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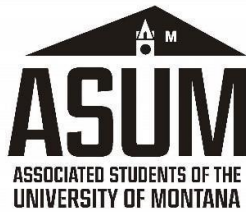
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ASUM SENATE MINUTES 21-22'
WEDNESDAY APRIL 21, 2021
Hybrid: Zoom & In-Person – 10:45 P.M.

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 10:45

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Senators Bell, Bowles, Crisp, Feeley, Gudmundsson, Hawthorne, Jolly, Keller, Kiefer, Kuney, McKenzie, Read, Shaver, Vanderkar, Ververis, Williams ; President Durnell, Vice President Lock, Business Manager Rinck

Unexcused: Senators Berget, Christison, Funseth

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Christian Pfeifer [Former Senator]: I have a couple pieces of advice. For the first piece of advice I will say, please just find one thing that you really want to fix and focus on that. I know a lot of you are good at a lot of things and I hope you get to those too, but I want you to focus on one thing so you can have something to be proud of no matter what else happens. The second thing is that there will be a lot of minutiae that you will focus on from one issue to the next. If you ever find yourself heated in the middle of those discussions, try to take a step back and remember that more discussion to take part in will come later.
- b. Brian Fulton [Former Senator]: I want to give some advice as well. You might see that you will be working with individuals that can be considered “resolution” or “committee” driven senators. Find your niche that makes you bring ASUM closer to what we can all do. Piss everyone off; if you haven’t pissed off anyone on this body, you are doing your job wrong. Cheers, you all deserve it! Congratulations and I cannot wait to see what this body does.
- c. Senator Kiefer: I want to talk about a cool opportunity with a student group that I have helped found alongside Dr. Phyllis Ngai in the Communication Studies Department. We

have founded the International Development Studies (IDS) club and we are going to be working on a yearlong fundraising program to travel internationally to Hong Kong, Macao, and South China in the summer of 2022. It will be a 15 day trip and five of those days will be service learning days which I will be personally leading. We are aiming to collectively fundraise and cover at least half of the cost of the trip to make it more accessible. We are limiting our group to ten members and applications are open until the end of the semester. If you are interested in international travel and any global issue, there is a spot for you. Any students are welcome to apply and I would appreciate it if you could send this out to anyone you think may be interested. We will be running interviews on May 1 and can reschedule to a more suitable time if need be. It is something I am very passionate about and I would love to be able to spread that passion and curiosity to other students as well. Thanks to scholarships and fellowships I was able to travel to Vietnam and Tasmania, Australia, and these were some of the most transformative experiences of my undergrad. Please check out the flyers and pass them along. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

- d. Nevin Graves: Hello new Senate, welcome. Thank you all for spending the next academic year representing UM students. Speaking as a UM alum and someone who works with the student body, I cannot tell you how important the work you do is and I wish you all of the successes you can possibly have in this academic year. We are coming out of an academic year where we were a campus in recovery as we figured out how to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are now in Missoula County at a point where I am happy to report that Missoula county is approaching 40% vaccination right now. We have learned a lot about how universities are run and how we can improve accessibility, so I want to urge you all to remember the things we have learned about how to create accessibility and carry those things forward. I am over in Corbin Hall Room 141 and I am happy to work with all of you on any issues you care about, so please feel free to reach out to me for support. I wish all of you a lovely summer.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Brian Reed: Swearing in of 2021/2022 Senators
 - i. Completed in the previous meeting.
- b. Introduction
 - i. My name is Noah Durnell and I study Music at the university. I am a senior and I also study Non-profit Administration and Entertainment Management. I have been with ASUM for two years and with the Music Union for three years. I like to rollerblade in my free time, and I have a goldfish who is my best friend named Zombie. I use he/him/his pronouns.
- c. Contact Information
 - i. I am excited to get to know all of you in a professional and personal capacity. If you are looking to get to know me in a personal capacity, feel free to reach out to me in any way. You can email my student email or contact me through my social media. Otherwise, if you want to reach me on a professional level, learn about my role as ASUM President, or otherwise speak about ASUM, the only form of communication I will accept in that regard is contact through the president email. [asum.president@mso.umt.edu] I understand that mistakes happen and you may

email me through my student email, and if that happens I will kindly remind you of the associated ASUM email. I am also available for a phone call if there is something time-sensitive, professional or personal.

- d. Transition Update
 - i. There is a transition from Taylor's position to my position that currently involves a lot of meeting with administrators, agency heads, and meeting with you all if you wish. I will also be drafting our strategic plan with VP Lock to ensure we have a full plan to carry out based on our campaign pillars. If you have any questions about what my transition looks like or if you feel there is a way you can take part in that, please let me know.
- e. Summer Availability
 - i. I will be in Missoula and if you would like to work on any important initiatives you care about, I am happy to work with you all on that. Feel free to reach out.
- f. Summer Projects
 - i. I will have some summer projects that I would like Senator input on, specifically the Bylaws Working Group. I have seen the ins and outs of the Bylaws in different capacities and I think some changes are necessary. I think there is room to improve what we have to make them more readable, so if you have any interest in serving on this working group of the summer, please let me know. Continuing senators, please let me know if there are any areas of the Bylaws you would like to see specific changes in. Newer senators, if you feel intimidated by the Bylaws as I was when I joined, reach out to me and consider joining this body so you have the opportunity to slowly digest the document.
- g. Other
 - i. New Faculty Advisor
 - 1. We will be needing a new faculty advisor in the Fall, so if you have any trusted faculty you feel could serve in that position, please email me their names and I will contact them. It should be someone willing to give up much of their Wednesday nights, is involved in student-facing issues, and can carry out conflict-mitigation. Those are ideal applicant qualities, but please send me the name of anyone you feel may be interested.
 - ii. Search Committee
 - 1. We are currently searching for an undergraduate student to serve on the search committee for the Provost of Innovation and Online Learning. This is a new position that will manage some of the new online implementations UM is looking at. If you have a particular interest, I encourage you to sit on this committee. It is a bit more of a time commitment, and I believe that they will be starting meetings over the summer. I hope to get back to Nathan Lindsay by Friday with the name of an undergraduate willing to serve on the committee.
- h. SB1-21/22: Resolution Creating a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
 - i. Authorship [VP Lock]: Thank you President Durnell. I will also thank former VP James Flanagan who has proven to be an untiring student advocate and dear friend. We are all indebted to you for your leadership culminating in this resolution. The establishment of this committee is overdue and I would like to note that we are not so naive to think that this committee will right every systemic

wrong that plagues our campus, but that it will be a single drop of water in an ocean of ongoing advocacy. This is a small but essential step for ASUM. Please either begin or renew your tenure as a Senator with positive change and vote yes on this.

- ii. Motion by **Ververis-Williams** to replace “a lack” with “the lack” on Line 20 ; UC Called
- iii. Motion by **Ververis-Bowles** to format footnotes to be in TNR 10 ; UC Called
- iv. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to add “Salena Beaumont Hill, Director of Inclusive Excellence” to the sponsored by line ; UC Called
- v. Point of Discussion [Pres. Durnell]: Thank you to all who spoke up and were vulnerable to make sure that these changes came to ASUM. It is very exciting that this is the first resolution our new body is seeing and it is my promise as an executive to follow through with it.
- vi. Motion by **Feeley-Bowles** to correct the spelling of “ableism” on Line 64 ; UC Called
- vii. *SB I passed unanimously [Roll Call SB1]*

5. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT

a. Introduction

- i. My name is Canyon Lock and I am studying Classics. I am a transfer student from SW Colorado and this is the first semester of my junior year after taking a year off to travel before transferring to UM. I am thrilled to be in this position and to work with all of you.

b. Committee Assignments

- i. The Equitable Education Committee is filled as per the resolution that established it.
- ii. Motion by **Ververis-Bowles** to approve committee assignments ; UC Called
- iii. Discussion called by Senator Kiefer to correct the spelling of “Gluekert”

c. Summer Availability / Contact Information

- i. I am always available to you all and I encourage you to reach out to me if there is anything you would like to discuss. For most of May I will be in Colorado and will be available electronically. In the later summer months I will be in Missoula if you would like to set up a meeting with me. I am okay with you getting a hold of me however you see fit, though one of the most appropriate ways is through the ASUM VP email. [asum.vicepres@mso.umt.edu]

d. One-on-Ones

- i. I will be scheduling one-on-one meetings with every Senator on the body. I would like to get to know you, what you intend to do at ASUM, why you joined the body, your background at UM, and anything else you would like to share. Most of those will likely take place in June and July if you would like to meet in person, but if you would like to meet over Zoom we can schedule that. I will be scheduling these in the coming weeks and I look forward to them.

- e. Fall Retreat
 - i. We will be scheduling a Fall retreat that will take place shortly before Fall semester. I strongly encourage everyone to attend as I feel it will be extremely important for the cohesion of our body. Details are still being determined so be on the lookout for further information.
 - ii. Ververis: Have you worked on getting the anti-racism training scheduled for that time?
 - 1. VP Lock: That will be a part of Fall Retreat. Thank you for asking.
- f. Other
 - i. The Board of Regents (BOR) will be meeting on May 26 and that meeting will be remote. I will probably send more information about it. President Durnell and myself will be in attendance.
 - ii. I strongly encourage all Senators to read the governing documents. I know it is a lot and they are dense at times but understanding those is one of the most important things you can do as you serve on this body. You have the summer to familiarize yourself with them and you will be able to do more as a Senator if you understand them. Remember, you can also work on the Bylaws working group as President Durnell mentioned.

6. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero Base Carryover: \$204,898.76

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

Special Allocation: \$20,000.00

Travel Allocation: \$45,023.63

Union Emergency: \$6,000.00

Dennison Theater Event Fund: \$5,000.00

Fundraising: \$10,000.00

- a. Introduction
 - a. My name is Jack Rinck and I am on track to be a graduate student in the MA program of Political Science this Fall. I graduated with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Climate Change Studies. I like to ski, play guitar, and fly-fish. You can catch me around Missoula often. I started in ASUM in the Fall of 2019 and throughout I have chaired the Marketing and Outreach committee, the Sustainability committee, and the Zero-Waste Oversight Board. This past legislative session I served as the ASUM Lobbyist and am now excited to be your Business Manager.
- b. Summer Availability
 - a. I will be out of Missoula for roughly a month and will be accessible as possible virtually through that time. I will be in Missoula for the remainder of the summer, and I will be holding regular office hours and I will let you know when those are. I will make myself available as possible, virtually or physically, whichever you are comfortable with.

- c. Contact Information
 - a. For professional ASUM business, please contact me through the Business Manager email. [asum.businessmgr@mso.umt.edu] During weekdays and regular office hours, I will have my cell phone number and office phone posted on the website. For Senators, the Vice President should be your primary contact concerning the function of the Senate, though I am happy to speak with you about fiscal policy, student group recognition, and other related topics.
- d. Birthdays
 - a. It is a longstanding tradition that the Business Manager recognizes birthdays, and I pledge to renew the tradition. I will follow up with a spreadsheet to collect birthday information. If your birthday is during a non-academic period, feel free to pick another birthday to make sure you get recognition.
- e. Other
 - a. Remarks of Gratuity: I am going to express my gracious appreciation to all of you Senators for the work you will do in the upcoming term. I am excited to get to know all of you and see change in ASUM and address some of ASUM's issues while building strong bonds and serving the student body.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. None.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by **Ververis-Williams**; UC Called

Meeting Adjourned at 11:26 pm