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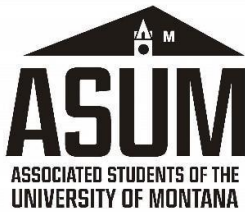
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**ASUM SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
University Center (UC) 225 – 6:00 P.M.**

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Senators Bell, Berget, Bowles, Feeley, Glueckert, Gudmundsson, Hawthorne, Jolly, Kayne, Keller*, Kiefer, Kuney, La'a, McKenzie, Shaver, Vanderkar, Ververis, Williams; President Durnell, Vice President Lock, Business Manager Rinck; Liaisons Reed and LeBihan

**Unexcused Tardy*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to amend PG16 personal authorship to read “did” instead of “did not”; UC Called
- b. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to amend PG18 on “q” to read “Glueckert and Ververis”; UC Called
- c. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to approve the minutes; UC Called

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Isaac La'a: I am speaking today as a UM Student and the Treasurer of the Pacific Islanders Club, not in my capacity as an ASUM Senator. I am here to express my frustration with a certain entity on campus, and what better way to do it when the director of UM Dining is sitting right here. Some of you may think this should have been settled outside of public comment between UMPIC and UM Dining, however, the issues that BIPOC student groups, other ASUM student groups, and other departments on campus have endured are straight up bullsh*t. Something needs to be

done, something needs to transform with UM Dining until they grasp the concept that what they are doing is detrimental to the indigenous students that are culturally connected to these so-called Hawaiian specials that UM Dining produces without any sensitivity to my culture. For those of you that saw UMPIC's social media post last week, we stated that UM Dining is culturally dehumanizing communities of color where our exotic foods are consumed without real commitment to the cultures they are appropriating and harvesting for consumption. UM Dining is also perpetuating cultural materialism where our identities are purchased and consumed, while doing little to improve the material and wellbeing of communities of color. Did your chefs or marketing team ever think to make a "white" exotic potato salad? Did they ever think to make a "white" deep fried chicken sandwich? Did they ever stop and think before making the Huli-Huli chicken special a few weeks ago that Huli-Huli is not deep fried as stated on your sign in the UC Food Court? Did they ever think to reach out to the native people of the Hawaiian Islands who are literally standing here in this room, along with myself, to question what Huli-Huli means and not just Google it? "Huli" means to turn, and "Huli-huli" means to continuously turn like in a rotisserie. Similar to Costco and their delicious \$4.99 chicken they sell. Huli-Huli chicken is flavored by a special type of wood that is used during the rotisserie process, and the wood is called kiawe, and you can only find it in Hawaii. There hasn't been any direct communication between UM Dining and UMPIC since this issue has been brought forth, why? We had a discussion with Title IX stating that one of the other posts we did last week was controversial and racist. As white people, you do not get to pick and choose which social media post you want to pluck out of the basket and run with. We as BIPOC students always have to filter what we say, and yet we are the people who are silenced and get policed about our freedom of speech. We are constantly asked to tone it down. We are constantly asked to lower our volume. We are expected to not be frustrated. We are called to apologize for one slide in our post that impacted another student, but yet, who cares about the fifteen plus students that have been dealing with this for the last six days? Matter of fact, BIPOC students are asked to be trained or education on anti-bias, anti-racism, and ways to advocate training. We want an end to exoticizing, tokenizing, branding, and misrepresenting students who traveled more than 2,800 miles to be a Griz. Enough is enough. UM Dining, please put an end to this torture. Senators, please help me as I move forward and invite Elani to also speak on this issue.

- b. Elani Borhegyi: Dear ASUM Senate, I am a Student-At-Large and hold Executive positions in Climate Response Club and Lambda. I stand in solidarity with the UMPIC. I stand in solidarity with UMPIC to ask ASUM to show student support in their endeavors to hold UM Dining and other institutions accountable. Last Thursday at the UMPIC potluck, I was nervous because I brought a dish from my culture, Hungarian culture. Goulash is a dish that originates from Hungary. It is a flavorful

soup with lots of onion, paprika, and love. One bowl can fill you up and makes you so warm that you sweat on a cold day. My grandmother brought this original recipe from Hungary after surviving the Holocaust and Communist revolution. Some people have made fun of my goulash, especially the taste and smell, not understanding how significant this dish is to me. That is why I was nervous about bringing it to the potluck, but I was overwhelmed with compliments about how good it tasted, and I felt truly appreciated since this food is important to me and others in my family. I presented authentic Hungarian cuisine and it was met with love and respect. In light of this, I can only imagine the humiliation others feel when their food is not only disrespected, but appropriated. That is why today I am in solidarity with UMPIC as they bring light to the numerous ways UM Dining and other institutions have appropriated and twisted their food. Onion flavored pineapples- I have never heard of a Pacific Islander cooking them. Huli-Huli fried chicken- do they know what Huli Huli is? Coffee shop Boba tea- it is inauthentic and for the profit of white people, not the original culture it came from. If you want real boba, I recommend you support Pearl Boba. These dishes, such as Huli Huli chicken and boba are authentic foods. This is about more than just boba, it is about misrepresenting the whole culture and the original foods. I would feel horrible if someone made a mockup of my grandmother's goulash. Yet, this is not the only case of cultural appropriation in cuisine by UM Dining. Mexican food, Chinese food- all of it has been grossly misrepresented in the Food Zoo. Do not take it from me, as student groups who represent these backgrounds and attend their meetings where they make food with love. Maybe this does not seem like a big deal. It is just food you say. In reality, it is not, it is so much more than that. In many cultures, food is seen as something that people come together over. It is precious and relevant, and it demands respect as it feeds you and makes you healthy and strong. In light of these facts and recent events, I ask that ASUM stand unconditionally in solidarity with UMPIC. If we want to truly represent students, we need to defend their cultures and livelihoods. Otherwise, what do we as a governance stand for? Thank you.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Designated Speaker: Rich Huffman, Director of UM Dining
 - a. Huffman: I am the new Director of Campus Dining since July 1 and I would like to first acknowledge our newest vendor at the food court, Nomad, for bringing samples. If you like what you are having, please tell your friends and constituents. Nomad became a partner on very short notice, and we appreciate them very much. I am sorry we started off with negative feedback, but first I want to thank UMPIC for their words. I have much respect and admiration for the Hawaiian and Polynesian culture, and Campus Dining appreciates feedback regarding the food we serve across locations. I would like to say that

we take this matter seriously and wish to make it right. We encourage anyone to reach out to us directly with any suggestions on how we can celebrate the diversity of foods offered throughout the world while still acknowledging and respecting the people and the communities themselves. The Huli Huli chicken is a popular special at Big Sky Burgers and Fries. Once we establish contact with the Office of Inclusive Excellence regarding the feedback they received, it was Monday and the weekly special had already been removed. I told Salena Beaumont-Hill my thoughts and she gave me feedback and I invited UMPIC to meet and offer alternative menu items to her. We will not run this special until we get it right, or we may choose to no longer run it if it is not practical. As for the other items across our locations that include language such as “Hawaiian”, I have instructed our menu planning committee to remove this language immediately while we work to accurately name these dishes based off of the ingredients they entail. Our new dining center which will break ground this December will serve many dishes from across the world from many unique cultures. As a learning institution we want to make sure these dishes are accurately prepared while remaining culturally sensitive. We will continue to work with the students, faculty, and staff to serve food you look forward to enjoying in this new facility. While we continue to learn how to better serve these communities, we ask for your support and assistance while we get it right. **[Please see the [PowerPoint presentation](#) supplied by UM Dining for the following information.]** If you are not familiar with campus dining, we have the Food Zoo, Rise and Rooted (previously the Corner Store), the Food Court, the Market, and the Iron Griz. We have multiple dining plans: three residential, destination dining, and Bear Bucks. We have a sustainability champions committee that consists of five staff members who are responsible for spearheading and collaborating department sustainability efforts. We purchased 500 reusable bags and we are going to be selling those at \$3.55 at the Market and Iron Griz so we can be more sustainable. Catering has two electric trikes that we try and use to deliver small orders on campus. So far, we have hired about 180 students and have about 200+ to go to fill all of our shifts. Student employment is a great idea for these reasons: it is an excellent first-time job and experience, flexible schedules, no commute, many positions open, good pay, if you work three hours you receive a meal voucher, \$50 refer a friend bonus, “come as you are” uniform policies, positive work environment, leadership training opportunities, and we have fun. I want to make everyone aware of some fundraising opportunities for student groups. We approved a 15% gross in sales for fundraising potential that includes some guaranteed minimums. We

have five openings right now and student groups get first come first serve. Here is a virtual tour of our new dining hall.

- b. BM Rinck: For the fundraising opportunities, I will have our student group coordinator send that out, but who is the best contact for that?
 - i. Huffman: You can contact Trail to get Adele's information.
- c. BM Rinck: For the new dining hall, will it be in terms of the Food Zoo where I can still go in and hang out and grab a coffee even though I do not have a meal plan?
 - i. Huffman: No, you would have to swipe in, but we are looking at creating an off-campus meal plan.
- d. Glueckert: Thank you for coming. I want to say that I really stand with the students and understand that you your intent was not how this was impacted, and I would feel like a disservice if I didn't say that I stand with them. I foresee the boba being a problem, especially when we are having Pearl Boba move in, so is that a topic of conversation?
 - i. Huffman: How do you distinguish what we have between Pearl Boba and what we have at Biz Buz?
 - ii. Glueckert: I believe Pearl Boba is more authentic in terms of culture. I foresee that becoming an issue.
 - iii. Huffman: It comes from Taiwan and I am trying to sort through if we should have a Taiwanese person to be authentic there to serve it? I do not have an answer for that today.
- e. La'a: Going back to the fundraising effort- UMPIC did two full seasons of fundraising at sports games, and you did mention that they took away the tier percentage and did a 15% minimum. I do not think it is worth the 15%. We only had a four man stand and I do not think the moneys you are paying student groups is enough, as it is not worth the time you have to be there. I would suggest you increase it. We did not do it because we did not have enough manpower and to think about it, I do not feel the percentage is worth it
 - i. Huffman: It is too hard to track skipping, which is why we have the baseline percentage.
- f. Kuney: About the dining hall, can you remind me of the overall budget?
 - i. Huffman: I do not have that memorized.
- g. Shaver: Is the new dining hall going to be LEED certified?
 - i. Huffman: We are shooting for silver, which is complicated because of air intake and outtake systems. We are looking at doing anything we can to achieve that status.
- h. Bowles: I want to acknowledge what we have been going through with foods. I understand you are trying to acknowledge the situation that happened, but I think it is beneficial to publicly apologize for that. I saw what happened on the

UMPIC Instagram and have not seen UM Dining speak publicly about it. Moving forward, I think if you want to avoid this, it is not up to student groups and others to prevent this group since the issue is already started. I would suggest everyone in UM Dining take an anti-bias course. I also have a different question- you said on your presentation that you have good pay for campus dining, what is that rate?

- i. Trail Gralenski: We employ for \$10 for hour but we can go up with leadership development courses and add our beneficial meal every shift (3hrs). We are continuing to assess what students are looking for and are offering some scholarship.
 - ii. Huffman: We are working on getting our entry level wages up and we got it approved for \$15 an hour culinary 1s and \$15.50 for culinary 2s. I want to thank UM and acknowledge the administration for recognizing this and getting pay increased.
 - iii. Trail: This increase is new for this semester, previously we paid minimum wage.
- i. Jolly: Thank you for coming and sharing the dining hall with us, it is pretty remarkable. In reference to the previous comments, I know you said you are working with Dr. Salena Beaumont-Hill and student groups, and this is probably an unpopular opinion, but I believe the best way to resolve that situation would be privately instead of involving us. I do not belong to that student group and do not understand it, so the resources you reached out to seem like a better fit to me.
- i. Huffman: We reconvened the food review committee to continue looking at our options. We are going to make mistakes, so please give us a chance to make things right.
- j. Hawthorne: I think if you are going to charge off-campus students to swipe in, I do not think calling it a “student success” center is fair because we put in all of this money to remodel Rise and Rooted and that is a space everyone can use. Putting all of this money into this fabulous building and not allowing all of campus to use it freely feels unfair. I do not think students should have to pay to get into this space.
- i. Huffman: I hear what you are saying, but even the students on meal plans are playing, so it is accessible to all students. We are trying to develop a mechanism where students who are not on a meal plan can get in at a discounted price.
 - ii. Hawthorne: Is there a way to make it like a food court where people can pay at each individual station? It is such a large space that you should not have to purchase something to get in there.

- iii. Huffman: That is not the way it is designed right now. It is to feed the students and they can hang out there if you would like. I spent the last five years opening a dining hall very similar to this at Montana State and what we found is that we started having a lot of faculty and staff started eating at the dining hall, so there is a lot of opportunity to intermingle. A lot of people from the community used the dining hall as well. We are definitely taking that into consideration.
- k. La'a: Considering that you have Native American employees and that the Native American population is much larger than the number of Pacific Islanders on campus- the one thing I notice is that you never see a Blackfoot Indian taco or Native American dish being tokenized, and I am curious as to why. I know why, because they have Brad Hall, who would probably come stomping into someone's office and saying that you cannot tokenize my people. For us as Pacific Islanders, we are advocating for ourselves and thank God for Dr. Beaumont-Hill for being at a level to advocate for us. I want you to understand that you would never do this to the Native American community because I can guarantee you that the post on social media and the heat you would have faced would have been ten times worse.
- l. Vanderkar: In light of what everyone has been saying about accessibility- I think it is important that we are all contributing to that facility. It is important that all of us have access to these areas. My suggestion is a way that another university in my hometown offer. Their facility is open to everyone and people will be studying and having meetings but may not be paying for food. There are other ways to do it and that way all students can go there because it seems like a cool place to hang out and study, which I think is vital to student success habits. It is important that we still spread out and this provides space to do that. You can still pursue the students who pay at the front, but a way to mitigate that for students who do not having dining plans, I think there are ways where you can make those students pay differently than other students.
 - i. Huffman: Thank you.
- m. Keller: Where is the funding coming from for the dining hall?
 - i. Huffman: I cannot answer that. I was under the impression that it was being fully funded under the restructuring of the university's debt. I did not know that any student funds were being used.
 - ii. POI (Ververis): The funds are coming from the bond refinancing when we restructured our debt. We made money off of that and were allotted by the BOR a certain amount to spend.
 - iii. Keller: I know you said this was done successfully at MSU and I know other areas are not open for everyone. I think that it is a really cool building but with all of the changes on campus, I think there are a lot

of other spaces that can be utilized by students, and this is meant to be a campus dining facility. I think you are all doing a great job. I know it is hard to work with so many student opinions and student funds.

- n. Bell: Will baseline meal rate go up for freshman?
 - i. Huffman: Hopefully not. I learned that the old facility I worked at became so popular that we started selling more faculty and meal plans. Some students who were on meal plans could not find a seat. I could picture people coming in for lunch and dinner on the other side of Arthur, which is something we have seen. I conversed with administration, and they said we have to change the culture a bit here. We restructured the debt so we can get enrollment up and it was so popular that someone would tell me that parents said the dining hall and the new dorm is a deciding factor for my kid wanting to go here. Those things are huge for improvement. The dining hall we currently have is a 40-50 yr. old model in a lot of ways, and this build should get enrollment on a positive trend.

Short Recess called to enjoy UM Dining and Nomad Catering (Thank you!); Meeting reconvened at 7:18 pm

b. COVID-19

- a. Missoula County cases of COVID-19 have been quite high. We are mandating mask compliance in all indoor spaces at the university and this policy came from President Bodnar. Anecdotally, it looks to be working well. For quarantine and isolation procedure, the county has made a better distinction. If you are symptomatic, you should stay home whether you are vaccinated or not and get tested if you are able. If you are considered a close contact, you will be notified and if you are vaccinated you can go about your life while wearing a mask and being mindful of your distance to others. If you are not vaccinated you enter quarantine and if you are confirmed positive you enter isolation. If you have any questions or if your peers have questions, please ask and clarify for them. The county is very overwhelmed with contact tracing, and they have been taking around 20 days to report close contacts. There is a good opportunity through faculty, who may reach out to you if a student near you in class is confirmed positive, though this is a self-reporting system. Hospitals and medical professionals across Missoula are at complete capacity and the National Guard has been called in to assist at triage camps. I decided to make COVID-19 updates a weekly part of my report.
 - i. Glueckert: I had a student ask me about hybrid options for all classes; have there been any conversations about that with higher-ups?

1. President Durnell: Yes, that conversation has occurred with Faculty Senate. The university is committed to remaining in-person if possible and a student can choose their course modality if they are part of the Office of Disability Equity. General anxiety from COVID is not one of those accommodations and I will elaborate on that more later.
 - ii. La'a: Considering those that are not vaccinated and those who are, how are they verifying that status? I am only asking because Hawaii has seen an increase in card falsification.
 1. President Durnell: This is mostly an honors mechanism. Unfortunately, the county and university are not empowered to ask about vaccine status because of some legislative decisions from the last session.
 - iii. Kuney: To your knowledge, is UM Planning to host any other vaccine clinics?
 1. President Durnell: There have been some circling around campus especially during large events, and Curry is welcoming students. I am not sure if they have other popup plans in the works and I can followup on that.
- c. Social Media Takeover
 - a. I have been working with Dave Kuntz and the UM Marketing team to have ASUM and other student group leaders take over @umontana social media accounts to post content about vaccination and help debunk COVID myths. If you are interested in helping out, please let me know, as it will probably occur next week at some point. I also welcome your ideas for content even if you do not want to be included in the social media itself.
- d. Basic Needs Agency Director Hiring Committee
 - a. We had four very competitive applicants, which we reduced to two options, and we are close to making a final decision. Very soon we should have a Basic Needs Agency Director who can start developing the agency. It could take anywhere from a week to a month depending on when the applicant is available to begin work and when Human Resources gets back to us. I am really excited to see this process come to a close.
 - i. La'a: I am curious about who was on the committee?
 - ii. President Durnell: Kayli Julius from Campus Wellness, Julie Heaton, Lou Villemez, and myself. The decision was ultimately Lou's, but our oversight helped the committee navigate the decisions. Those members were all pulled from the larger basic needs agency for campus wide purposes.
- e. Board of Regents Meeting

- a. Nine members from ASUM attended, and this was the first in person BOR meeting since March 2020. We attended a lunch-in with the regents and discussed COVID vaccines, masks, and other mitigation efforts. Thank you, Senators, for your comments- you made a lot of great impressions on the regents. There was also a public comment section where Senators spoke for the record, and you can find those in the BOR minutes as well. I think that this has provided a lot of momentum toward the pandemic discussion that is a priority for ASUM. Congratulations everyone, and I look forward to seeing a high Senator turnout at the next BOR meeting!
 - i. Kuney: Will the next meeting be held on campus?
 - ii. Durnell: Yes, and I will let you know the specifics when they are approved.
 - iii. POI (Ververis): The meeting will be held November 18-19.
- f. Committee Reports
 - a. University Faculty Association (UFA)
 - i. There has been disagreement between faculty and students about who could decide on course modality. Students discussed paying additional fees when course modality is changed. The faculty do want to advocate for themselves to have more leniency to make their own decisions for course modality, and I have invited them to Senate to do so. Hi-Flex is not necessarily the most desirable way to learn and the faculty discussed how hard it is to administer Hi-Flex classes.
 - b. Staff Senate Cabinet Meeting
 - i. The subcommittees in Staff Senate are evolving and faculty, staff, and ASUM will be sharing lectures provided by an expert on communicable diseases to share some similarities between Polio and our current circumstances. We hope that this will encourage safe COVID practices.
 - c. Added: Biweekly meetings with President Bodnar
 - i. Biweekly meetings with President Bodnar have been added to our Executive schedules and I will report on our discussions when available.
- g. Other
 - a. None.

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Report- International Council: The University of Montana International Council met on Monday, September 13th, at 3:00 PM. The term of the current Chair of the Council, Jenn Bell, will end at the end of the Spring 2022 Semester. Accordingly, the Council will seek to elect a new Chair-Elect in February, to allow

the selectee ample time to learn the duties of the Chair. Currently, the International Council Bylaws do not provide for the position of Chair Elect – an amendment to the Bylaws to reflect this addition will be seen at the following meeting. UM currently has 9 students studying abroad in Germany, France, Austria, and South Korea. All of these students underwent substantial risk-management trainings over the course of the Summer, as well as trainings in the respective COVID protocols of each of their host countries. In turn, 53 international students are studying at UM this Fall. The process to approve study abroad programs for the Spring 2022 semester has begun. Substantial discussion was afforded to the topic of the limitations surrounding so-called “University Sanctioned Travel”. Funds do not necessarily have to move through the University in order for a trip to be considered University Sanctioned – this also includes trips abroad by faculty to conduct scholarship or receive awards. As it currently stands, a faculty member would have to request leave in order to engage in travel to countries that are considered level 4 by CDC COVID travel recommendations. The Council will soon see a Resolution endorsing an appeals process, and the point was made that our own country, the United States, is currently a level 4 country by CDC guidelines. However, University sanctioned domestic travel is permitted. Many European countries require proof of vaccination upon entry. I inquired as to whether this would be a problem for study-abroad programs this summer because of House Bill 702. The answer is no, because proof of vaccination is required by the foreign country and is not collected by the University prior to departure. The Council approved a new partnership with Tilburg University in the Netherlands. International Council seeks a student representative to sit alongside me. The committee meets the first Monday of each month at 3:00 PM. The Council is a uniquely rewarding committee and I encourage Senators to involve themselves.

b. Committee Assignments

- a. MUS Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Taskforce: I have a class conflict and cannot sit on this committee. I was going to ask if anyone had the availability to sit on this committee, but Senator Glueckert let me know that she is available and interested in the committee. Since she has professional experience relevant to the committee, I decided to appoint her and have that up for confirmation at our next meeting.
- b. International Council: Senator Kiefer notes that she is available to sit on the committee.
- c. Motion by **BM Rinck-La’a** to approve committee assignments; UC Called

c. Attendance Policy

- a. I will excuse you if you have a pressing familial obligation or if you are ill, but my hands are mostly tied otherwise. Communicate with me about why you may be unable to attend and we can work on it. For office hours, several Senators said that they are unable to meet during normal business hours. I

would still like for you to complete office hours, and I am happy to make time before 8:00 am and after 5:00 pm if needed, just communicate those needs with me.

- i. La'a: Is it still recommended that we keep our office hour time consistent on a weekly basis?
 - 1. VP Lock: I would strongly prefer that you come in at the same time each week, but I am happy to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.
- d. Meet the Senate Website
 - a. There is supposed to be a page that includes Senate information so students can get to know you and get in touch with you. Updating that has been a slow process, but it looks like things are getting rolling. To give you access to put in your information I need your name and NetID, so please fill out the sheet that is being passed around and I will update you soon about access.
- e. Other
 - a. I have had the absolute privilege to work in an ex-officio capacity at several ASUM committees, and I am absolutely amazed by the work you all are doing. The Chairs' capacity to organize is fantastic and Senator participation is amazing. You all continue to impress me and I am grateful and proud, so thank you all for your work on committees.

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero Base Carryover: \$280,136.56
S.T.I.P.: \$248,654.80
Special Allocation: \$20,039.04
Travel Allocation: \$51,338.68
Research & Creative Scholarship: \$17,259.00
Contingency Fund: \$108,053.57
Union Emergency: \$6,000.00

- a. Funding Requests
 - a. Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA) Zero Base- \$3,700
 - i. Motion by **Ververis-La'a** to increase line item 61202 by \$500;
Discussion called by Glueckert
 - 1. Ververis: The group put \$400 in the requested amount column, but in the justification column they requested \$500, and they later expressed that they meant to ask for \$500 in this category.
 - 2. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Glueckert** to approve the motion;
UC Called
 - ii. POC (President Durnell): Do we accept each line item individually?
 - 1. BM Rinck: Yes, we move line item by line item.

- iii. Motion by **Ververis-Lock** to increase line item 612204 by \$500; UC Called
 - iv. Motion by **Ververis-Lock** to increase line item 62241 by \$50; UC Called
 - v. Motion by **Ververis-Lock** to increase line item 62304 by \$50; UC Called
 - vi. Motion by **Ververis-Glueckert** to increase line item 62415 by \$1250; UC Called
 - vii. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to increase line item 62505 by \$750; UC Called
 - viii. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to increase line item 62187 by \$1000; UC Called
 - ix. Motion by **Ververis-Lock** to approve the request in full; UC Called; Zero Base request approved in the amount of \$3,700.
- b. Telemark Ski Club Special Allocation- \$150
 - i. Ververis (Authorship): B&F approved this request for the full amount so the group can purchase stickers and various items like shirts and posters. This passed unanimously in committee.
 - ii. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to approve the request in full; UC Called; Special Allocation Request approved in the amount of \$150.
- b. Group Recognition
 - a. UM FLAT
 - b. Spanish Club
 - c. Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA)
 - d. Pacific Islanders Club
 - e. Alpha Kappa Delta
 - i. Motion by **Ververis-Glueckert** to recognize student groups in a slate; UC Called; UM Flat, Spanish Club, PTSA, Pacific Islanders Club, and Alpha Kappa Delta groups are officially recognized.
- c. Committee Reports
 - a. RCSF: I met with Andrea Rhoades, Associate Director of Experiential learning, who works a lot with creative scholarship for graduate students. The Research and Creative Scholarship fund is distributed as long as need is demonstrated, and it is a really cool and useful fund, especially for graduate students. There is one Senator seat open on the committee and the committee is open broadly to 6-7 undergraduate and graduate students. We will probably meet three times this semester and 4-5 times in the Spring.
 - b. New Student Orientation Committee: We met for the last time, and the committee has been chaired by Devin Carpenter. We debriefed about orientation, which had overwhelmingly positive feedback, especially in regard

to the DEI trainings. The post-orientation survey showed an increase in positive attitude about orientation. Overall, orientation was a huge success and I greatly commend the work the committee completed. They are already starting to plan for orientation next year!

d. Birthdays

- a. Senator Hawthorne's Birthday was last week.
 - i. Happy birthday was sung. ☺
- b. Secretary Berna's Forever Birthday!!

Other

- c. La'a: Do you have suggestions for us so we can help more student groups be recognized? This looks like a low turnout.
 - i. President Durnell: Not hiring the Student Group Coordinator before the first day of school resulted in a lot of setbacks, though they are doing a great job communicating with student groups now. A lot of students are new to Griz Hub which makes the process a bit more challenging. If you are comfortable with the platform or would like to learn it, please do and be an ambassador for helping students learn the platform. This is particularly helpful with getting student group membership noted on the platform.
- d. La'a: Considering the low turnout of student group recognition, will the travel allocation deadline be extended?
 - i. BM Rinck: I have not yet chosen to move the date, but it is not uncommon for groups to not seek funding for Fall travel. I will talk with our Office Manager Gwen Coon about extending the deadline. I have the discretion to allow travel requests as groups move through the recognition process.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Bowles

Resolutions and Affairs

This week Relations and Affairs met on Sunday, September 12th at 12:00 pm. To discuss two resolutions; Resolution Generally Revising Personnel Policy, and Resolution Amending Article VII, Section 2, Subsection C of the ASUM Bylaws. The first resolution went through a medium amount of line level edits, one of which was about the use of the word employ/s with the use of ASUM, SAL Graves offered insight on the grammar situation and the resolution ended up passing unanimously. The second resolution went through much more extensive debate and line level edits, including a send to line which was not included in the original resolution. This resolution ended up passing unanimously as well.

BM Rinck

Board on Member Organization: 16 September 2021

To whom it may concern,

The Board on Member Organizations (BOMO) met for the first time this semester to conduct its business of recognizing student groups. The Board reviewed recognition applications for nine student groups: UM FLAT, Telemark Skiing Club, Spanish Club, Resonate Church Student Group, Physical Therapy Student Association, Pacific Islanders Club, Alpha Kappa Delta, Spikeball Club, and Beta Alpha Psi. The following groups were approved by the Board: UM FLAT, Spanish Club, PTSA, Pacific Islanders Club, and Alpha Kappa Delta. The following groups were conditionally approved by the Board: Spikeball Club and the Telemark Skiing Club. The following groups were tabled by the Board: Resonate Church Student Group and Beta Alpha Psi.

The Board had a robust discussion around group's Risk Management forms. Primarily, members of the Board expressed concern with the lack of specificity around the individual who is responsible for calling 911 and keeping track of the first aid kit. As a result there was further discussion about the need for ASUM to provide more accessibility to first aid kits if we are requiring groups to have access to them during meetings.

There was also talk about categorizing groups as we recognize them, instead of returning to each group during final budgeting. This will likely be an efficient way to go about this process.

In the interim, groups who were either conditionally recognized or tabled will be contacted and asked to modify their application to align with ASUM and University policy.

Sincerely,
Jack Rinck

Board on Budget and Finance: 17 September 2021

To whom it may concern,

The Board on Budget & Finance (B&F) met for the first time in the ASUM Conference Room to conduct its business. After some opening remarks and discussion by myself regarding the importance and general function of the Board, we reviewed the two funding requests on the agenda.

The first was a Zero Base Operational Budget request from the Physical Therapy Student Association (PTSA). The Board chose to fund each line item in their request in full. There was a question about a discrepancy between a justification on one line item that did not match the requested amount. As a result, I will reach out the group and seek further clarification on the actual amount of funds they seek. The second request was a Special Allocations request from the Telemark Skiing Club. The request was funded in full by the Board and there was little discussion.

For my first time chairing this Board, it went well but I will continue to try and improve the efficiency and efficacy of the Board.

Sincerely,
Jack Rinck

- e. Glueckert: General Education committee met today, and there was a robust discussion to say the least. I think the main topic was Nathan Lindsay's brief training on how professors set up their classes and make sure they are meeting

general education requirements, so we were getting acclimated to the procedures that lead to accreditation.

- f. Gudmundsson: In General Education committee today, the primary source of the consternation was over a 160 or 170 level Biology lab which provided credit often needed by nonscience majors. Many students fail the course and it is offered remedially, so the discussion centered on what should be done with the class in the general education framework.
- g. Kuney: Sustainability committee met and we are focusing on encouraging emissions divestments with the UM Foundation, as that information was not disclosed on the STARS report. It is one of my main goals to kickstart that movement and I would love your support on that.
- h. Gudmundsson: The Bitterroot and Missoula Advisory committee met for the second time on Monday as we work on doing outreach on those campuses. The committee has a ton of moving parts, but our main goal is to establish a better relationship as a student government to these institutions.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB11-21/22: Resolution Generally Revising Personnel Policy
 - a. Authorship (Rinck): This resolution accomplishes two main things. It is currently established that the Senate Secretary take minutes at B&F meetings. In all committees but R&A, the Vice Chair takes minutes, so this indicates what actually occurs. The second change is for the Office manager, Gwen Coon, who regularly advises groups on liability and risk management, especially for travel requests. That responsibility is not outlined in Personnel Policy. She also works on behalf of the university as a whole by way of ensuring group compliance to the Clery Act, as she works to ensure groups are up to date and are working correctly in regard to the act.
 - i. Motion by **La'a** to amend L79 to include “in tandem with the ASUM Business Manager” following “groups”; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - ii. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to remove “ASUM” and put commas in previous motion; UC Called
 - iii. **SB11-21/22 Passed Unanimously**
- b. SB12-21/22: Resolution Amending Article VI, §1(1)(c) of the ASUM Bylaws
 - a. Authorship (Kiefer): I saw a discrepancy in the Bylaws and wanted to make the amendment so the language can be consistent per the Code of Ethics. Previous sections were not consistent, and this ensures accuracy across each document.

- i. Motion by **Ververis** on L41 amend citation to make it a lowercase “C” and remove the additional subsection parenthetical “1”; Ruled Friendly by Author
- ii. ***SB12-21/22 Passed Unanimously***

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Bowles: One Resolution to Encourage the University of Montana to Implement More Emergency Buttons on Campus to R&A
- b. Ververis: One Resolution Amending the Definition of an Individual in the Bylaws to R&A
 - a. Description: This resolution was coauthored by Senator Glueckert, and it revises the definition of individual to be more inclusive.
- c. Shaver: One Resolution Establishing an Art Contest Promoting Safe COVID-19 Practices to R&A and M&O
- d. Kiefer: One Resolution Amending Article 4 Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws to R&A and Interview Committee
 - a. Description: This resolution provides language for rules on the interview committee.
- e. VP Lock: One Resolution Amending Section 8.1 of Fiscal Policy to be Consistent with the Bylaws to B&F
- f. VP Lock: One Resolution Amending the Bylaws to Provide for Absences for Failure to Attend Committee Meetings to R&A
 - a. Description: This is something commonly thought to have already been provided in the Bylaws, but it was not, so this language provides absence policy for committees.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **Glueckert-Kiefer**; UC Called; Objection noted by Kuney
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 pm