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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 6, 2021  
University Center (UC) – 6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. SB22-21/22: Resolution Adopting and Forwarding the Committee on Equitable Education's Letter of Support, Notice of Frustration, and Interim Actionable Recommendations
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**7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Zero Base Carryover:** \$279,611.56  
**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. Pacific Islanders Club (UMPIC) STIP Request- \$500
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  - c. Student Association for Fire Ecology and Management
  - d. National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
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  - f. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)
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  - h. Gerontology Society
  - i. Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)
- c. Birthdays
- d. Other

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. SB18-21/22: Resolution Endorsing Campus Instructional Space Improvements
- b. SB19-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws
- c. SB20-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7, Subsection 6 of the ASUM Bylaws
- d. SB21-21/22: Resolution Removing the Fall Semester Travel Deadline

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Senators Bell, Berget\*, Birdinground, Bowles, 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; Liaisons Reed, Le Bihan

Unexcused: Senator Feeley

*An \* indicates an excused tardy.*

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Approve by **Ververis-La'a**; UC Called

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*\*Please see the comment at the bottom of this document for an explanation of inaudible portions of public comment. \**

- a. Nevin Graves: Good evening, Senate. I want to point out that municipal election ballots will be arriving shortly. I would encourage you all to keep an eye out on your mailbox for those ballots, as all municipal elections are by mail. If anyone has questions about that process, you are welcome to come talk to me in 141 Corbin Hall. Our MontPIRG Candidate ForUM event is on October 14<sup>th</sup>. I yield to any questions.
  - a. BM Rinck: Is MontPIRG still collecting voter registration?
    - i. Graves: Voter registration now must be taken to the Missoula County Elections Office at 141 North Russell Street. If you did not register to vote during the regular registration or in late registration, you can still register and vote, but you do need to go to the Elections Office. You can go to [www.missoulavotes.com](http://www.missoulavotes.com) for more information.
  - b. Kuney: Will in-person voting locations be offered?

- i. Graves: I do not believe there will be in-person locations, but there are places to drop off your ballots in all six wards. I am happy to forward information about where to drop off ballots as I collect it.
- b. Emma Wickum (Project Leader Intern for MontPIRG): I am here to invite you all and any of your friends to attend the MontPIRG Candidate ForUM. This is a panel where candidates will be speaking with the audience about issues that impact students. This is a live and in-person event in the UC Theater, so masks are mandatory. The event will also be aired on Facebook, Instagram, and GrizHub. We would love to have you all attend and have anyone you invite to attend.
- c. Jaycee Longtimesleeping: It has come to my attention that there are two Senators, Molly Keller and Joselyn Jolly, who recently voted no on Senator Ververis' and Senator Glueckert's bill [SB13]. Although you believe it is right, you did not think twice about me or other students affected by your decision. This is coming from a group who is supposed to be my voice and make decisions for all students. Because you sit on student Senate, does that mean you use your position to shoot people down just because you can? Where is your compassion for your fellow classmates? You do not know my story or what I have been through, but I will tell you this- you will not diminish me, as I am already a First Nations student. I will not let you diminish me as a person because that is right, I am a person with a name I am proud of. I will not be called a deadname by you or anyone else. I think resignation is the best solution for us all. [*Some Parts Inaudible*]
- d. Kaira Kaina (On Behalf of Kennedy-Anne Marx): I am reading a statement on behalf of another student, Kennedy-Anne Marx. I am a junior here at the University of Montana. I am unable to speak in person today because I have a class, however I am writing this statement to be read as I have strong opinions on the matter. Institutional discrimination is something that is way too prevalent for people who are transgender. I believe our campus should be doing everything it can to make our community a safe and loving place for all individuals. I expect even greater from the leaders in our community. I was disappointed to learn that members of our ASUM Senate are not interested in making our system more welcoming for people who would like to be called by their correct names. I would like the Senators who voted against the resolution to understand the importance of using the correct names, and work to become more educated on the topic.
- e. Roxis (*Last Name Inaudible*): I have a question for the Senate- What do you think my name is? Do you think it is masculine or feminine? My name is Roxis and I use he/they pronouns. I want to talk about SB13 and how two Senators went against it. To make this university feel like a home away from home, name changing needs to be more universal. Not all students can get their name changed legally, whether it be for family reasons or financial reasons. It is not just for LGBTQ+ students either, it is

- everything. SB13 is a step in the right direction. Make UM a safe space. *[Some Parts Inaudible]*
- f. Ember Cuddy: Hello, my name is Ember Cuddy and I use they/them pronouns and am a junior this year. *[Inaudible]* Name changing at this campus is a very difficult process. Every semester, I have to email my professors my name and pronouns and be firm in this. I am the secretary of LAMBDA and we are really trying to create a safe space here on campus so the passing of this bill is very helpful to us. The fact that there are two ASUM Senators who decided to go against that passing is extremely frustrating. I ask that you please refer to me and my fellow students by our names and pronouns. They are not our preferred names, they are our names. They are not our preferred pronouns, they are our pronouns. I insist you respect me and my fellow students. It is so much harder to be a student on this campus when you are not respected. Thank you. *[Some Parts Inaudible]*
- g. Adrianna Medina: Where are Molly and Joselyn? Do you have any reason as to why you voted no on this?
- a. Senator Jolly: We talked about it after the meeting and people like to assume our intention. Our reason for voting against it was in no way voting against you, but it was for the legal reasons of it. *[Inaudible]*
- b. Medina: I think it was pretty straightforward. It is really disappointing that I have to come to the Senate and speak on behalf of other students using my power about this. I came here last year and was called a slur by a Senator and yet there is still discrimination. If you cannot give any logical reason for voting no, which I do not think that was, *[Inaudible]*.
- h. Elani Borhegyi: Hello Senate, my name is Elani Borhegyi, my pronouns are they/them, and my major is environmental sciences and sustainability. You've heard a few testimonies that express the pain which certain ASUM senators and the University of Montana as a whole have brought upon students here at the University of Montana, especially LGBTQ+ students. By refusing to recognize a student by their chosen name, you perpetuate the harm, queerphobia, transphobia, and hate that has long faced the LGBTQ+ community. We will never forget those who trespass us, and the ones who scorn our true names and the identities they represent. I'm too EXHAUSTED to express my frustration, or the pain my friends have experienced, so I want to focus on something else: the joy. These names are representations of years of learning, personal growth, and self-discovery. These names are the mountain peaks of our lifelong journeys. We call ourselves by our names, and to hear yourself be called by the name that truly represents you is nothing short of joyous. When you choose to not call us by our correct names, you are denying us this joy, and in my eyes, that is the ultimate evil here. We choose these names because they are the representation of our life-long journeys in search of acceptance, liberation, and refuge from queerphobia. I know so many people who do not go by their birth names, and all

for various reasons. I asked a few of these people to tell me the joy they find in their correct names. Here are their paraphrased responses: “It is a tie to my ancestors and family. It represents my journey.” “Names are an embodiment of self. Peoples’ correct names show who they are.” “My name feels like liberation. It is so tied to identity.” “By calling me by the correct name, you recognize who I am. You show respect for me. You are showing that you are a friend.” “It is my name. Calling me the correct name is simply respect.” “My name is me. It means that I don’t have to hide.” As you can see, there are so many ways in which our names bring us joy. Think about your own name: where does it come from? How would it feel to not be called by that name? What does it mean to yourself? Carefully consider these questions before you consider telling someone else how they should be called. Some of you may know that I write poetry. I would like to end by sharing a poem that I wrote about my own chosen name, Elani.

Newname

Elani like the light that shines in stars

Elan like the gentleness of trees

They're there as names

They're there as meanings

Of something deeper inside

They're there when I climb

Like a sapling

To reach the light

With roots bound in soil

Of love, acceptance, history

I took a little bit of this

A little bit of that

A little bit of my past

And all of myself

Mix

Plant the seed

And grow

I am Elani, and my name is joyous. Do not deny me this. Thank you.

- i. Ka‘aumoana Ahina: Aloha mai kākou! I am happy to be here to look behind me at the brave souls that stood in front of you today. This is my last semester here at UM, and to see the growth and the bravery of students just like all of you, who stand before you and say “this is my name, and this is what I choose to be called” with no obstacles, with no hurdles. That is exactly what they want. The two Senators they were speaking too; I really hope that your goal in the future here on Senate is to represent students, including the students behind me. Take a good look at these people who are just like you here at UM who want to walk away from the institution

with more than just an experience, but an achievement. That is their goal as well. I am the President of the Pacific Islanders Club (UMPIC) and this evening you will be looking over a STIP request from us. Thank you very much for having it forwarded to the Senate for a vote. In past years, we have been able to get Senator support for different things we do on campus. Currently our biggest event, which happens every week, is Sunday on the third floor of the Ballroom, where we bring in 30-45 students each week to practice and perpetuate the Pacific Island culture by performing dance, learning language, and music. About 80% of students that come to these events come each week and 80% are not Pacific Islanders, but people who want to learn about the culture being taught. With your support for our \$500 STIP request, we are asking for implements that we will use to learn and teach a form of dance from the islands of New Zealand. Think of the students of UMPIC and those who are not Pacific Islanders that are learning these cultures. We hope we can get your support and vote as we have in the past, thank you.

- j. Danielle Pease: I first wanted to thank President Durnell for bringing this resolution in his report. Second, I want to thank Senator Ververis and Senator Glueckert for spending time reading and amending the letter before the meeting today. And finally, I wanted to thank the Committee on Equitable Education, Cam, Cassie, Melissa, Maddie, Elizabeth, and while she did not draft or comment on this letter, Emma. They are doing a lot of heavy lifting that often goes unseen and for that their service to this Committee is integral to the campus community. When I crafted the charge for the Committee on Equitable Education, I deliberately limited the jurisdiction and authority and aimed to allow it to be exceeded in only narrow circumstances. The letter is very clearly directed at policy failures for this reason. This resolution is simply to explain the Committee's authority to issue this letter, while the Senate retains the ability to forward the Letter and collectively agree on a position exceeding the recommendations of the Committee. In doing so, I want you as Senators to be as informed as possible about the circumstances, recommendations, and what I believe the most impactful methods of support are. With news of the law school mishandlings, Cameron Doran, a fellow law student, and Committee member came to me and asked if we could write a letter of solidarity for the survivors who experienced harm at the hands of the law school administration. For weeks, we were aware that a group of students was planning a walkout, to culminate with the release of Keila's article. Once the newspaper article was released, Dean Kirgis sent out an email to the entire law school apologizing for potentially making female students uncomfortable on campus. A few days later, the law school faculty offered a letter of support, then staff, and in the works a group of alumna. The Student Bar association collected student responses on the issue and does not meet to discuss those responses until next week, Wednesday. Four letters and the one thing that is missing is actionable recommendations that change the structure of reporting to ensure that even



personnel replaced do not have the capacity to behave in the same way. I am concerned that the current practices and advocacy are unsustainable. The Senate has an opportunity to fill that void and advocate for change campus wide. Our Committee takes no uniformed position on the calls for resignation and I respect each member's own personal beliefs on the matter (I remind them that they have no obligation to answer any questions about their personal beliefs when asked). The letter is doing two things, first outlines actionable interim recommendations. We have outlined 6 Interim Recommendations that all survivors to make informed decisions and raise complaints when they feel something is wrong: Obligating the University to correct misinformation or notions that survivors must disclose their participation in systems in which they received help. When the University discovers admissions standards have been weaponized they must disclose that information to the admitting body (allowing the admitting body to correct the misinformation). Requiring all parties who receive requests for accommodations, who have the power to provide them, direct survivors to the proper offices. The Committee strongly condemns the use of handling any complaint "in-house" and requests that any policy that is supports the notion be corrected and advocated against. This includes departments, student groups, and any University program or activity, as well as Greek life. Requesting for the Law School to rewrite criminal addendum and admission disclosures (they get sent to the bar). Requesting the Montana Bar and Law draft non-disclosure statements. Require mandatory reporter disclosures in syllabus and provide training to students on what those disclosures mean. The second thing that letter does is obligates our Committee to continue these conversations in collaboration with the Student Bar Association. This is the only way to engage in sustainable policy development for the state's only legal professional school. Because I am not a Senator, if you have questions for me about the law school or letter, please ask them now!

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I will not be able to attend the Senate meeting when they discuss the STIP request discussing Can the Cats funding, so I am submitting my comments here. I think Cassie has done a great job putting together a thorough yet economical budget for a Can the Cats event that will bring the entire campus community together. This is a ASUM event that is a friendly competition for the greater good. These sorts of efforts help support ASUM's Food Pantry and newly formed Basic Needs Agency as well. I can't imagine a better ASUM event to support than this one.

**Julia Tonne**

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This year it is more important than ever to support both UM's Food Pantry and the Missoula Food Bank. During this pandemic, there has been a huge uptick in the need for these services. Funding

the ASUM Can the Cats event would help feed students in need on campus and families in need in the community. Furthermore, this event would push student groups to get involved in this act of service. Please consider funding the ASUM Can the Cats event.

**Hilary Rosa**

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Dear Senators, My name is Hilary Rosa and I oversee operations of the UM Food Pantry. The UM Food Pantry distributes over 1,400 lbs. of food every month to 60+ households in Missoula County, including UM students, staff, faculty, and community members. So far this year, we have experienced the largest increase in demand for our services yet. As a valued partner of Missoula Food Bank & Community Center, the UM Food Pantry has helped to facilitate UM's participation with Can the Cats for the past three years. Can the Cats is a great opportunity to involve students in a community-wide effort to combat food insecurity in Montana. It has been our experience that as students become involved in these efforts, they gain valuable experience participating in a meaningful cause, stigma surrounding food insecurity lessens, and more students feel comfortable seeking out the help that they need- not to mention all the extra help we receive through volunteer hours & in-kind donations! This year, we would like to invite all Student Groups to use their positions as bastions of campus culture, support and influence to take part in a friendly competition during Can the Cats which will support the work of the UM Food Pantry and ultimately contribute to greater food security at UM. Participation of this sort would be greatly enhanced by a celebratory experience, including the chance to win prizes. It is for these reasons that I urge you to support the Stip. request submitted by Cassandra Williams on behalf of the UM Food Pantry to fund the Student Group competition and subsequent celebration during Can the Cats this year. Thank you for your consideration & for all the great work that you do!

**Taylee Lehman**

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Though this issue does not involve me directly, it is important to me that it is passed so my loved ones can be one step closer to happiness and mutual respect. They are human after all, and something as simple as a name change shouldn't be a law that must be passed. We already call Williams 'Bill' anyways.

**Roni Hecker**

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ASUM Senate-- This is not a difficult decision. Names, especially chosen names, are a crucial aspect of human dignity. Everyone deserves to be addressed in the way that they choose.

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The right of an individual to be called their correct name, which is not necessarily the same as their legal name or the name they were given at birth, must be respected in all situations. I'm grateful that ASUM has recognized this fact, and chosen to support all students, including transgender students, in this way. Passing this resolution increases the potential for transgender students to run for senate, which will increase diversity and representation in ASUM and for the student body. To go against this right says something to the body of students that this resolution represents. It makes it clear that fear of transgender people (which can manifest as a distrust of people who choose to change their name, and claims that name changes are unnecessary or an incorrect choice), lives within the senate. As a transgender student, and a person in position to speak up for LGBT+ students on campus, I know that transphobia must be corrected and moved away from the senate. Hatred and fear have no place at UM.

- a. President Durnell: I want to address comment to make them aware of a committee on campus that is facilitating feedback. I am serving with the Registrar on a committee that specifically addresses how difficult it is to put chosen name on any documents. There are a few things you cannot have a chosen name on because it would require a legal name change. We are trying to address the difficulties of legal name change at the university. Our Legal Counsel at ASUM can help navigate that process with the Registrar. I want to acknowledge that and thank the students who gave comment.
- b. Williams: I want to comment on the Can the Cats event. I encourage you all to fund this in full. I think it is a worthy cause and is in combination with the Food Pantry and other campus organizations. I think it is a good opportunity to foster connections on campus between student groups and create a greater sense of community. This will help people on campus and in our community who are experiencing food insecurity.

## 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. SB22-21/22: Resolution Adopting and Forwarding the Committee on Equitable Education's Letter of Support, Notice of Frustration, and Interim Actionable Recommendations
  - a. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
  - b. *See the associated letter [here](#).*
  - c. President Durnell: I will yield to Senator Glueckert for her authorship.
  - d. Glueckert: I think SAL Pease did an amazing job and did the legwork on this. I think this is super important and I think it is time for us to take a stand, so I hope you vote yes on this.
  - e. Kuney: I want to voice my support for this resolution. I heard that the walkout was a big success. I would like to ask for support from all of you and I hope to expedite this process as a body to make it as easy for the committee and SAL Pease as possible.

- f. O'Neill: I will also be voting yes. I am really grateful for those of you who were able to show up during the walkout. This is a problem that affects the university as a whole and I really encourage you to vote yes and educate yourself about what has been going on in the Law School. It is really easy to lose something like this in the news cycle we see. I am happy to talk about what has been going on and my experience with it. It is really exhausting, especially being a survivor myself. I really just want to show my appreciation to the committee as well for their work.
  - g. Ververis: I want to thank SAL Pease and Senator Glueckert. I read thoroughly through the letter and I think it is really amazing. I want to thank them and the committee for putting together such a great proposal.
  - h. Motion by **Ververis** to make amendments as shown on the screen; Ruled Friendly by Authors
  - i. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to amend L6 to correct language "Student-At-Large"; UC Called
  - j. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to amend second footnote to be TNR; UC Called
  - k. Motion by **Hawthorne** to correct spelling in footnote; Ruled Friendly by Authors
  - l. Motion by **Hawthorne** to correct spelling in L41; Ruled Friendly by Authors
  - m. Motion by **Ververis** to correct spelling on L43; Ruled Friendly by Authors
  - n. Ververis: To President Durnell- There were some spelling errors in the letter. Would you allow those to be corrected here as well?
    - i. President Durnell: Yes.
  - o. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Williams** to correct Alexander correctly in L40; UC Called
  - p. Motion by **Ververis** to correct all spelling errors in the letter; Ruled Friendly by Authors
  - q. Motion by **O'Neill** to correct line numbers to TNR; Ruled Friendly by Authors
  - r. ***SB22-21/22 Passed on a 20Y-0N-1A vote.***
- b. COVID-19 Update
- a. There are two different student response teams. In the Instructional Planning Group, they discussed there are no grade policy changes. Last year the conversation in the Senate was a pass-fail setup that was adopted the first semester we moved online. That advocacy from the author was not fully adopted, so this was brought up again. Faculty were also asked to convey the importance of attendance to classes. They worry that students are asking for exceptions and are missing classes, so we want them to communicate the importance of attending class and communicating with professors. They were

going to host a meeting to discuss changes to Spring course modality. There was an emphasis on resilience and supporting mental health and wellness. The CPRG meetings were more robust. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, there were 90 active cases attributed to the University of Montana. They have expanded to include cases and data that do not come from Curry Health Center, so these numbers are coming from community avenues. The other concern is that those numbers could be too large because the community cannot accurately access Curry and if those cases are truly transmitted beyond the university. They are saying the data could be skewed, but we should acknowledge the amount of students who are in isolation, as there are more than there were last year. When people move out of isolation, they move to a category called recovery, so you will see on the county website current and recovered cases. There is a trend with the Delta variant that has been identified, and there is an estimate that we will reach a peak eventually after staying at a high case rate for a while, but we do not know when we will hit this peak. It is likely to be soon that we reach this point, and we are unsure of how the plateau will last or how exactly cases will decline. In general, we are seeing other states' cases decline while Montana has yet to hit peak case rate. The county is still facing staff shortages though they are hiring contact tracers to make sure that information gets out. The University is short on staff generally because of how COVID is pulling people from work, so that is important to acknowledge as you use university services. About a quarter of cases currently are vaccinated individuals, but less than 1% of these infected vaccinated individuals are being hospitalized. Those are what are called breakthrough cases, so that points to the severity of things for those who are unvaccinated. There are really no metrics to determine when course modality will shift and that has been a big conversation they are trying to address. The Athletic department has not shared their percentage vaccination rate and the reason why is because the state invites them not to for confidentiality reasons, because it may be easy to point out individual athletes who are or are not vaccinated. UM took this guidance and I believe MSU released vaccination rates. ASUM is launching a survey, and I want to thank Senator McKenzie for creating this.

- b. POI (Kuney): As of today, the Missoula County vaccination rate is 61.3% of individuals with at least one dose.
- c. President Durnell: We want the survey to see what students' appetite is surrounding vaccinations. I yield to Senator McKenzie to add any information about that survey.
- d. McKenzie: There are two separate surveys, one for faculty and staff and one for students. This survey will be posted on the ASUM social media.

- e. President Durnell: We met with the CRT committee, the COVID-19 committee that meets daily, and that was an interesting experience. I appreciate their input on the survey, much of which was adopted. There are some concerns about mask non-compliance and Sarah Swager's office and ASUM are working to address that. Curry Health Center is trying to increase their capacity for asymptomatic testing. Right now, the process about getting back to students about close-contacts or positive cases has students self-disclosing to faculty so they are aware. The faculty is to send that to the Registrar who has the seating charts, and they would then send the names of individuals who may be close-contacts to the county, who then assesses it and contacts individuals considered close-contacts. The channels are extensive, and the county is backed up and students are getting notice far after their exposure and sometimes after they are out of recovery. It is a really split conversation because in some regard the whole process needs to be reduced, and others are concerned that bringing a third party into the mix is not a great solution. What I offered as a solution was to increase staffing to the Registrar generally to support student needs.
  - i. Williams: Are breakthrough cases only vaccinated people who end up in the hospital?
    1. President Durnell: Breakthrough cases are cases in which you are exhibiting symptoms that require hospitalization.
  - ii. Keller: Are the survey responses going to be public?
    1. President Durnell: The survey was addressed in the Student Political Action (SPA) committee. The survey will be made public to everyone so they have the opportunity to take the survey. The results can be published with Institutional Review Board (IRB) research approval.
  - iii. Kuney: I have a few friends I was chatting with, and they live right across from one of the L&C quarantine rooms, and I wonder how often those rooms get cleaned?
    1. President Durnell: They are cleaned before and after each isolation case using a sanitation gun to ensure all surfaces are fully sanitized. Other information relating to Q&I is also on the university website.
  - iv. Glueckert: Can you clarify what IRB is?
    1. McKenzie: It is the Institutional Review Board (IRB). They have to approve research projects that involve human subjects to ensure they are ethical.
    2. Glueckert: Is that through the university?
    3. McKenzie: Yes.

- v. Gudmundsson: To clarify what a breakthrough infection is...  
[inaudible].
- vi. President Durnell: For clarification, I appreciate having these POIs and having access to information, but for the meetings sake and to stay on task, we should not be using computers for reasons other than addressing the documents in front of us. You can excuse yourself or send a note to ask permission before sharing to stay on track.
- vii. Keller: To McKenzie- You said the survey is confidential, what avenues are put in place to make sure things are anonymous?
  - 1. McKenzie: It is on Qualtrics and this means you cannot take the survey from the same IP address multiple times.
- c. President's Cabinet Presentation on Civic Knowledge Initiative
  - a. There was an interesting conversation and we presented on the content in the resolution that Vice President Lock proposed and the Senate passed unanimously. It was well received by the Cabinet, and they agreed that the specific initiative parallel the brand of the university and other strategic planning. The conversation quickly turned to the mechanics of the initiative and one thing considered was faculty implementing things through their curriculum. Other questions were about who facilitates what, and I am sure that conversation will see other committees soon.
- d. Other
  - a. Shared Governance Meeting today at 3:30 pm: Myself, VP Lock, and BM Rinck met with shared governance and had a candid conversation about what we are advocating and how things are going.
    - i. Kuney: Who else was on the shared governance meeting?
      - 1. President Durnell: Faculty Chair and the President Elect for Faculty Senate, the Chairman of Staff Senate and their Secretary/Vice President, as well as the President of the shared governance chapter of the university, and the Faculty Union.

## 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Reports
  - a. MAS: To Whom It May Concern, The Montana Associated Students met on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM. 8 members from five different institutions, including UM, MSU, Helena College, UM Western, and MSU Billings, were in attendance. The following are some points of discussion that may be of interest to the ASUM Senate. The Senates of the Associated Students of Helena College and the Associated Students of MSU Billings both met for the first time last week. These groups have six and five Senators, respectively. ASHC is organizing a special election to elect a Vice President. The MSU

Foundation has committed to forming a working group to explore the possibility of divesting from fossil fuels. This group will consist of two representatives from the foundation, two from the university, and two students, both of which belong to the Climate Crisis Coalition, which is a student group that initiated this discussion. This working group is the result of a letter that was drafted by said student group, as well as a Resolution passed by the ASMSU Senate. Although the working group is nonbinding and will serve the purpose only of exploring the possibility of divestment, its formation stands in stark contrast to efforts by previous ASUM Senates and Student Groups to explore the same issue. The Faculty Senate at the University of Montana State Western is considering a resolution which would endorse a vaccine requirement, as have done the Faculty Senates of our own University and of Montana State University. To gauge student opinion on the issue, ASUMW sent out a survey, which yielded the following results: of 334 respondents, 274 stated that they are opposed to a vaccine requirement. 60 are in favor thereof. 247 students stated that they are opposed to any kind of mask requirement, with 87 in favor thereof. To reflect the results of this survey, ASUMW intends to pass a resolution opposing a vaccine requirement. MAS decided to pursue the expanding of Open Education Resources (OER) as a priority initiative. This idea is already well supported by OCHE. MAS furthermore decided to form a working group to explore ways in which MUS students could benefit from OER – at the time, President Durnell and myself are the only two members on that working group. Other MAS Council members may join later. MAS dues this year for ASUM this year will be 1,500 dollars. The total MAS budget for 2022/23 will be 15,840 dollars, the majority of which will be used to pay the wages and living expenses of the MAS lobbyist.

b. Committee Assignments

- a. *See committee assignment document [here](#).*
  - i. Strategic Enrollment Planning
  - ii. Research and Creative Scholarship Fund
- b. VP Lock: I realized that the Bylaws for SPA stipulate that more people can sit on it during non-legislative years, and I apologize for not catching that. There is a large number of spots available.
- c. Motion by **Glueckert-O'Neill** to appoint Senator Hawes to SPA; UC Called
- d. Kiefer: When does SPA meet?
  - i. McKenzie: Every other Friday at 3:00 pm via Zoom. We have a meeting this Friday.
- e. Motion by **Kiefer-Kuney** to appoint Senator Kiefer to SPA; UC Called



- f. VP Lock: There are spots available on RCSF and I will yield to BM Rinck, the Chair of that committee, to explain its function.
- g. BM Rinck: There are two spots available. Approximately \$1.06 of each ASUM activity fee goes into this fund and the committee distributes monetary awards to undergraduate and graduate students who apply for scholarship. The committee will meet at the end of October, in mid-November, at the end of November, and once in December. Other than Senators, the committee will be filled with Faculty, Staff, and our ex-officio member Andrea Rhoades.
- h. Motion by **Glueckert-Kiefer** to appoint Senator Glueckert to RCSF; UC Called
- i. VP Lock: I also want to get someone appointed to the Strategic Enrollment Planning committee.
- j. Kiefer: What are the meeting times for that committee?
  - i. VP Lock: I am not sure. President Durnell, do you know?
  - ii. President Durnell: I do not know but it is a yearlong committee. It is one of the most important things the university is doing at this time but I cannot guarantee the workload.
  - iii. VP Lock: I will follow-up and send out an email including the meeting times.
  - iv. Hawthorne: Can we get the meeting times and a general description?
  - v. VP Lock: Absolutely.
- k. VP Lock: There is a student spot available on the Gen Ed Ad Hoc committee. This committee meets every other Tuesday from 9:00-10:00am.
  - i. Ververis: Is there only one spot available?
  - ii. VP Lock: I believe so, there is usually one undergraduate and one graduate student.
- l. Motion by **Kuney-Glueckert** to appoint Senator Ververis to Gen Ed Ad Hoc; UC Called
- m. Motion by **BM Rinck-Birdinground** to approve committee assignments; UC Called
- c. Scholarworks Tutorial
  - a. Scholarworks is a great place to broaden your institutional knowledge and use as a resource when writing resolutions. One good place to look is the Kaimin section, which includes all their articles. Under Student Government you can find agendas and minutes as well as resolutions. You can search by keyword here. It is a good thing to reference when including reference to past Senate work, especially initiatives that lose traction when Executive teams are replaced in the Spring.
    - i. Kuney: How often does this get updated with ASUM materials?
    - ii. VP Lock: I believe it gets updated by our Secretary over the summer.

- iii. President Durnell: Yes, and I believe it is encouraged to be updated more often.
    - iv. POI (Ververis): Secretary Berna updates it very often because a lot of the resolutions we passed this year are on there.
  - b. President Durnell: I have been doing a lot of work on Scholarworks myself and looked at resolutions promoting things at the university in the past. Our stances only last for one year and are often rewritten. You can cite these resolutions in new resolutions.
  - c. Kuney: To President Durnell- Does that apply to changes to the governing documents, or are those permanent?
    - i. President Durnell: Changes to the governing documents are applied immediately, besides the referendum process for the Constitution, and remain in place. Things like TA/RA wage rate advocacy can be updated and reaffirmed in the future, for example.
  - d. Other
    - a. VP Lock: Regarding my attendance policy- Currently the CDC and County guidelines do not require close-contact cases to quarantine if vaccinated. My question to you all is whether you think I should excuse people who have been in close contact with a COVID case but are not required to quarantine? I reserve the right to pursue whatever policy I think is best, but I want to hear some feedback.
      - i. Ververis: I personally feel that if a person is uncomfortable coming if they do not yet know if they are sick, I would be comfortable with them staying home.
      - ii. VP Lock: Another thing to consider as President Durnell said is that contact tracing through the county is very backed up, so it is hard to know, especially when most people who will exhibit symptoms already are by the time they are notified as a close-contact.
      - iii. Keller: I think if they do not want to be in person that is totally understandable, but Zoom is available so they should still attend the meeting virtually.
      - iv. VP Lock: I think that is a very innovative solution. To be clear, I will not allow for a hybrid policy, so Senators will not be allowed to attend remotely and still participate. Asking that they sit in and listen and commit the time is, I think, a very innovative solution.
      - v. Kuney: I have to echo previous sentiments. I had to miss a Senate meeting a while back when I was sick, and I had to submit my votes via email. I agree that it would be in the body's and the Senator's best interest to still observe the meeting via Zoom.

- vi. Shaver: From what I have experienced with my roommate, you can get a test at Walgreens and get it processed. I think it would be in all of our best interests that if you are not feeling well you should not show up.
- vii. VP Lock: To be clear, if you are not feeling well, do not come to Senate. This discussion is more for if people feel fine but have been belatedly identified as a close contact.
- viii. POI (Glueckert): I want to comment on the at home tests. They are often sold out everyone.
- ix. POI (President Durnell): More context on that- if you are symptomatic the at home tests are fairly accurate, but if you are not symptomatic the tests are not very accurate. Those are helpful if you are symptomatic and testing is backed up but it is recommended to get tested through the county.
- x. Bell: I think people should view the meeting if they have been contacted as a close-contact.
- xi. VP Lock: Anyone could theoretically get out of Senate by telling me they are a close contact, because I do not have access to that information. I do not expect anyone here would do that, but I feel like I am obliged to consider that possibility.
- xii. Bowles: I have faith in the Senate to identify if they have been a close-contact, such as if their roommate tested positive.
- xiii. Williams: I think that close-contact identification can vary, so I think you should make that exception for close-contact identified individuals. People can use that to their discretion, and I do not think we should assume that people are using this opportunity inappropriately.
- xiv. VP Lock: I should clarify that I would never assume that any of you would use that to get out of Senate, but it is something I think should be considered when forming this policy.
- xv. Ververis: To that same point, if a Senator chooses not to come to a meeting, they lose their voice and their voting power. Say that they are not being honorable and tell you falsely that they are a close-contact, then they do not vote or get to make decisions on behalf of their constituents, and I feel like everyone here wants to be involved in that.
- xvi. VP Lock: I really like Senator Keller's proposal.
- xvii. Williams: Would someone be able to be counted as present if they are present over Zoom?
  - 1. VP Lock: I would consider that an excused absence and they would not get to vote or be involved in discussion directly.

- xviii. VP Lock: Thank you all for entertaining that discussion. I will update you about my attendance policy.

Meeting Recessed at 7:45 pm; Meeting Reconvened at 7:51 pm

## 7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

**Zero Base Carryover:** \$279,611.56  
**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. Pacific Islanders Club (UMPIC) STIP Request- \$500
- i. See the STIP request [here](#).
  - ii. See the associated cover letter [here](#).
  - iii. Authorship (Ververis\_B&F): The Board saw this request and the group asked for \$500 and you will see on their cover letter that they quoted \$488.20. The reason for the additional funds is because there was a possibility of a change in shipping cost. Whatever is not used will be reimbursed to ASUM and the Board forwarded it to the Senate.
  - iv. Kuney: What is a Maori poi ball?
  - v. POI (La'a): It stems from the New Zealand culture, and they are implements you use in dance.
  - vi. Motion by **Ververis-Williams** to fund the request in full (\$500); Request passed with one abstention
- b. Basic Needs Agency (BNA) STIP Request- \$993
- i. See the STIP request [here](#).
  - ii. See the associated cover letter [here](#).
  - iii. Authorship (Ververis\_B&F): This was very well organized and there was a lot of supplementary information and quotes. The Board did not see a problem and approved it in the full amount.
  - iv. La'a: To Williams- In one of the quotes there were 150 table posters requested. Are these tents going to be placed all over the UC or in other locations?
    1. Williams: We intend to put them around the UC and other frequented areas.
  - v. Motion by **Ververis-Birdinground** to fund the request in full (\$993)

1. VP Lock: It is easy to get into a cycle of blasting through budget requests. I ask that you give these attention so when someone moves to approve in full. I think that what it would require for us to not fund something would be pretty steep and caught by B&F, but when we are talking about this kind of money, so I just ask that you listen to what the motioned says the amount is before you continue with the motion.
  2. President Durnell: To Williams- I noticed that it says it offers marketing through our M&O Director. Will that communication be facilitated through your position on M&O?
    - a. Williams: Yes.
  3. *Motion passed 19Y-1N-1A*
- c. Student Association of Fire Ecology and Management Travel Allocation Request- \$210
- i. *See the Travel Allocation request [here](#).*
  - ii. *See the associated cover letter [here](#).*
  - iii. Authorship (Ververis\_B&F): The club was requesting funds to have a trip to Helena and asked for mileage and the Board discussed. The actual amount for the mileage would have been \$207. They requested \$210 because there are five drivers and want to split the funds evenly to a dollar amount. The Board approved and forwarded it in the full amount (\$210).
  - iv. Gudmundsson: To Ververis- Was there to discussion as to why they are taking five personal vehicles for 15 members?
    1. Ververis: That did not come up.
  - v. Berget: Was there a typo in the dollar amount in the Senate agenda?
    1. BM Rinck: Yes there was.
  - vi. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Ververis** to fund the request in full (\$210);  
UC Called
- d. National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) Special Allocation Request- \$450
- i. *See the Special Allocation request [here](#).*
  - ii. *See the associated cover letter [here](#).*
  - iii. Authorship (Ververis\_B&F): The group is requesting funds for registration fees to go to the MHSA conference for hearing pathology and a few of their members are presenting research at the conference. There are fifteen members and the registration fee is \$30 for each student. We approve the request in full.

- iv. President Durnell: To Ververis- I would say that in the past ASUM has been very hesitant to fund registration fees, and I was wondering if that was discussed by the Board?
    - 1. Ververis: My time on the Board, we have funded registration fees and I do not remember any discussion about not funding registration fees.
    - 2. POI (BM Rinck): This is also a Special Allocation request and not a travel request.
    - 3. President Durnell: I am in support of this request. It just peaks my curiosity to see changes evolve as I go through the years in ASUM, so I am trying to gauge and ask these critical questions.
  - v. O'Neill: To Ververis- Did the students who are presenting have their registration fees covered by the conference organizers?
    - 1. Ververis: That was not discussed but I do not believe so.
  - vi. Motion by **Ververis-Glueckert** to fund the request in full (\$450); UC Called
  - e. BM Rinck: In the past there have been a lot of contentious requests and debate on the floor. I do not want Senators to be complacent because we are dealing with student dollars, and I want them to be spent responsibly. I have utmost faith in the Board on Budget and Finance, but I encourage you to continue asking questions and read Fiscal Policy. Fiscal Policy says a lot of what we can and cannot do with money and what the nature of requests are for. Feel free to ask questions, make motions, and otherwise. I do not want these to be so rhythmic, and it will be good practice for final budgeting when we have to make hard decisions and justify those motions not based on the group's mission.
  - f. Ververis: I really stress reading the requests. It is very important that you come here prepared.
  - g. VP Lock: I am trying to think of some combination of words to articulate how I feel when I agree with the people who spoke before me, but I do echo the previous sentiments. I want to add that I thought that the latter half of that discussion was really great and there was a lot of diligence surrounding the intricacies of the requests. As I have said to all of you, you are dealing with a lot of money here, so it is worth considering and analyzing. I would be comfortable in saying that funding is the most important thing that ASUM does because it is measurable and material, so please do all that diligence and I appreciate you all considering these decisions.
- b. Group Recognition
    - a. One Persons

- b. American Fisheries Society
- c. Student Association for Fire Ecology and Management
- d. National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
- e. UM Hockey
- f. Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)
- g. Montana Pillowfight
- h. Gerontology Society
- i. Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)
  - i. Motion by **Ververis-O'Neill** to approve all groups listed as a slate; UC Called
- c. Birthdays
  - a. Secretary Berna's forever birthday! ☺
  - b. October 4: Senator Gudmundsson ☺
  - c. October 1: Senator Ververis ☺
- d. Other
  - a. None.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Senator Bowles**

#### **Relations and Affairs**

The Relations and Affairs committee met on Sunday, October 3rd at 12:00 pm to go over four resolutions; Resolution Establishing Artistic Contest Which Promotes Safe COVID-19 Practices, Resolution Endorsing Campus Fixed Seating Improvements, Resolution Amending the Interview Committee Bylaws to Assign the Chair as a Neutral Party, Resolution Amending IV, Section 7, Subsection 6 of the Interview Committee Bylaws. The first resolution was tabled for another week on a vote of 4-1-1 with little discussion, it has one more week to go through RA and then it can either be forwarded to the senate floor, or killed in committee. The second resolution went through a few line level edits, and no discussion before being unanimously forwarded to the senate. The third resolution went through lots of line level edits, and discussion on putting ASUM in quotations when referring to the bylaws because that is the way you would properly refer to ASUM. The fourth resolution went through a couple line level edits, and zero discussion before being unanimously forwarded to the senate.

### **Senator Kiefer**

#### **Interview Committee**

Over the last few weeks, Interview Committee was able to process six applications for Senator seats. One candidate withdrew prior to the interview stage, but we interviewed the other five candidates. The Committee opted to use a Yes/No voting system as opposed to a ranked voting system that was utilized last year. The Committee as a whole thought that every candidate was

well qualified, and it was a difficult decision to make as to who would move forward for appointment as a Senator and who would not. I met with President Durnell on Tuesday, September 28th to briefly discuss the applicants and the Committee's decisions to forward or not forward their applications. As a whole, the Committee aimed to make the interview process efficient, respectful, and meaningful for everyone involved. I have full confidence in all the applicants and in their new roles as Senators and SALs.

We received one new application in the last week and will work on scheduling an interview with the candidate in the next 13 days to adhere by the updated Bylaws. The Committee really wants to fill more SAL seats and bring more seriousness and respectability to the role of an SAL at UM.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. We are also in need of additional Senators to serve as backups as we all start getting into busier schedules this fall.

Go griz,  
Senator Kiefer

### **Griz Card Contactless Credential Task Force**

The Committee/Task Force met this week on Tuesday, October 5th to discuss hardware updates and marketing options for mobile credentials. The UM Marketing team took our feedback on various designs and "hero" images (like cover photos you would have on Facebook) as well as the color scheme. Most of the Committee opted for a maroon color scheme and this will be forwarded to the team at UM Marketing who will then forward these designs to Apple for approval, ideally by October 20th. The Committee anticipates being able to start rolling out test credentials in November and December. If you are interested in being part of the test group for contactless credentials, please email me to let me know.

The Task Force is working around campus to take inventory of card readers around campus, ranging from POS systems like you would see in the Food Court, to attendance swipes like you might see at a Bystander Training or a volleyball or basketball game. Attendance readers will be updated so that students can tap their card or phone instead of swiping their card to gain entry to an event. From weekly meetings with vendors, the Chair is confident that everything will work out and that hardware transition will be supported for all campus stakeholders.

Brantly Hall now has the updated Griz Card readers installed, and this is one of the first buildings to be updated. UM has had Griz Card readers since 1999, and replaced old hardware in 2016. There is an ad hoc committee for the new campus card readers and I advocated for having student representation and getting more communications out to shared governance on this project. The next meeting will be on October 19th.

Please feel free to email me with questions, comments, general feedback, or concerns.

Senator Kiefer



- a. Kiefer: Interview committee was great and we worked hard to make sure that the process was more efficient and respectful to everyone. My own view, and hopefully many other views, is that the SAL position should be made more serious. We would love to see more SAL applications. For the Griz Card committee, we voted on different colors and branding to be sent out to UM Marketing. We are looking to add people to test this function in November and December so please let me know if you would like to be involved. There is a side project to install new door card readers around campus. Lastly for GPSA, we met for our first time this semester and there is a social hour tomorrow. There are five goals that GPSA has this year: updating our website to provide relevant resources and safe spaces for reporting individual concerns directly to GPSA, establishing a social media presence to improve database communications and provide a platform for student connections, diversifying GPSA Senators to better represent individual programs and BIPOC and LGBTQ+ and non-traditional students, advocating for and developing graduate student specific mental health resources, and strengthening campus wide connections through the University Design Team (UDT) and ASUM for the benefit of graduate student wellbeing at UM.
  - a. President Durnell: I encourage that GPSA get their social media shared with Alex Akmal, the M&O Director.
  - b. BM Rinck: Did GPSA talk about TA/RA pay or other similar initiatives?
    - i. Kiefer: Yes, and that is one of our goals alongside these. That is definitely something we want to work on this year.
  - c. VP Lock: Was anything else said in the GPSA meeting regarding the relationship between GPSA and ASUM?
    - i. Kiefer: I said that I wanted to act as a liaison between GPSA and ASUM. They definitely want to work with ASUM and I made it clear that I want that collaboration to happen.
    - ii. VP Lock: Great, and they are welcome to attend and speak at our meetings.
  - d. Kuney: What does the GPSA acronym stand for?
    - i. Kiefer: It is the Graduate and Professional Student Association.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB18-21/22: Resolution Endorsing Campus Instructional Space Improvements
  - a. Authorship (BM Rinck): This resolution was written in response to Paul Lasiter presenting before the Senate regarding instructional space improvements, particularly those in lecture halls. This is meant to be a vessel for the Senate to take a stance on this plan. I am in full support of it and was happy to bring this to the Senate. I really cannot think of anything more than instructional space that improves the college experience. With that said, Board

of Regents (BOR) policy 940.3 requires some version of student support before these funds will be approved by the BOR.

- i. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to add a footnote to L21 to include language sent to BM Rinck; UC Called
- ii. Kuney: I want to voice my support for this. We are all students, and I am sure we have all had that classroom experience that was subpar, and I think this is a great way to improve campus life at UM. I recommend you all vote yes on this resolution.
- iii. Ververis: I also want to voice my support. I think it is vital that we support initiatives to revamp our campus, especially as enrollment is going up. If anyone has any questions or concerns, I encourage you to voice them.
- iv. Motion by **Bell-O'Neill** to correct the year to 2021 in L85 and L87; UC Called
- v. Berget: To BM Rinck-Where it says the renovations will be completed, did that include the already completed renovations in the \$3.2 million?
  1. BM Rinck: I would assume not because the BOR has not yet approved the expenditure, so that money is probably from the bond restructuring.
- vi. Jolly: I am paired with Paul Lasiter for our mentor program and we spoke about this. We already spent the \$3.2 million, he is just looking for student funds to pay it back through facilities fees.
- vii. Motion by **Shaver** to remove “(BOR)” on L65; Ruled Friendly by Author
- viii. Glueckert: I want to voice my full support for this. We are all here as students and instructional spaces are important.
- ix. Motion by **Glueckert-Kiefer** to amend L8 to put “UM” in quotations;
  1. Authorship (Glueckert): In RA, this is something we recently adopted for resolutions to make it more well-known as to what you will actually be referencing.
  2. Heaton: To BM Rinck- In L68 and L69, has that survey already happened?
  3. POO (Ververis): We are in discussion for the motion on quotations.
  4. Motion passed
- x. Motion by **Glueckert-Kiefer** to put “ASUM” in quotations in L23; UC Called; Objection Noted by BM Rinck
- xi. Heaton: To BM Rinck- Has the survey already been conducted on student approval?

1. BM Rinck: To my knowledge, not yet.
- xii. Williams: To BM Rinck- Are these upgrades to the technology in the classroom or the spaces themselves?
  1. BM Rinck: Fixed seating upgrades is a large use of this money, but it is not limited to that. There will be tech upgrades as well, just generally renovating the classrooms to be modern.
  2. POI (President Durnell): Secretary Berna sent out pictures provided by Paul Lasiter associated with these upgrades. They are available on Box.
- xiii. O'Neill: I think BM Rinck did a good job on this and I want to express my thanks.
- xiv. Kuney: Can anyone tell me where the Gallagher Building is?
  1. POI (Ververis): It is the Business Building.
- xv. ***SB18-21/22 Passed Unanimously***
- xvi. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- b. SB19-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws
  - a. Authorship (Kiefer): This is about assigning the Chair of the Interview committee as a neutral party. I firmly believe the Chair should be neutral and should not try to sway the opinion of any members and should serve as a neutral facilitator. Ultimately, the committee members should be making those decisions and they should be forwarded by the Chair. We are on a small campus, and it is inevitable that people will know each other, and personal differences should be set aside when processing applications to work for the greater goal of ASUM.
    - i. Motion by **President Durnell** to amend L44 to remove the clause about the Chair serving as a tiebreaker; Ruled Friendly by the Author
    - ii. Kuney: To Kiefer- Why was that amended?
      1. Kiefer: President Durnell informed me that in Article 4, Section 1 of the Bylaws, there is already information that standardizes what the Chair of each committee is supposed to do.
    - iii. President Durnell: When the Bylaws working group met, we considered taking details out of the language of each committee and consolidating it elsewhere to apply to all committees. The tie-breaker information is provided in this consolidated group of information.
    - iv. Bowles: I am in favor of this, but how will we enforce a neutral Chair, especially considering that this committee is very private?
      1. Kiefer: This is one resolution in a series of resolutions on the Interview Committee. This is step one to keep the Chair as neutral as possible, and it may become so that committee

members can speak out against a lack of neutrality in the  
Chairship

- v. ***SB19-21/22 Passed Unanimously***
  - vi. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- c. SB20-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7, Subsection 6 of the ASUM Bylaws
- a. Authorship (Kiefer): This resolution changes the Interview Committee Bylaws so only the Chair has to meet with the ASUM President following the interview process rather than the entire committee. This is because Interview committee tends to be sporadic and it is far more difficult to schedule for schedules of an entire committee and this should bring more efficiency to the process.
    - i. Kuney: I want to thank and commend Senator Kiefer for streamlining this process. As one of the members of Interview Committee myself, it helps to have those scheduling issues resolved.
    - ii. ***SB20-21/22 Passed Unanimously***
    - iii. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- d. SB21-21/22: Resolution Removing the Fall Semester Travel Deadline
- a. Authorship (BM Rinck): As it currently stands per Fiscal Policy, all travel allocations for the Fall semester have a deadline the Friday in the fourth week of the Fall semester. This is burdensome, inaccessible, and unnecessary. It is burdensome on student groups because typically in the Fall, groups are trying to establish a regular meeting time, submit the recognition materials, and get things started. This deadline tends to sneak up on student groups and discourages them to apply for Fall semester travel funding. It is inaccessible to student groups because, if you are a new student group for example, that was established on October 1 after the deadline, you would be ineligible for Fall semester travel funding. It is unnecessary for the fact that the Fall travel allocation account is funded to the amount of \$26,000 at the beginning of each fiscal year, and per Fiscal Policy, the Board on Budget and Finance and the Senate are already not allowed to spend more than 50% of that accounts balance during the Fall semester. The rationale for the deadline existing in the first place was to limit overspending, but that is already limited per Fiscal Policy. I will add that I am not removing the Spring semester deadline because groups should already be established and because the Spring deadline is necessary due to the capacity of the Senate and B&F, due to final budgeting being a very busy time. I am expanding the power of the Business Manager here so that if a request is placed before the group recognition form is complete, the BM can use discretion when seeing a group's request. For

example, if much of their group recognition forms are in but something is missing, I would be willing to look at those requests.

- i. Motion by **Bowles** to amend the document to reflect the current year;  
Ruled Friendly by Author
- ii. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to make a slate of amendments: L7 to put quotes around “ASUM”, L13 to put quotes around “The Board”, L10 to “organizations”, L74 to say “Chair of Board of Budget on Finance”; UC Called
- iii. Ververis: I want to voice my support for this change. I think this solves a lot of the problems we have faced this year and could possibly face in the future. It makes funding a lot more accessible for our member organizations. I want to reiterate that every time I voice my support for a resolution, that if anybody has any questions for anyone, please asks the questions.
- iv. Shaver: I would also like to voice my support for this as King of Chess Club. It is really nice for student groups to have this option.
- v. Williams: I also want to voice my support and echo previous sentiments about the registration process and the current funding setup being a barrier to student groups. I have noticed that a number of groups table until the following meeting to adjust technical flaws and I think it makes sense to get rid of the deadline so they can work these things out.
- vi. Gudmundsson: To BM Rinck- How many member organizations met the Fall deadline as it previously existed?
  1. BM Rinck: I am not sure of the number of travel requests we saw before the deadline, so not very many. This year was especially unique due to groups coming back after COVID, compounded with the new recognition process.
- vii. La’a: I will be supporting these changes. One being that UMPIC has not submitted their travel request. There were questions that we had with what was posted on GrizHub and to get clarification we are working with BM Rinck and Office Manager Gwen Coon. Considering this is talking about \$26,000 and that we cannot spend more than 50% of that in the Fall semester, if we look at our Travel Allocation account, where are the extra funds going that currently sit in it?
- viii. Kuney: I want to say thank you to you all, because I think it is awesome that we are making it as easy as possible for students to be involved in these great opportunities.

- ix. Bowles: I want to voice my support for this and thank BM Rinck. I know a student group who was nervous about meeting the deadline for travel.
- x. BM Rinck: I will say to Senator La's question- that is something that is interpretable when reading Fiscal Policy. There are excess funds in travel right now, so I will look into that.
  - 1. POI (President Durnell): That policy has since been changed in the Fiscal Policy working group. Excess in travel allocation rolls over into Union funds, so long as it does not exceed \$6,000, and any excess after that goes into Zero Base. That is enumerated in 14.6 of Fiscal Policy.
- xi. BM Rinck: Thank you Senator Kunej for saying that. A huge point that extends beyond this is a number of barriers that exist for student groups to access funding and how confusing the ASUM process can be. I am not exactly sure how to change all of this, but it will be a broader effort of mine throughout the year, especially with group recognition on GrizHub. I really hope to make the process for student groups easier.
- xii. Williams: To BM Rinck- Is the Union fund for the Faculty Union?
  - 1. BM Rinck: No, the fund is for the Music Union and the Sports Union. They have a separate emergency travel fund, such as travel funding when qualified for a championship.
- xiii. Ververis: To BM Rinck- With that clarification from President Durnell, is it your position that now B&F is only going to spend a 50% cap of the current account fund? It seems like there was an issue with the transfer.
  - 1. BM Rinck: I cannot answer that right now, but I will check and we can have that conversation.
- xiv. ***SB21-21/22 Passed Unanimously***
- xv. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Kiefer: One Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws; to RA and Interview
  - a. Description: This will make it so Interview applications are sent to the ASUM Secretary and not the ASUM Vice President.
- b. Kiefer: One Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws; to RA and Interview
  - a. Description: This will make it so Interview Committee will have to compile and review questions yearly.

- c. President Durnell: One Resolution Endorsing The University of Montana Main Campus Lighting Project; to RA
  - a. Description: This resolution is a response to a lighting project and other amenities that are related to student safety and energy efficiency on campus. This is coauthored by Senator Bowles.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **Glueckert-Kiefer**; UC Called
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 pm

**\*\* A note from the ASUM Secretary:** There are portions of public comment where speakers were inaudible due to a technological issue which greatly affected the audio recording. I unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting in person due to an illness, so I have relied on the audio recording to record these minutes. I tried my best to capture what was audible from the individuals giving public comment, and I apologize on behalf of the ASUM Senate that not all remarks are available. The technology used during Senate will be tested and trialed again before the upcoming meeting to hopefully fix the problem with the audio, so the meeting recording is as accessible as possible for everyone. We thank and commend the individuals who gave public comment and apologize deeply that their comments are not able to be recorded in full for the record. Please email me ([asum.secretary@mso.umt](mailto:asum.secretary@mso.umt)) should you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you!