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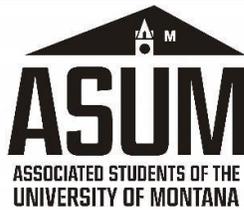
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**ASUM SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2021
University Center (UC) 225 – 6:00 P.M.**

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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Senators Bell, Berget, Birdinground*, Bowles, Feeley, Glueckert, Gudmundsson, Hawes*, Hawthorne, Heaton*, Jolly, Kayne, Keller, Kiefer, Kuney, La'a, McKenzie, O'Neill*, Shaver, Ververis, Williams; President Durnell, Vice President lock, Business Manager Rinck

A "" indicates Senators who were sworn in at the beginning of the President's report.*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve by **Ververis-Gudmundsson**; UC Called

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Emily Lynch (Program Manager for Experiential Learning): The University Food Friday event is on October 8, and I appreciate those of you who have signed up to volunteer. This is an event that started with Seth Bodnar's inauguration because he wanted that day to be a day of service. This is a meal-build we do with the Missoula Food Bank to package meals for kids who get some of their meals through the food bank, and it is a great way for us to help our community. There will be some significant COVID precautions in place, and if we have an overflow of volunteers, they will be separated from everyone else in the ballroom. If anyone has questions, please call me and help advertise the event.
- b. Amelia Hawes (Senate Candidate): Hello Senate, I am a sophomore studying Political Science and I want to get more involved on campus. ASUM is a great way to help

- students know that they have a voice. I am passionate about social justice, and I am excited to take more of a leadership role on campus.
- c. Erin Heaton (Senate Candidate): Hi everyone, my name is Erin Heaton and I use she/her and they/them pronouns. I am here to be among a group of advocates and leaders who want to make tangible change and care about the wellbeing of every student.
 - d. Lauren O'Neill (Senate Candidate): I am a law student in my second year, and I am very excited to be here as I have enjoyed serving as a SAL and working as a Senator at MSU.
 - e. O'Shay Birdinground (Senate Candidate): I am excited to take a step into a leadership role. I have worked alongside athletes and students to do what is best for our constituents and I am excited to do that here too.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Swearing in of Amelia Hawes, Erin Heaton, Lauren O'Neill, and O'Shay Birdinground
 - a. Motion by **Ververis-Williams** to approve all Senate candidates; UC Called
- b. Designated Speaker: Daisy Rooks, University Faculty Association Representative, Professor
 - a. Daisy Rooks: Amanda Dawsey from the Economics department is our President, and she and I met with President Durnell and Kimber McKay to talk through COVID related instructional issues that faculty and students are facing to identify points of convergence and divergence between our groups. The UFA is a labor union representing UM Faculty in their role as workers. We included all tenured, tenure-track, and adjunct faculty that work half-time or more, as well as representing research faculty and librarians. The UFA has existed at UM since the 70s and are affiliated with Montana Public Employees, a statewide union. We bargain collectively with UM every two years to negotiate on wages, promotions, discipline, and otherwise. The document coming out of that meeting is the collective bargaining agreement (CBA). We represent faculty for student grievances against us and we are different from Faculty Senate because they are watchdogs of the curriculum, and we focus on workplace issues. There is a long history of collaboration between the UFA and ASUM and we sit with your Executives on many committees. We donate to ASUM projects and causes and we try to keep the lines of communication open on a wide range of issues. We do this when we do and do not agree with ASUM and in those moments of divergence, that is where it is most important to keep the conversation going. To discuss our current COVID concerns: We hear a lot from faculty about their concerns and ability to shift modality when they or their family are at high risk, especially

when we have large percentages of students in Q&I and the Delta variant. UM has been very clear with faculty that all teaching will be in-person or asynchronous. Last Spring, administration decided this with no remote instruction option, and this decision was made when case rates were dropping and the Delta variant was less of a threat. Administration has not been wanting to revisit that plan and has asked faculty to be incredibly flexible, especially with accommodating remote instruction requests, helping with contact tracing, and other measures. This creates a lot of challenges for faculty who are not comfortable teaching in person and creates challenges for students who do not feel safe taking classes in person. Based on our conversations with students, we do know that some students do not want to be in person but are not in a major that offers asynchronous courses. Faculty members are responsible for tracking attendance, managing student fears, and other things. These things are time extensive and exhausting, especially without TAs to help. For Hi-Flex classes, faculty has to manage Zoom and make in-person as normal as possible in the same time. Faculty who are willing to record their lectures or conduct Hi-Flex lectures do not always have the technology necessary to do this. Many also have imperfect audio that results in highly incorrect transcripts, resulting in accessibility issues. These tech issues are frustrating for faculty and students because they create a subpar educational experience for everyone. Faculty apparently do not have a right to know when one of their students test positive, so these students could ignore Q&I and come to class, and faculty can do nothing about it. We assume this is very concerning for students as well. Amanda has asked why faculty does not have access to this information, as other colleges give faculty a list of students who have been cleared. The health department is so far behind on contact tracing and UM has no testing capacity for faculty and staff on campus, and no random testing available for students. We are certain that COVID positive students are coming to class, and this is all very concerning. I am happy to talk more about any of these topics.

- i. Gudmundsson: I just had a class temporarily shift to remote. Is a transition to full remote a possibility, as in will professors have that flexibility?
 1. Rooks: We have been told no and that the only reason faculty can shift to remote is if they have an ADA approved accommodation.
 2. Amanda Dawsey (UFA President): There have been some piecemeal allowances for some professors to switch to remote, but the rules are not clear in allowing everyone to have access to that process. There have been a class or two that have been

switched to online and we do not know if those professors had permission up the chain.

3. Gudmundsson: Pursuant to that, why not? Why is it that professors are not being allowed that decision?
 4. Rooks: I think that is a great question for administration. We have been having a lot of conversations with them about that.
 5. Dawsey: I completely agree with Daisy, it is something that could be anticipated seeing how cases have been going. To be fair, there is a concern about people arbitrarily switching modality. Students sign up with the expectation of face-to-face and we want to respect that, but in the world we are living in, I completely agree because I do not understand.
- ii. Williams: You mentioned that other colleges have allowed faculty to keep track of positive cases- do you have any examples? It seems like a logistical challenge, so I would like to see what other institutions have done.
1. Dawsey: I have not found a Clery house site for different policies at different campuses. I believe it is a lot easier if you have a vaccine requirement. I believe USC was one of them, possibly Notre Dame. My impression is that it is not uncommon, particularly when there is a vaccine requirement. I think we would be interested in having the Registrar let the faculty know if there is a student in class, even if it not an identified student.
- iii. Bell: Is there anything you would like to see ASUM draft to help faculty more?
1. Rooks: I think it is great to be in communication about this modality question. I do not know if we are always in agreement, but we do not have to be in agreement to be allies and keep the conversation going. When we had that meeting, we talked about what a rubric might look like for a faculty member to be able to switch to remote. I do not know if that is a reality for this semester but I think it would be helpful for students so they know when we are close to making that decision.
 2. Dawsey: I encourage everyone to read the administration's response to the Faculty Senate resolution calling for a number of COVID policies. Administration said that it is because of students that they do not want to authorize faculty to change course modality. We want to take into account whether that

accurately affects the interest of students. We do not want them to speak for you in that way if that is not what you want.

- iv. Kuney: Is there a certain number of COVID cases where UM says it is a cap and will change all modality to online?
 1. Rooks: I have not heard anything like that. That was a big issue to try and find a level to switch and there was a lot of resistance to that.
 2. Dawsey: I think they are working on that in the COVID response committee. It could be a case-by-case basis depending on classroom conditions, but I think it would be nice to have a threshold.
 3. President Durnell: It has been a conversation before but there has not been a lot of momentum behind it. It would also take so much work and a lot of agreements that people seemed to have given up on it.
- v. VP Lock: Thank you for coming to speak to us. You mentioned that ASUM and UFA worked together on campus committees, especially contract maintenance committee? I want an ASUM representative on that committee.
 1. Rooks: We meet with a team from administration every month to talk about issues related to our collective bargaining agreement. It is a way for us to deal with things before they become formal grievances. ASUM has always had a representative at that meeting and we can reach out to the Provost's Office, and they will reach out to you about representation. It is really important to have a student voice here.
- vi. Kayne: COVID is a nightmare. What is not a nightmare is hybrid classrooms, which are the future of colleges. This university will be left behind if we do not get on top of that. I think we should take a proactive stance so faculty have the ability to control their own classrooms. It may not be the experience for this semester or the coming semester, but it will give opportunities for administration to know what students need to be part of hybrid classrooms.
 1. Rooks: Do you mean hybrid as some in class and some on Zoom?
 2. Kayne: Yes, and remote so we are prepared for both options.
 3. Rooks: There are a lot of infrastructure barriers to making that happen, and that is a big thing we are hearing from our

members. There is demand for Zoom but the infrastructure is not there to make it work seamlessly or well.

- vii. Berget: I want to voice my concern as a student and a mom with a child in UM Childcare, as many of those classrooms at Childcare have had to shut down. I know President Bodnar said that close contacts who are vaccinated do not have to quarantine, but do you think that is appropriate?
 - 1. Rooks: I have witnessed a bunch of breakthrough infections in my own life and classes. I think remote for people who are quarantined is a good option, but our issue as UFA is what does that look like for the worker who is trying to deliver a Hi-Flex class. My personal opinion is that people could have really looked at the Fall semester and realized this will be another semester of people coming in and out of the classroom, and when we were not told to have remote, I think personally that that was very short-sighted. Putting together an online class takes at least four months, and faculty no longer have that time. We were not allowed to put together course schedules that reflected that reality.
- viii. Hawes: Can UFA treat these safety issues under the CBA agreement with administration, and can we support you in those efforts?
 - 1. Rooks: We have brought a lot of concerns through the health and safety clause in the CBA. I do not know if we are there yet to say that health and safety clause has been violated, but it allows us to have conversations.
 - 2. Dawsey: The BOR has a lot of say in campus policies and there are a lot of moving pieces. That is a key clause we keep our eye on. That and not increasing faculty responsibilities without notice or compensation. We are trying to think about what actions are appropriate.
- ix. Keller: In regard to students who want to be in person- I know a lot of people who chose this university because it is in-person, and last year, personally, it was really hard to learn online. Being in person for a month has been an entirely different experience. The mental health factor should be accounted for as well- during COVID and being online, in Kalispell alone there have been eleven people who have committed suicide since May 2020. That brings up a lot of mental health issues and I think going online would boost that again. I think everyone is happier being in person and giving the professors the option to go online when there are a lot of other jobs who do not have

that option... I think that it is very important to have an in-person option. I think it is great to have a remote option, but there should be an in-person option.

1. Rooks: you are the experts in the student population. There is a large group that wants to be in person and a smaller group who want to be online. The same is true for faculty and a lot of that is related to people's own personal health situation and their risk level. Many students contacted me asking if I was going to provide a remote option, so there is a portion of students who want asynchronous or remote. UFA is saying what would a world look like for faculty to think about what modalities they want and provide an option and students can have that information and can choose courses that make the most sense for them. Our issue from the union's perspective is this saying, "your learning conditions are our working conditions, and our working conditions are your learning conditions". We are balancing a complicated mix of factors such as mental health issues, learning styles, and many other things. The best we can do is commit to staying in communication with each other and not let this become a student versus faculty issue.
- x. Williams: For clarification- I have a class that is remote and that was scheduled on CyberBear to be remote, so was that offered to some faculty at some point?
 1. Rooks: That would be a situation where someone asked for a remote accommodation using the ADA process.
 2. Dawsey: Faculty were asked to make decisions back in the spring and several programs are fully online and have remote classes, flip and other modalities. The Deans and Chairs were told the majority of classes that were face to face pre-pandemic should still be face to face. Faculty made decisions based on the information provided. Things changed massively over the summer and the message has consistently been that we need to stay face to face. Faculty were given very little flexibility to my knowledge to switch modality without going through the official ADA process. That is the balancing act we feel has come down too much on the side of less flexibility. I think a lot of the time we underestimate the somewhat unseen costs of this pandemic, but I think there can be a better balance.
- xi. Williams: I agree with prior sentiments about learning better in person. If we are not able to continue going in person, I will be devastated but

I am also nervous about the level of cases going on right now. It feels dangerous to me, and I think we can't have both in person learning and the absence of more stringent COVID policies on campus. We want our students to be able to learn in person and be able to keep our students safe. I think this is where things like increased capacity for testing, contact tracing, and a vaccine mandate come in.

Recess Called at 6:50 pm for Printing; Meeting Reconvened at 7:05 pm

c. COVID-19

- a. This information comes from Campus Preparedness and Response Group (CPRG) and general CDC guidance. Students should self-disclose to faculty and people close to them if they test positive or are a close contact from others. The county is very far behind with testing and close-contact notification, so we have to be self-advocates. Please keep a close eye on what procedures are for close contacts and for vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals so you can accurately inform your peers. A close contact is someone you have been within 6 feet of for more than 15 minutes. We are well below capacity for Q&I rooms which is good news, but keep in mind that many students are going through Q&I at their own residences. We are controlling for spread among freshman too, possibly indicating high vaccine rates, personal responsibility for behaviors, or a lack of reporting of symptoms and cases. Mask compliance seems to be very effective at the moment. If students do not put a mask on, there is not a whole lot that can be done outside of the classroom. There are 11 3 bedrooms open for Q&I and four students in isolation right now. There are a dozen students in isolation according to Curry Health Center data, and nobody is captured for quarantine data because that discretion comes from the county. Curry is at capacity for testing every day so it is at least a couple of days wait to get tested, so it is advised that you get rapid testing elsewhere if you are experiencing symptoms. The county is also at capacity every day, though they are now open for testing seven days a week. There is a proposal from Curry to double testing, though they need more applicants. They want temporary hires who are licensed in nursing or other medical-technician professions and there is a very limited pool of these individuals. They are trying to increase staffing to help mitigate issues. One possibility is utilizing the National Guard. Over 100 booster shots have been given in the last week and if you have two doses of Pfizer, after six months, you are encouraged to get a booster. You can do so at Curry with a walk-in appointment. Faculty are encouraged to be flexible, and the concern faculty raised is what flexible actually means. To advocate for yourself and others

who are close contacts: know county and CDC guidelines, listen to county guidelines, and in absence of county guidance, proactively reach out to the county while monitoring your own case. Expect to advocate for yourself when necessary. COVID is a state of emergency right now everywhere in Missoula, which of course includes campus.

- i. Kuney: Do you know if Montana still has the highest rate of new COVID cases?
 1. President Durnell: I am unsure at this time.
- ii. Berget: I got symptoms last week and Curry said that they were not scheduling out for testing and that I had to call the morning of because they did not want people not showing up if they scheduled in advance.
 1. President Durnell: I will follow up on that information
- iii. Kuney: If Senators are doing the social media takeover, are we encouraging boosters at this time or not?
 1. President Durnell: That is up to you. The social media is made possible due to the resolution (SB7) that the Senate passed, and Senators can speak freely as long as they adhere to formal ASUM principles.
- iv. Kayne: Boosters are very necessary because the synthetic mRNA vaccine is not an immunization. Boosters put new antibodies in your system, but you are not being immunized.
- v. POI (Shaver): Montana is the fourth leading in per-capita of new COVID cases in the United States according to the New York Times.
- vi. Hawthorne: I heard the other day from a resident assistant that residence halls are having a hard time offering emergency housing when students feel unsafe with their roommates. Is that affecting quarantine housing?
 1. President Durnell: I know the rooms reserved in Lewis and Clark are reserved for only quarantine and isolation cases, possibly only for isolation at this point. This is something I can follow up on. Emergency housing is something ASUM is trying to develop in general as a service we provide.
- vii. Hawthorne: Do we still have enough rooms on campus for Q&I for on-campus students?
 1. President Durnell: On-campus students will still be directed to quarantine and isolate in Lewis and Clark Villages. There is a lot of space available, with 33 spaces overall and 4 being used currently

d. Basic Needs Director Hired

- a. Kat Cowley is our Basic Needs Director. She was an ASUM Senator, an ASUM Receptionist, and one person responsible- but arguably the individual responsible- for creating our Food Pantry and getting the Real College Survey to this campus to address basic needs concerns. Welcome her if you see her in the office; she is located in UC 118. I will try to provide weekly updates about the agency's development.
- e. UM Foundation Presentation
 - a. I was able to give this presentation last week and spoke about basic needs insecurity for students and looked at finding more sustainable funding mechanisms for the Kyiyo powwow every year. I did get some interest following the Kyiyo powwow funding from the Executive Director of the foundation. I might be working on that individually for a class project and following up later on that in my capacity as an Executive.
- f. Committee Reports
 - a. Campus Street Lighting Committee: The committee is reviewing what has been a yearlong \$2.2 million lighting project to implement sustainable lighting, more lighting, and brighter lights. They requested some of that money from UM and were able to run the numbers and show that we can contribute approximately \$1.6 million. I am looking to see if there are other ways we can fund the project in full, so I will follow up on that. We could see that project begin within the next year.
 - b. University Leadership Council: This groups meets once a month. We talked about the Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee led by the Director of Strategic Enrollment, and we may still be looking for students to serve on these committees. We presented on the DEI plan for campus which was finalized and posted, so I plan to invite Kelly Webster and Dr. Salena Beaumont-Hill to speak about this. We also looked at UM admissions data. We are seeing an enrollment increase for the first time in a decade and that comes while a lot of other universities are seeing declining enrollment. We play key parts in that as a student government. One of the interesting parts of the data was in regard to BIPOC students, as they are underserved in the enrollment data. The committee is shifting to serve those students better as well. I will send that presentation on admissions data to all of you.
 - c. Supporting Student Wellness: VP Lock and I attended and talked about a plan we currently have to do a training competition with ASMSU to see who can get more students to participate in trainings to make them more proactive with identifying mental health issues among peers. They discussed a need for more suicide prevention work and more staffing in that area. They are also piloting student wellness workers in campus departments, with Senator Glueckert

being the first in the Business department. We will be sure to follow up on these efforts.

- g. Other
 - a. None.

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Assignments
 - a. Marketing and Outreach (M/O)
 - i. Motion by **Glueckert-O'Neill** to appoint Senator Hawes to M/O; UC Called
 - b. Student Political Action Committee (SPA)
 - i. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to appoint Senator O'Neill to SPA; UC Called
 - c. Strategic Enrollment University Committee
 - i. I would like to have this seat filled by the end of the week.
 - d. Motion by **BM Rinck-Glueckert** to approve comm assignments; UC Called
- b. Anonymous Feedback Survey
 - a. I have opened an anonymous Google Form for you all to send in feedback to me as the Vice President. Anything you need to communicate to me anonymously, you can do so with this form. I will be checking it every day and it can be found in the "From the VP, to You" folder on Box.
- c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero Base Carryover: \$280,235.56
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. Chi Sigma Iota (CSI) Zero Base Request
 - b. Authorship (Ververis): We saw this request and elected to fund it in full unanimously with each line item. The Board recommends you fund the request in full.
 - c. Motion by **Ververis-La'a** to increase Line Item 62102 by \$200.00; UC Called
 - d. Motion by **Ververis-La'a** to increase Line Item 62214 by \$25.00; UC Called

- e. Motion by **Ververis-VP Lock** to increase Line Item 62801 by \$200.00; UC Called
- f. Motion by **Ververis-Kuney** to increase Line Item 62817 by \$200.00; UC Called
- g. Motion by **Ververis-VP Lock** to approve the request in full; UC Called
- b. Group Recognition
 - a. Beta Alpha Psi
 - b. Folklore Society
 - c. Montana Anthropology Student Association (MASA)
 - d. Model United Nations
 - e. ACHA Griz Hockey
 - f. Woodsman's Team
 - g. Griz Downstage
 - h. Women's Resource Center (WRC)
 - i. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship
 - j. Chess Club
 - k. Student Recreation Association
 - l. Mental Health Allies
 - m. Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)
 - i. Motion by **Ververis-Glueckert** to recognize all listed groups in a slate; UC Called; Discussion Called by Gudmundsson
 - ii. Gudmundsson: Should we conduct a roll call vote so anyone here involved in these groups have the opportunity to abstain?
 - iii. Beta Alpha Psi, Folklore Society, Montana Anthropology Student Association (MASA), Model United Nations, ACHA Griz Hockey, Woodsman's Team, Griz Downstage, Women's Resource Center (WRC), InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Chess Club, Student Recreation Association, Mental Health Allies, and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) were recognized on a 14Y-0N-7A vote.
- c. Birthdays
 - a. Secretary Berna!! ☺
 - b. BM Rinck: If you have a summer or winter birthday, make up a birthday and I will recognize that.
 - c. Hawthorne: New Senators, even if you do not tell the BM what to get you, he will track down a friend and ask them what to get you.
- d. Other
 - a. None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator McKenzie

Student Political Action (SPA)

The Student Political Action committee (SPA) met for the first time to discuss what our main Campaign(s) will be for this semester. During the meeting we had a special guest from MontPIRG attend (Nevin Graves) to ask for ASUM's support with spreading information about the general election on November 2, 2021. This would mean placing the ASUM logo on any flyers or social media posts to show our support in spreading information about the election (registering to vote, important dates, all non-partisan information). This would also include spreading information about their upcoming candidate forum on October 14th, in which ASUM is encouraged to attend and assist.

Next, SPA would like to establish the following campaigns to be worked on this semester; the Missoula and U of M housing crisis; spreading COVID-19 vaccine information to students on campus via social media, holding information sessions with students and RA's/TA's; the SPA would like to send out an opinion-based survey via email to all U of M students and faculty/staff regarding their stance on a campus wide COVID-19 vaccine requirement for in-person attendance; SPA is looking to appoint a City Council Liaison to attend monthly meetings and/or committee meetings. Any ASUM Senator can volunteer to do this and are encouraged to reach out to the SPA Chair (Senator McKenzie) if they are interested.

Lastly, SPA is looking to fill an open Senator position on the committee. Reach out to Vice President Lock and Senator McKenzie if you are interested.

Senator Bowles

Resolutions and Affairs (RA)

Relations and Affairs committee met on Sunday September 26th at 12:00 pm to discuss five resolutions: Resolution Establishing Artistic Contest Which Promotes Safe COVID-19 Practices, Resolution Amending the Definition of an Individual in the Bylaws, Resolution Amending the Bylaws to Provide Absences for Failure to Attend Committee Meetings, Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws, Resolution Encouraging The University of Montana to Build and Maintain Emergency.

The first resolution went through line level edits regarding the date, footnotes and overall language. There were questions about the money in the clauses and where it would come from, as well as questions about sending it to all students; it was eventually decided to send it to the M&O director. This resolution was tabled for a week, for the purpose of members of R&A working with the authors to make sure all technicalities were figured out. The second resolution there was zero discussion or line level edits and was forwarded to the Senate unanimously. The third resolution went through little line level edits (title correction, footnotes), and was forwarded to the Senate unanimously. The fourth resolution also went through very little line level edits and discussion, SAL was capitalized (spelt out), and positions were more clearly defined. These resolutions passed unanimously to the Senate. The fifth resolution went through extensive edits, mostly about language, corrections, and there was discussion on campus lighting video cameras

in regards to the emergency stations resolutions intent. This resolution passed unanimously to the Senate.

- a. McKenzie (Student Political Action Committee): Welcome to the new SPA member. I just sent a link out to the meeting time on Friday, biweekly, at 3:00 pm. If you are interested in becoming a City Council Liaison, please let us know, even if you are not part of the committee.
- b. Bowles (Relations and Affairs): We had a really good discussion in R&A and I hope to see many more resolutions going through R&A. Senator Glueckert is now the Vice Chair of the committee.
- c. La'a (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee): *La'a yields to Student-At-Large and DEI Co-Chair Adrianna Medina*-We met today from 2:00-3:00 pm and things are going very well so far. Right now, we are hashing out what we are going to do as a committee. We are figuring out who can be on the committee and we are going to create a mission and vision statement that we will review and alter annually. We will have an annual strategic plan that will review ASUM governing documents, and we will present that strategic plan to you all each Fall. As of right now, we have at least one member from each DEI-related student group in the committee. We are going to try and push for ASUM agencies to receive anti-bias training. We will continue to work out committee functions and we need one more Senator to join us, so please get in contact if you are interested.
 - a. Kuney: What are the meeting dates and times?
 - b. Medina: We are thinking about meeting once a month but are still working that out.
 - c. President Durnell: I am happy to invite the agencies to our anti-bias training in the winter while we work on getting them trained as well.
 - d. Medina: We want to make it a requirement each year as well because they work with students too, but please feel free to invite them to your training in the meantime.
- d. Glueckert (General Education): There is not much to report. We went through what it would be like to create a class and make sure it hits all of the general education requirements. We will split into subcommittees next week and continue meeting.
- e. BM Rinck (Board on Member Organizations and Board on Budget and Finance): We had a very robust discussion in BOMO about risk mitigation plans for student groups, and the committee is functioning very well. GrizHub is not letting me access recognition forms tonight so hopefully that is resolved later today so I can create our agenda and we can move forward with group recognition. I am very pleased with the work of B&F. We will have a lengthy meeting on Friday and will see a lot of requests

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB13-21/22: Resolution Revising the Definition of an Individual in the Bylaws
 - a. Authorship (Ververis): Senator Glueckert and I wrote this resolution because the current definition of “individual” in our Bylaws is not inclusive of transgender individuals or those who go by a different name than their legal name. We feel this is an important change.
 - b. Authorship (Glueckert): This is another step in the right direction so we can be more inclusive, so I hope you vote yes.
 - c. Motion by **President Durnell** to add a comma at the end of L37; Ruled Friendly by Authors
 - d. Kuney: I think this is a no-brainer, so I encourage everyone to vote yes.
 - e. ***SB13-21/22 Passed on a 19Y-2N-0A vote.***
- b. SB14-21/22: Resolution Enforcing an Absence Policy for Failure to Attend Committee Meetings
 - a. Authorship (VP Lock): I wrote this because I believed, and many others in ASUM believed, that if you miss a committee meeting you are up for 1/3 of an absence. My understanding is that it was up to the discretion of the chair of the committee or the Vice President. This adds specific language about this rule into the Bylaws
 - b. Motion by **President Durnell-Kuney** to amend L67 to change “to assigned” to “was assigned”; UC Called
 - c. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to correct format of signature lines; UC Called
 - d. Kuney: Since you wrote this, do you have the ability to rule friendly?
 - e. VP Lock: I think I can. I do not have any particular bias toward this resolution.
 - f. ***SB14-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***
- c. SB15-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws
 - a. Authorship (Kiefer): The appendix reflects my reasoning for making these changes. Up until now there have been essentially no rules regarding the operation of Interview Committee and how long the process takes. I think the fifteen (15) day timeline is reasonable for processing applications. I am also proposing that the vote to pass an applicant to the Senate be a simple majority.
 - b. Kuney: I am on Interview Committee and for those of you who served last year, you will know that there were some issues with streamlining. I recommend you all vote yes to make the committee more effective.
 - c. President Durnell: To Kiefer- I fully endorse this resolution. In L56 it mentions who is not included in the process, and I have full confidence in that statement. In the following sentence, I believe that it refers to the second sentence in Clause seven (7), but when you read through it, I feel it refers to the second clause instead.

- d. Motion by **President Durnell** to move “extensions shall” in L68 to L56 before “this”; Ruled Friendly by Author
- e. Motion by **Kayne** to amend L56 to read “within fifteen” instead of “with fifteen”; Ruled Friendly by Author
- f. Motion by **BM Rinck** to remove the semicolon and add a comma in L5; Ruled Friendly by Author
- g. Motion by **President Durnell** to add a comma after “Canyon Lock” in L75; Ruled Friendly by Author
- h. President Durnell: Is having Student-At-Larges (SALs) being involved prompting a new practice or has this been done before?
- i. Kiefer: This is a new process because it has not been codified in the Bylaws, though I think there should be a process for SAL applications, and they should be interviewed. I think it is part of a larger thing to make sure SALs are taken seriously within ASUM and have a reason to commit their time
- j. Motion by **President Durnell** to amend signature line from “Canyon Lock” to “Canyon S. Lock”; Ruled Friendly by Author
- k. Kuney: To Kiefer- Is the implementation about SALs effective immediately?
 - i. POI (President Durnell): Amendments to the Bylaws are effective immediately once voted on by the Senate.
- l. ***SB15-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***
- d. SB16-21/22: Resolution Encouraging the University of Montana to Build and Maintain Emergency Stations on Campus
 - a. Authorship (Bowles): I learned some things that encouraged me to write this. Statistically at UM, there are around 21 crimes per month, with at least one of those being a physical crime. I wanted to do something that would allow students to find protection if they need it. When I was 13, I was chased by a car full of men and did not have time to figure out what to do. My friends and I ran into a nearby restaurant to find protection. Whenever I am in a situation at night, especially as a woman, I am thinking about what someone would think to do to keep themselves safe. Buildings on campus are closed at night, so if I had 10-15 seconds to run, I would run to somewhere that would immediately call the police. Football stadiums are high risk areas for human trafficking, kidnapping, and other crimes, especially because people are often getting intoxicated in this area. There is only one emergency button near the stadium and it is fenced off at events. I want to encourage administration to have another emergency button near the stadium and in other areas around campus. I emailed about these buttons and was told that if the UMPD arrives at an emergency button that has been pushed and there is nobody there when they arrive, they consider it a false alarm. I also encourage that there be a video camera in further implementations of the stations. Overall, I think UM needs

to focus more on safety so our students, faculty, and people who visit feel more secure and know what do in case of an emergency. It is better to have it there and not end up needing it than to not have it at all. We also have a lot of bear reports and I do not know if everyone who comes to this campus knows what to do if they see a bear. I think this is important to aid in that as well because our bear friends love our campus. The main point of this resolution is to increase campus safety.

- b. Kuney: Thank you for writing this and sharing your story. I agree that having the option of more stations on campus is great, even if they do not get used, because they should be an option. I think tis is a great way to promote safety for our students, especially those who are at higher risk. I heavily endorse this. For anyone interested: if you see that the bear is a black bear, they typically do not respond well to noise. Grizzly bears are different, so contact me for more bear info.
- c. Heaton: To Bowles- Will the UMPD or Student Senate decide on the placement of these stations?
 - i. Bowles: This lies more in building operations management, and those individuals are in the send-to line.
- d. Bell: I think this is crucial, especially due to increasing enrollment. It is and has been an issue for UM so I cannot encourage a yes vote more.
- e. Williams: To Bowles- I am wondering if you thought about ways we can publicize these, where they area, and what they are being used for so the information is more active in student minds?
 - i. Bowles: There is a campus map as to where these are, and that is listed in the footnotes. For showing students that these stations are an option, I feel that is in the hands of the Marketing and Outreach committee
- f. Kiefer: Thank you to Senator Bowles for writing this. I want to voice my full support, as adding these stations improves student safety and campus visitor safety. Please vote yes on this.
- g. Jolly: Thank you for presenting this, it has my full support. I am not the only UM Advocate here and we were talking about ways we could get this information out. There are definitely things we can do on tours to show these to be students and we can add them to trainings.
- h. Hawthorne: To echo the previous statement- One of the first questions I heard from a prospective student's parent was if their student will be safe here. Being able to say that these systems are in place will be a good selling point, especially with enrollment increasing.
- i. Motion by **BM Rinck-Williams** to make footnotes font TNR; UC Called
- j. Motion by **BM Rinck-Glueckert** to make line number font TNR; UC Called

- k. Kuney: To Bowles- Is the inclusion of President Bodnar in the send-to line purposeful?
 - i. Bowles: Yes, I think it is important that he knows this is something students are concerned about.
 - ii. Kuney: I do not think his name is included fully in the send-to line at the moment.
- l. Motion by **President Durnell-Shaver** to lowercase the “L” in “Located” on L14; UC Called
- m. Heaton: I think emergency button training would be helpful to add to bystander training as well.
- n. Glueckert: I want to voice my full support of this, as I think it is incredibly important. I have had a lot of scary walks around campus and as I am doing research for my practicum, I found that at UM, 78.5% of students feel safe on campus in the daytime compared to 21.9% at night. I think that is really telling to show how much this is needed, so I encourage a yes vote.
- o. Motion by **Kuney-Glueckert**
- p. ***SB16-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***
- e. SB17-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 8.1 of Fiscal Policy to be Consistent with the Bylaws
 - a. Authorship (VP Lock): There is currently a discrepancy for the definition of quorum between Fiscal Policy and the Bylaws. Fiscal Policy states that quorum consists of five members and the Bylaws notes a simple majority, and this resolution amends Fiscal Policy to be consistent with the Bylaws.
 - b. Motion by **BM Rinck** to correct signature line formatting; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - c. Motion by **Ververis** to remove “ASUM” before “Bylaws” on L13, L15, and L21; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - d. Motion by **Ververis** to remove “ASUM” before “Bylaws” on L37; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - e. Motion by **Glueckert** to remove additional L52; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - f. Motion by **BM Rinck** to add semicolons after “President” and “Manger” on L5 and L6; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - g. ***SB17-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. BM Rinck: One Resolution Removing the Fall Travel Deadline; to B&F
- b. BM Rinck: One Resolution Endorsing Campus Instructional Space Improvements; to R&
- c. Kiefer: One Resolution Amending the Interview Committee Bylaws to Assign the Chair as a Neutral Party; to Interview and R&

- a. Description: I prefer the chair of this committee to be neutral in facilitating conversation and only acting as a tiebreaker when necessary.
- d. Kiefer: One Resolution Amending Article 4, Section 7, Subsection 6 of the ASUM Bylaws; to Interview and R&A
 - a. Description: This is meant to change the Bylaws so that only the Interview Chair and the ASUM President have to meet following the interview process rather than the ASUM President and the full committee.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **Glueckert-Ververis; UC Called**
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 pm