeing it now. The Board recommended that this be fulfilled in the complete amount.
 - c. Motion by **Durnell-Ververis** to approve in full; UC Called
- b. Student Group Recognition
 - a. Kyi Yo
 - b. BM Hanley: I forwarded this as the BOMO chair.
 - c. Motion by **La’a-Ververis** to approve Kyi Yo recognition; UC Called
- c. Committee Reports
 - a. I was requested by MontPIRG to be an informational witness on HB389 and my opinion has turned from bad to worse after the hearing. I vehemently disagree with the bill now, so I can no longer be an impartial witness. The bill would require another report for groups like MontPIRG filing as an incidental committee and rent space out of MUS or the state. The bill in ASUM’s purview was not

favorable, but it is not the biggest deal in the world. It is more serious now because of a bit of drama that occurred during the house hearing today.

- b. Gen Ed Ad Hoc: We met on Thursday and planned for the two-hour retreat. We had a long interview with the Deans to get their thoughts and prepped for their input into the process that will go into our retreat next week. This is the only committee I will request the new administration to put me on, so that will be the extent of my involvement.
 - c. University Design Team (UDT): We met and talked about implementing UDT findings into strategic initiatives. If you have questions, you can ask me or the new executives.
 - d. Budget Committee: We compared student credit hours and the new budget model application. We also spoke about credit distribution for next year and this is the first time I have ever been excited to see the census release next year and to see a nice enrollment increase.
 - e. Durnell: Can you provide any detail about what the discussion was leaning toward about the credit hour distribution and the model?
 - f. BM Hanley: We did not get too far into that, but I think we will focus on that during state appropriations next month. There was acknowledgement of the tensions there and there is work being done by Paul Lasiter to see how the budget model will affect CHS. I have not completely realized my thoughts about the model, as there are many pros and cons. Not a whole lot of discussion there. We did talk about state appropriations and particularly the tuition freeze. I think over the last six out of eight years I have not been a big fan of the freeze because it resulted in one of the worst budget cuts and higher program fee periods, especially in graduate and professional programs, as this is a result of not being able to fully compensate and have decreased tuition numbers. I think analyzing the freeze needs to be fully taken into account across the system because if they can have a good-enough tuition base for support then they have two options; to cut fees, and UM has cut a lot to the point where a lot of services are not being adequately staffed, or raise fees for certain programs that specifically escalates the cost for graduate and professional programs, which hampers their opportunity to get an education. I think we should carefully analyze how this will affect UM finances where there will be deep budget cuts and higher program expenses.
- d. Birthdays
 - a. Durnell, Gudmundsson, Pfeifer, Karlen, Bowles, Ververis, La'a, Williams, BM Hanley, Bentler, Secretary Berna
 - e. Other
 - a. None.
 - b. Fulton: I have been keeping track and my birthday was never acknowledged...
 - c. La'a: In regard to the PIC STIP and Special Allocations- Was the drone ordered?
 - d. Hanley: Gwen has been out for a couple days, and she is coming in tomorrow and will be ordering that exact requested drone when she gets in. Special should be applied if you sent billing to CIS and I thought that is what occurred. If not, I will send a note and an email up to her.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Durnell

Relations and Affairs: RA met on Sunday, April 11th at 12:00pm to discuss three resolutions; Resolution Increasing ASUM Executives Pay, Resolution Eliminating the Base Pay for Most Student Employees, and Resolution Eliminating the Option for Unanimous Approval Call on a Resolution.

The committee made minor edits to these resolutions. There was discussion prompted by SAL Ailainjan regarding clauses that assert the opinion of the Senate to support therefore clauses rather than referencing points of the governing documents. It was the collective understanding of the committee that this is a way to assert new precedence for ASUM based on prior actions of the Senate and that it was necessary to keep in the resolution. If you have any questions, please contact me at the following email. [noah.durnell@umontana.edu]

The Relations and Affairs Committee met on Sunday, April 18th at 12:00pm to reflect on the committee. Each member responded to the following questions:

1. What about the RA committee made you want to join it, and what about the committee made you inclined to stay on?
2. What is your favorite aspect of the committee?
3. What is your biggest frustration or least favorite aspect of the committee? What do you believe is a possible solution to resolving this?
4. What qualifications or characteristics make someone a good candidate for this committee?

To be brief, here are a few of the sentiments the committee shared in response to these questions:

Many of the committee members joined RA and stayed on RA because the committee helped them understand the workings of the Senate better, and for new Senators, helped acclimate them to their responsibilities. The favored aspects of the committee were generally that it gave a deeper understanding of the governing documents and helped Senators prepare for Senate meetings. There were also great remarks regarding the structure and efficiency of the meetings. The most pronounced frustration was the weekend meeting times, whereas a Monday or Tuesday meeting time is more favorable. There was also some discussion regarding making resolution writing for students outside of Senate more accessible and creating a standard for citations to help make them be more consistent as a body. The committee believes that individuals who are proficient in practical writing and grammar, have good communication skills, have an excellent understanding of the governing documents, and are outspoken with go-getter attitudes make the best candidates for the committee.

These questions were asked with the intention of forever improving the committee for the future since it serves such a vital role for ASUM. It was a pleasure serving as chair of this committee in my time on Senate.

BM Hanley

Board on Budget and Finance: The board met late Monday night for the final time. They recommended funding UMATSA's travel request in full and approved two line-item changes. They also forwarded a resolution regarding airfare, though with some board members expressing some apprehensions about the resolution.

SAL Pease

The ASUM Title IX Recommendations are our final recommendations that Senator Curry will be charging President Gregory with forwarding the parties listed in the report.

The Title IX Ad Hoc Unofficial Report is the same as the final recommendations (just put it in a format that is easier for senators to read, since they don't have much time).

- a. Durnell: For accreditation and assessment for the university, we spoke about two things. Accreditation standards and one they thought they were not doing enough on was equity, so they want to discuss those university policies and collaborate more with the DAC and take the framework and recommendations from accreditors as to where to move forward. They talked about partner programs because it has to select partners to model off, so they discussed metrics about how to decide and are creating a subcommittee to decide that parenting programs. I think that will be very important work too.
- b. Curry: For Title IX Ad Hoc- *[See Exhibit 1]* We spent the semester reviewing and meeting about the damaging parts of Title IX changes and came up with an extensive list of recommendations from UM to receive our current policy and make it better overall. I highly encourage everyone to read through it because a lot of work was put in, especially by Chair Danielle Pease.
 - i. SAL Pease: This is an unofficial report so it could be streamlined for you all to read. If you have any questions, please ask them now. These are recommendations and I expect that we continue to develop them. I was talking to Alicia Arant about these recommendations and although UM, the BOR, and OCHE have not thought about them yet, she felt they could be very beneficial to campus. I do not want to underscore the amount of work the committee has done as a whole- it was very productive and the members were phenomenal!
- c. Motion by **Curry-Durnell** to charge President Gregory to send the Title IX Official Committee report to all parties listed in the document; UC Called

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB77-20/21: Resolution Regarding Student Group Travel Requests for Funding Airfare
 - i. Authorship (BM Hanley): I understand that this will probably not pass tonight, and I know this will probably be the hill I die on. Over the course of three years, I have sat through six travel allocation sessions, B&F positions, and every year there is a discussion on funding airfare. We had always taken the informal stance of not funding airfare and during the travel allocation meetings there was a big conflict that kicked off a debate about how we should treat airfare. We had that mindset in the past for a lot of reasons- it is consistency among funding groups. Airfare is particularly expensive to fund and it is hard to set a consistent rate that is fair and equitable to all student groups. You can invest a lot more money in sending a group traveling by car than airfare. This is not meant to incentivize people to fly instead of drive, but we should fund other things that are easier to establish a framework around. We have set rates now for airfare. When you look at rates for lodging, it shows a big difference in lodging. We have seen this resolution on two other occasions and the votes were very close to passing in the past. Over that time, the Senate has made it abundantly clear they want to keep airfare and we worked to establish an equitable rate and make a good impact on student groups using airfare. We did not come up with a solution during the first work group. Looking at other student governments, most do not fund airfare and those who do do not have a preset rate. I am really trying to make this work and I would prefer if we kept discussion short. I think this is the right solution to create an efficient and fair funding process. Not a lot of people on the body have seen this but I ask for your consideration.
 - ii. Pfeifer: I was on the fiscal policy work group and I was privy to that conversation last year. I remember going to BM Parson at the time and asked for logistics of consistently paying airfare, and he said if you wanted to benefit from dues you pay to ASUM, you have to join a student group and go somewhere to get your worth. This is based on how many people go on trips and how far those flights are. I will vote yes because I think it will add to funding equity, and there are other tools available to students, such as the new fundraising account.
 - iii. Durnell: I think there have been multiples battles where a resolution came up like that and the vote failed or it was killed in committee. The losses indicate that this is not something we should be doing. There is a big discussion about equity and when we make policy more restrictive, it weakens the democracy of this body. When we have a board that has all of this discretion, I think it makes sense to have airfare be an option for them and they can make decisions about what is provided. Just because there is a cap does not mean they have to fund in full. I think the board is more than capable of making those decisions themselves. I do not think it is positive that more funding goes to lodging or motor pool when some groups may need airfare. I think we need to trust student groups more and I think this resolution negates that. Some groups annually travel overseas, so it does not make sense to punish groups like that by removing this option. If anything, it is more burdensome to some groups than others and I do not think that promotes

equity in any sense of the word. I do ask that the Senate trust the Board on Budget and Finance, and trust student groups to make their own best decisions. Student groups will want to do more as travel bans are lifted. I do not want to lower their ability to be active student organizations.

- iv. Bentler: A question for BM Hanley- How often are there requests for airfare in a non-COVID world?
 1. BM Hanley: It depends based on the number of groups that request travel, which is usually less in Fall and more in Spring. Last Fall we got about 29-32 travel requests. I would expect about a quarter of them to carry requests for airfare.
- v. La'a: I want to reiterate Senator Durnell's sentiments because I am speaking on behalf of a student group that does travel. I do not think it is fair to change the policy to basically exclude domestic and international air travel. We cannot drive to Hawaii to do our educational tour. We went in Spring of 2019 and the winter, and we look forward to going again in Winter 2021. By excluding this, it makes \$75 a lot for these individuals to continually fundraise for these efforts. From the 2019 Winter practical tour, three individuals were never reimbursed their \$75 from ASUM.
- vi. BM Hanley: This has nothing to do with trusting student groups. The difference between trusting student groups does not lie within funding them, it lies within risk management and what we allow students to pursue, so this is a completely different issue. If we vote for this resolution, student groups are not prohibited from airfare. The request of a group like that, in my opinion, it would be a lot easier to do gas. I recognize the consequences of this resolution and I would like to say that we should continue to fund student groups, just not with airfare. We should put funds in other areas that student groups have historically asked for. In terms of reimbursements, I think that is unfortunate but is ultimately not affected by this resolution but can be addressed elsewhere. Also, we have a Fiscal policy to outline our processes and set rates, so to say that this document should not be constrained, I do agree in that sense, but we do outline other travel procedures. We have a very constrained annual budgeting process now, so those constraints exist in this document, and I think this a rate we have set historically and is an addition to past funding practice. I appreciate some of the remarks by some of the dissenters and are sympathetic, but I feel this resolution is the best way to move forward with the travel allocation process. For anyone continuing in Senate, I recommend you keep the rate in regardless.
- vii. Karlen: I do think it is worth future Senates to find a middle ground and saying that groups who do want airfare may have to go through another step to show necessity. We just heard that there are scenarios where airfare is necessary, and where ASUM can serve a good purpose by funding that. Airfare may be a lower priority unless the group sufficiently proves the importance or necessity of airfare.
- viii. ***SB77 failed 3Y-15N-1A [Roll Call SB77]***
- b. SB78-20/21: Resolution Clarifying the Definition of a Third Party
 - i. Authorship (BM Hanley): This is our solution in response to the situation at the last meeting. Senator Karlen and I got together and tried to create a solution that clearly defines a third party. We wanted to explicitly lay this out so there is no

more confusion. We accounted for social media accounts and added more social media references to account for the nature of platforms like Instagram and Facebook. Senator Karlen and I hope this clearly defines it if this situation arises in the future.

- ii. Authorship (Karlen): The issue last time was what the page actually was, and what it appeared to be. This tries to take care of that it does not matter what it is, but if it appears to the Elections Committee as not being an ASUM fee paying member, then that is going to be a violation.
- iii. Ververis: I loved the idea of creating clearer language about a third party, however I do not know if I agree with these definitions. I know a lot of sentiments by Senator Karlen during the debate were regarding the structure within a third party, and I think I resonated more with that idea of a definition. That being said, I do not know if I would be in favor of this. I will try to work on some language I think will be better because I do not think this clears it up very much.
- iv. Motion by **Durnell-Ververis** to strike on L36 the language “social media accounts that do not appear to represent an ASUM member are considered third parties”; UC Called; Discussion Called by BM Hanley
 1. Authorship (Durnell): I agree that after discussion a third party should have a more concrete definition, but I do not think this reflects that discussion properly. The Senate voted on how they defined a third party but did not define what a third party represented. The Senate already voted against these sentiments and we all agreed that we should adjust, but I did not get the representation that they wanted to define this specifically as a third party. Those who voted against the grievance, you should uphold the same.
 2. BM Hanley: I disagree with the second therefore clause analysis. What was discussed was discussed, but we are proposing defining what a third party is. The legal definition needs to require structure because there are certain defining things that create a proper third party definition. It has been stated in Circuit Court that ASUM is not a political entity and do not run political elections. We can limit other things such as spending, and the US government cannot limit spending in elections. We are not violating state law and even if the sentiment at the time to define structure was fine then, it is not the conversation now. I think striking this right now goes in contradiction of that. This is something that is not an ASUM member. A media account with structure or not in my opinion is not a UM entity and needs to be codified in the Bylaws.
 3. Karlen: Striking this makes zero sense to me. A social media page is clearly a grey area, and this takes away that grey area. I think we can all agree that if a social media account does not represent a fee-paying member, it should not be endorsing a candidate. This makes it very clear that what happened last time. If this was in there it would not have been a debate. It did not appear that the account represented an individual ASUM fee-paying member, and this would have addressed that. This line clarifies that social media accounts have to be individually representative. It is a simple clarification that will take care of a lot of issues.

4. Gudmundsson: I think the fundamental need to have this line there is that our Bylaws do not accurately address our social media environment. While it is one thing for a candidate to have a campaign page or an ASUM fee member to recognize this endorsement, it is quite another to have a page that a fee-paying member runs operating as a third party. This creates the distinction in our Bylaws that is currently a huge grey area.
 5. Durnell: The vote of this amendment determines the entire course of what this resolution does. I encourage everyone to strike the language by voting yes. I want to clarify that I did not mention state law, and I am glad that it came up, but it was not an accusation of mine.
 6. Lock: Is there a reason why you chose to use the verbiage “honestly” in that therefore clause rather than “clearly”?
 7. BM Hanley: We can talk about that after this amendment, that is the wrong line.
 8. *Amendment failed 7Y-9N-3A on placard vote; Division of the Assembly called by BM Hanley and roll call vote carries 7Y-11N-1A*
- v. Ploot: Why did you put “honestly” as the verbiage there? I think there is some ambiguity, and I was wondering what the authors think about switching that to clearly to prevent that.
 - vi. Karlen: I think that intent matters with this, in that this language gives the Election Board and Senate enough latitude to determine whether something is a mistake. Honestly means that in good faith, you truly think this page really does represent just you. I have enough trust in the Elections Board and Senate that they can determine this in good faith.
 - vii. BM Hanley: I echo that sentiment. We say ASUM member and fee-paying student when you look at the current definition at the top. Back when not everyone paid the fee, it was a problem because everyone could vote, even if you did not pay the fee. I would prefer to keep it as ASUM member and I would prefer that be changed across all governing documents. You do not get the right to vote once you start paying the fee, you get the right to vote when you start at UM.
 - viii. Ploot: I think there was a little misunderstanding about what I said. I was asking what you would think about changing it to read “an entity that does not honestly represent an individual ASUM fee-paying member”, because I think that would distinguish between singular accounts and group accounts like the one in question at our previous meeting.
 - ix. BM Hanley: That is a good consideration and I apologize for misunderstanding. I think that should be added.
 - x. Williams: I want to discuss the language of “honestly” versus “clearly”. I think that determining whether something was honestly intended is a lot more debatable than clearly. I think the language of honestly could lead to extensive debate like we experienced in the last meeting, and I think clearly would be more evidence based than interpretation based.
 - xi. Motion by **Williams** to amend “honestly” in all instances to “clearly-made”; Called Friendly by Authors Motion
 - xii. Motion by **Ploot** to amend L35 to read “that does not clearly represent an ASUM fee-paying member”; Called Friendly by Authors

- xiii. Motion by **Bentler-Nicholls** to amend L45 to include “individual fee-paying” between “ASUM” and “member”
 - 1. Authorship (Bentler): I feel the language should be consistent throughout based on the previous addition
 - 2. Motion to approve by **Durnell-Bowles**; UC Called
- xiv. **SB78 passed 16Y-2N-1A [Roll Call SB78]**
- c. SB79-20/21: Resolution Encouraging Collaborative Management of Parking and Transportation at the University of Montana
 - i. Authorship (Karlen): I think every student and ASUM will benefit from integrating our parking and transportation more with UM so that we are pooling resources. I think that can lead to good things when working with the city. This says that ASUM is supportive in mapping out an integrated department of transportation, parking, and mobility so that they can have more resources. This sends that message to UM.
 - ii. BM Hanley: When I chaired the board in Spring 2019 we dreamed about this, and I did not think we would get to this point. We are in the right place with funding and incentives. This has been talked about for a long time and I am glad we have a solution before us.
 - iii. **SB79 passed 18Y-0N-1A [Roll Call SB79]**
- d. SB80-20/21: Resolution Eliminating the Pay Rate for Most Student Positions in ASUM Personnel Policy
 - i. Authorship (BM Hanley): This is meant to give agencies and ASUM administration more flexibility when determining wages. This is a discussion I have had with the former general manager of GBA and all agency directors, and there was a request that the pay rate in personnel policy be eliminated to allow for more flexibility. Changing rates is a time-consuming process and we may have different time scales that we have to constantly adjust. This has created inefficiency and constrains agency heads because many pay rates and incentives are very low. For agencies, this is similar to Senator Durnell’s resolution on receptionists. Let’s have people paid equitably. We have some of the lowest wage rates across the university and city and agency heads want to pay employees more. This resolution will affect every student employee except for ASUM Executives, which are excluded because the ASUM Constitution states that their pay hours cannot voluntarily increase or decrease. I think this is good for efficiency and equity. I ask you for a yes vote today.
 - ii. Motion by **Ververis** to strike “whoever is the person” on L36 and replace it with “whomever is the person”; Called Friendly by Author
 - iii. Karlen: What is the SPA Director doing during non-legislative session years?
 - iv. BM Hanley: We typically have not hired one during non-legislative years. There was a time where we used to have two SPA directors during a non-legislative year. In my opinion, I think it is more about getting students involved with municipal elections and city council, and that role has been handed off to a member of the SPA committee.
 - v. **SB90 passed 16Y-0N-3Y [Roll Call SB90]**
- e. SB81-20/21: Resolution Amending ASUM Executive’s Pay and Hours

- i. Authorship (BM Hanley): I talked about this with the Code of Ethics, and this is an example of conflict of interest. We are proposing it at this time because the conflict of interest is naturally recognized. I agree that there needs to be a lot more equity with the organization and I hope the last two resolutions have done that a bit. This one is more personal to me because I put in a lot more hours than I am paid for, as do all ASUM Executives. It takes a toll when this is the only job you can do because of the amount of time put in, so I think it is needed to be paid more and there be more allowed hours. Hours are the same for each position here because I think the value between the three of means we should be paid the same hours. I would highly encourage you all to adopt this resolution.
- ii. Motion by **BM Hanley** to amend L25 to replace “?” marks with “\$4,657.00”; Called Friendly by Author
- iii. VP Flanagan: Do we need to put an effective date on this to avoid ourselves getting a pay raise in our last week?
- iv. BM Hanley: Yes, I will amend that.
- v. Motion by **Ververis** to amend L12 to read “each ASUM executive makes minimum wage + 50 cents and is restricted to a set number of hours”; Called Friendly by Author
- vi. Motion by **Ververis** to add the decimal and two zeros on L26; Called Friendly by Author
- vii. Curry: What does the “56” in the hour section mean?
- viii. BM Hanley: Those are the biweekly hours, so 28 hours a week. Max hours to be paid is actually 29, but I thought 56 would be best because during business hours I have typically taken free classes, which slightly takes away from the work hours I complete. That is fairly typical.
- ix. Motion by **BM Hanley** to add effective by date; Called Friendly by Author
- x. Motion by **BM Hanley** to replace the second therefore clause to approve Senate authorization of state term investment transfer; Called Friendly by Author
- xi. VP Flanagan: Is there consideration made for summer hours?
- xii. BM Hanley: I did not adjust for summer hours.
- xiii. **SB81 passed 17Y-0N-2A [Roll Call SB81]**
- f. SB82-20/21: Resolution Eliminating the Option for a Unanimous Approval Call on a Resolution
 - i. Authorship (Hanley): I do not think we can have UC called because I think there should be a roll call vote. Sometimes we want to do a roll call and someone will call UC, so I think we should do roll call each time.
 - ii. Motion by **Ververis** to make an amendment slate- replace “not take” with “circumvent” on L12, remove “had” and replace with “taken” on L15, and remove “deal with” and replace with “address” on L16; Called Friendly by Author
 - iii. Motion to approve SB82 by **Durnell-Fulton**; UC Called; Objection noted by BM Hanley

10. FINAL REMARKS

- a. Final remarks were made.

11. SWEARING IN NEW BODY

- a. Swearing in of Senators Bell, Bowles, Crisp, Feeley, Gudmundsson, Hawthorne, Jolly, Keller, Kiefer, Kuney, McKenzie, Read, Shaver, Vanderkar, Ververis, Williams was conducted by Liaison Reed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by **Gregory-Durnell**; UC Called

Meeting Adjourned at 10:34 pm; Objections noted by Ververis and Fulton