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#### ASUM SENATE AGENDA WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2021 University Center (UC) – 6:00 P.M.

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- e. SB33-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 1, Subsection 11 of the Bylaws to Create a Deadline for Committee Minutes
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#### **10.NEW BUSINESS**

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#### ASUM SENATE MINUTES WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20, 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: President Durnell, Vice President Lock, Business Manager Rinck; Senators Bell, Berget, Birdinground, Bowles, Glueckert, Gudmundsson, Hawes, Hawthorne, Heaton, Jolly, Keller, Kiefer, Kuney, La'a, McKenzie, O'Neill, Shaver, Ververis, Williams

Excused: Senator Kayne

Unexcused: Senator Feeley

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve by Ververis-Bowles; UC Called

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Alexandra Akmal (Marketing and Outreach Director): To the new Senators, your Meet the Senate information has been sent to IT. We started our Kognito challenge with ASMSU. It is a mental health training that teaches you how to recognize when someone is struggling and help them receive support and resources, such as professional help. If you take the training, we are one step closer to beating ASMSU. Senator Williams will be passing around a sheet for you all to sign up for tabling, which is a great way to engage with students. Tips on how to table: this will be done mostly in the UC in the afternoon. If someone is on the phone or in deep conversation, do not engage with them, but engage with everyone else. You should always give a brief intro, such as asking if they know about ASUM and tell them that we advocate for students, support student groups, and otherwise. Ask them about their interests as well. You can ask what their major is, if there is an issue they really care about, or otherwise. In your tabling, we should talk about the LinkTree and OR code. The first link on the LinkTree is the ASUM website. All of our social medias are linked there as well. We want to be pushing those social medias heavily because we are putting out a lot of content on those platforms. For younger looking students, you can plug TikTok and Instagram, and perhaps use Facebook and Instagram for

others. I want to do a quick modeling of a good tabling session. Put yourself out there- a lot of students do enjoy talking to people who are tabling. Make sure you plug that QR code as well.

- a. BM Rinck: Regarding the Law School situation and the Rob Smith situation, have you seen an uptick of followers on ASUM social media?
  - i. Akmal: Yes, a large amount! Especially after posting the statement from President Durnell regarding the Rob Smith situation. I am so proud of you all for making that engagement increase.
  - ii. BM Rinck: We are almost at 1,000 followers on Instagram!
- b. President Durnell: I want to congratulate you on the work that has come out of our socials. You really upped the ante regarding what good tabling looks like. Alex is a great resource for anyone who is interested in marketing, in consultation with Senator Williams. I wanted to express my appreciation and thank you for coming.
  - i. Akmal: Thank you. If you want to get in touch with me, send me an email to <u>asum.marketing@mso.umt.edu</u>.
- b. Marie Watson (GPSA): I am here to show support for SB29 that is intended to increase graduate TA and RA pay, which has not been increased since 1995.
  - a. Ververis: Thank you for coming. On the resolution it stated that until last year the pay has not increased since 1995. Was there a pay increase?
    - i. Watson: It has not taken affect, but there is talk that one pay increase will pass through the graduate school. We have not gotten commitment in terms of when that may happen. What is currently in the works is a pay increase for only some TAs.
- c. Danielle Pease (Chair of Committee on Equitable Education): [Trigger warning for sexual violence.] I live in Bozeman and today was the first time I was able to stop by the ASUM office. I am profoundly moved. I no longer publicly talk about my situation often, but I was raped here on campus in 2017. I was terminated from my sorority two days after giving notice of having an order of protection against a fraternity member. I worked with Title IX and the criminal justice system, and that is why I do the work I do at ASUM. To see that you posted everything on the ASUM office window... I kept thinking to myself that if my undergraduate self could have seen something like this, my whole view about UM would have been fundamentally different. I know you guys take a lot of negative feedback. I wanted to say from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much, I know it is hard work. It matters and you are all making an impact.
  - a. VP Lock: Thank you Danielle, your work is remarkable.
  - b. President Durnell: I want to acknowledge that ASUM would not have been able to do anything it did without your leadership. The Equitable Education committee was doing a lot of work in making sure we were standing in

solidarity with survivors, and Danielle wrote that resolution Tuesday morning. The thanks should be from us to you.

c. Kuney: Thank you from all of us for showing up and sharing your story. You do a lot for ASUM, and your comments and thoughts are not going unanswered or unheard. We will continue doing everything we can to help support survivors on campus.

Online Public Comment Submissions Mikayla J. Duvenick Mikayla.duvenick@umconnect.umt.edu

Please urge administration to extend library hours to what they were pre-covid. It's not right that tuition is the same, enrollment up, yet the resources available for students to succeed are being stripped back.

#### **Karen Schlatter**

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Thank you to ASUM for all your work on the new Bear Necessities Agency. I am excited to see the resolution establishing the basic needs oversight committee passed, as well as the amazing support and efforts of ASUM and campus groups.

a. President Durnell: It is a great initiative for Senators to respond directly to the given online public comment to ask questions or otherwise follow-up. I am interested in responding to the first comment.

#### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Designated Speakers: Kelly Webster, University of Montana Chief of Staff; Salena Beaumont-Hill, Director of Inclusive Excellence; Adrianna Medina, Inclusive Excellence Student Coordinator
  - a. Medina: I work in the Branch Center 207, so please stop by and visit if you have any questions. We are about to submit the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) plan.
  - b. Webster: I am very happy to be here. My dear colleague, Wilena Old Person was going to be here as well, but she is honoring Chief Old Person. I want to thank all of you for the good work you do. Someone the other day at the student protest said that students find their voice on campus, but students already have voices, they just find things that they care deeply about. We have been developing a DEI plan that is grounded in action and accountability and recognizes that this work is not done. Wilena would want me to share that

over the past couple of decades, we have had a diversity advisory council who has done tremendous work to advance issues of equity inclusion and belonging. Since my time here, we have not had a mechanism to ensure the valuable ideas from the council become implemented and that there is an ongoing way to maintain accountability. One of our guiding principles was that we would develop a mechanism to create public layers of accountability. Part of the impulse is to create an equity minded standard across she institution that does not depend on a group of Senators who are passionate or someone else who happens to care about it. We wanted to create something embedded into the system. We wanted to make sure we were talking to different university sectors, all the way from IT to Faculty Senate, to student success areas, to research and creative scholarship. Our intent was to listen and learn, and to challenge them to think about what their role is and what they can contribute. We asked people to flesh out what they can do right now or in the near term, and what are things you plan to do as next steps. If you go to the UM Diversity website, you can see the DEI plan. You will first find a summary of some of our rationale. In that box with the photo, you can find a printable version of the full plan where you can find objectives, strategies under each objective, actions under each strategy, and accountable owners for each strategy. One of the pieces not yet fully fleshed out are what the indicators of success are for each objective. Part of the intent of the plan is for the institution at these different levels is for sectors to make commitments and hold people accountable by making things transparent and making it clear that if you want to help put pressure and keep people accountable, people know who to talk to. There was a lovely moment when we first introduced this plan to all of Cabinet, and all of the Deans across the institution: we made a good decision by saying we were not presenting this, but the accountable owners were going to present it. We want to ensure that this plan is living and gets updated regularly and has input of students and practitioners who do a lot of this work. We want to make sure this is constantly updated, and progress is transparent.

c. Beaumont-Hill: I want to thank the DEI workgroup for doing the heavy lifting on this project. My position was born out of some of this work, so it is an honor to be included in this. I love that Adrianna stepped up and asked to attend this meeting. Inclusivity has been practiced in this plan, but there is now the accountability piece. There was a visit to the Branch Center student groups where the draft was presented. There are many partners and collaborators on this, and I am excited to take this next step forward. Kelly and I met and talked about the accountability piece. We are planning on a quarterly process where we requested updates from different partners, and we will start that in September, then January, and May. Kelly and I will follow-up with each of those groups and will gather that information and present that to the Diversity Advisory Council (DAC), and they will decide which groups they want to hear from. Those groups will again be responsible for presenting. The owners of these strategies have to report, which is a key component to making this an action plan. We will be gathering feedback over the first year from everyone.

- d. Webster: With the templates for when people are reporting their progressthey have to report on progress they have made, what progress they have not made and why. We will examine that to see how the Cabinet can work around that so they can make progress. When we get those templates, we would like to send them to all of you as well. Throughout the year we would like to have ongoing supporting sessions for students, so we know what to build into the plan as we move forward so it is a living plan. It is not perfect, nor is this institution. That is why we have the plan and why it needs to be updated regularly. I am excited about the work, and I am excited to continue partnering with all of you.
  - i. Kuney: Thank you all.
  - ii. Ververis: I want to ask what your favorite accomplishment has been through this plan?
    - 1. Webster: This work is not flashy. When you look at the actions that have to be taken to make systemic change, it is working on our policies, trainings, and other things. It is not flashy work, but it is the real work that will stick. I am proud that the plan is not for show and is grounded in what I think is the sometimes tedious but absolutely essential work. I like that this is going to make leaders uncomfortable, because that means you are learning something.
    - 2. Beaumont-Hill: This is really hard work, but my favorite part is seeing change happen and seeing students see the benefit of that change. Using the words anti-racism, white fragility, etc.-those are not fun conversations to have. I am thankful that groundwork has been laid so I can have those conversations with context. Kelly is going to be humble about this, but Kelly spearheaded this and is fighting for this to be a plan on our campus. This work is not going to be done soon, so I am excited to continue working with students.
  - iii. BM Rinck: Thank you. I want to let the Senate know that ASUM is an accountable owner in some of these sections and want to see more ways we can be an accountable owner in other ways. I think

embedding the plan into the system is great. When do you expect to have these semi-annual presentations and such go into effect?

- Webster: We are working towards people sending up these templates every few months and every May is a major update of the plan. The institution is updating its priorities and strategies for the institution, and we want to update each year in May because the near-term actions need to be embedded into the institutional plan. We are trying to figure out how to do regular check-ins with people who are responsible for moving certain things forward each week because this will not succeed if it is the responsibility of a few people alone. It only succeeds if it is embedded across the way we operate on the institutional level.
- iv. Hawes: Thank you. This is an absolutely incredible initiative, and it must have taken a lot of work, and that work is ongoing. This needs to be happening everywhere in society because it is the exact opposite of performative. I love that it holds specific parties accountable.
  - 1. Webster: It will warm my heart when one of you emails VP Whittenburg about grant writing diversity supplements, and you just want to know more!
- e. Medina: Just like how you guys would read your governing documents, you should go in depth and read this. Kelly met with the Branch Center student leaders as well, so recommendations were given from students as well. If you can read this and give feedback and possibly talk to the branch center students, that would be a great way to go about it.
- f. President Durnell: This is one of the most important things happening on campus right now and will continue to do. I encourage you to follow-up with accountable owners, read through this, and see where ASUM acts as stakeholders.
- b. COVID-19 Updates
  - a. County Trends: There are 125 new Missoula cases as of yesterday and a 116 seven-day average, both increases from last week. I encourage you to look at this data. We are still sitting at 66% of the eligible Missoula population vaccinated.
  - b. Instructional Planning Group: Did not meet this week. Past conversation is leaning into modalities heavily.
  - c. Campus Preparedness Response Team (CPRG): Discussed how December 5<sup>th</sup> is the cutoff date for choosing modalities for the Spring 2022 semester. The Registrar has to have a hard deadline. The modalities following that does not change, and if they do, your fees will not increase. Pop-up vaccine clinics can

be requested but are not currently being scheduled otherwise. For booster shots, you are all eligible so long as you had two vaccine doses and are six months out from the second. You can justify that you work in an unsafe environment as a student. Two spots that CPRG recognized as providing asymptomatic and travel testing is CostCare and Walgreens, but they are often booked, and they charge. Getting tested at Curry Health Center is free and their first recommendation. The FDA is expected to approve Moderna and J&J booster shots very soon. There was a study where people who had the first J&J vaccine and followed-up with the J&J vaccine, in which they saw a 4-fold increase in antibodies. With a Moderna booster, they saw a 74-fold increase, meaning mix-and-match is available for boosters. There has been robust discussion about seating charts and social distancing in classrooms, and they are in contact with the Registrar. The Registrar says we do not have the resources to provide distancing with in-person modalities. They are looking at why higher education institutions are being recommended six-foot distancing with masks and K-12 institutions are recommended three-foot distancing with masks.

- d. Wellness Center Campaign: They launched a COVID-19 vaccine campaign on social media. I forwarded all of you that information and I encourage you to make that an ASUM priority this week.
- e. ASUM Survey: The survey regarding COVID-19 vaccinations and requirements on campus has received IRB approval and we are hoping to get that out tomorrow with some social media graphics.
  - i. McKenzie: If you have any questions about the survey, reach out. This is for faculty, students, and staff so feel free to share.
  - ii. Kuney: According to CNN, Moderna and J&J are now FDA approved for booster shots.
  - iii. Bowles: Do you have info about when we will get booster shots in at Curry Health Center?
    - 1. President Durnell: I am not sure, but I will check for a followup.
  - iv. VP Lock: I want to commend the SPA committee and Senator McKenzie about this incredible accomplishment with the survey. We are very fortunate to have your excellence and drive leading that committee.
  - v. Williams: Who can we contact to request a vaccine pop-up clinic?
    - 1. President Durnell: I would suggest Curry Health as a general resource, or the Director of the Pharmacy. They may also redirect you to UC Event Services.

- vi. O'Neill: I know last week you mentioned there was COVID-19 relief funding going out, is there an update on that?
  - 1. President Durnell: Not yet, but I will definitely check during the CPRG meeting.
- vii. Kuney: Will there be an email option or somewhere on the ASUM website to fill out this survey for those who do not have social media?
  - 1. President Durnell: I will be sending out an email to the entire student body including the survey tomorrow.
  - 2. McKenzie: There will also be flyers everywhere on campus as well, so the survey is accessible to everyone.
- c. Committee Reports
  - a. Fall 2021 Commencement: New committee I will serve on. We are planning Fall 2021 commencement, so if there is anything pertinent, I will update.
  - b. University Leadership Council: Met last Tuesday and we talked about risk management strategic planning for the university. I was interested to see how that will impact ASUM. I asked them to send me more information and I am not sure they will have it soon because it is in the planning stage. Strategic enrollment planning: They are starting to organize the committee. Workshop on practical leadership for managers: The university developed this and I am hoping we can gain access to this resource. We also spoke about UM brand designing and a third party is here to help us redevelop our brand, so it truly represents the university. The Director of Marketing, Jenny Petty, is working very hard on that. If you have any input on what you believe the UM brand is, please reach out to me and I will forward that.
  - c. University Faculty Association Meeting (UFA): This is the union for the university faculty. We discussed the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) and discussed tenure. They wanted to emphasize that the agreement is very different and complicated between tenure and the university. They wanted to clarify what students are feeling about this process. If you have comments or confusion, you can reach out to me, and I will make sure that gets to the UFA.
- d. Other
  - a. None.

## 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Assignments
  - a. Motion by **Ververis-Birdinground** to approve committee assignments; UC Called
- b. Committee Reports
  - a. Faculty Senate: On October 14, I attended the Faculty Senate meeting and spoke about issues facing students this semester, as President Durnell was

unavailable at the time. Before me, a number of prominent people from around the University addressed the Faculty Senate. The following are the notable points of discussion in that meeting. Mary Kreta and Jenny Petty gave a presentation about new marketing and enrollment initiatives at the University. They showcased new materials that will be sent to prospective students, such as folders made of glossy soft-touch material, to combat the misconception that UM is "cheap" - it was noted that marketing material should be a sensory experience. Work is also being done to solidify the UM brand. Differentiation between campuses is one of the most important aspects of higher ed marketing. We should ask ourselves, "how do we tell our story?" Next, Seth Bodnar spoke to the Senate. 4,000 students have graduated from UM since the pandemic began. This year, the Freshman class grew by 30%. First and second year retention has grown by 7% since 2018. The campus will soon see updates to Urey and Panzer, and will see the construction of new facilities for Dining and Forestry. President Bodnar emphasized the importance of the Liberal Arts in any field. He stated that UM does not have to choose to build students into citizen scholars or vocational experts – it can do both. He further noted that the Humanities can prepare one well for a career, noting "When I talk to employers, they say, 'I can teach the skills they need to work here.... but not how to write, how to work in teams, or how to solve unscripted problems'". Next, Kent Haslam, UM Athletics Director, and Chuck Palmer, a faculty representative to the Athletics Committee, spoke. They stated that UM currently has 9 female sports and 6 male sports. There are around 340 student athletes at the University, who are doing very well academically. I read prepared remarks stating issues that face students this year. I spoke about COVID, reiterating the need for a vaccine mandate. I also spoke about mental health, and encouraged faculty to take the Kognito training provided by the MUS. Finally, I spoke about Basic Needs Insecurity and housing, and informed the Faculty Senate of ASUM's new Bear Necessities Agency. If any of you are interested in reading what I said, I can send you the Word document that I prepared. The final speaker was UFA President Amanda Dawsey, who said that the UFA recommitted itself last year to antiracism, and that the UFA will have an antiracism training for faculty in December.

- i. Kuney: Can you go over the glossy materials thing?
  - 1. VP Lock: It is called soft-touch material. It is glossy folders for when you are sending students enrollment material and the like.
- ii. Keller: The admissions office is so excited about these folders. The interim director of the admissions office always shows these to us.

- iii. Hawthorne: As someone who spent a good portion making said folders, these are very nice. The whole envelope looks very nice as well.
- c. Halloween Senate
  - a. Everyone is invited to dress up for Halloween at our next Senate meeting. Please use your judgement and discretion in your costumes. If it is unprofessional in any way, I will have to ask you to change, and that will be uncomfortable for everyone.
    - i. Kuney: Is there a theme we should adhere to?
      - 1. VP Lock: The executives have a plan for next week, but that won't be disclosed until the meeting. You can create a theme if you want.
    - ii. President Durnell: When should Senators notify you of their costume choice and name?
      - 1. VP Lock: you will all get placards with your costume name on it. If you could let me know by Monday your plans, that would be great.
- d. Other
  - a. I had multiple notes sent to me saying people were whispering during public comment, and that is completely unacceptable. I will be a lot stricter about that, so do not do it.

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- a. La'a: Can you explain the \$40,000 shortage in the contingency fund?
  - a. BM Rinck: That is from Marlene's retirement, which is exactly what the contingency fund is for. It covers 80% of the total liability of existing classified staff of ASUM, so paid leave and crude retirement benefits.
- b. Funding Requests
  - a. Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Travel Request (Requested: \$880; Board Approved: \$880); *See the travel request <u>here</u>*.
  - b. Authorship (Ververis\_B&F): The group is asking for funding for cars and lodging. They are going to stay at Glacier Bible Camp, and they have a plan for COVID safety. The board voted to approve it in the full amount.

i. Motion by **President Durnell-Kuney** to approve the request in the full amount of \$880; UC Called

#### c. Group Recognition

- a. College Republicans
- b. Oval Undergraduate Literary Magazine
- c. United Territories of Pacific Islander Alliance Montana (UTOPIA)
- d. Lads Chorus
  - i. BM Rinck: I appreciate Senator La'a noticing the discrepancy of student group membership last meeting. BOMO is checking this more diligently through GrizHub. Group recognition can go really quick, but if you have any pause or questions, I will entertain a motion to approve. You can in turn make a motion to remove a group from the slate. I do not want you to feel intimidated by me making a motion to approve all of the groups at once.
  - ii. Motion by **Shaver-Kuney** to approve all listed groups; Placard vote passed 18Y-0N-2A
- d. Birthdays
  - a. Secretary Berna 😳
- e. Other
  - a. Committee Report (University Budget Committee): On OCHE's website you can find budget information for all MT campuses. Gross revenue has decreased \$10 million since 2012 and expenditures have increased by about \$3 million since. Not necessarily a sustainable budgeting model. There is a projected \$6.8 million deficit in Fiscal Year 22. We have been running consistent deficits without permanent means of backfilling them in recent years. We restructured the bonds and that provided a large pool of money. We have gotten federal funding, such as CARES Act funding and COVID relief. The CARES act funding is only budgeted to last until Fiscal Year 24, academic year 2023, and a few Deans asked what we are going to do after 2023. Nobody has a very good answer to that question. Chairs and deans of departments are being encouraged to budget creatively, which does not give a lot of direction. I have faith in this college to keep the lights on, but it was a bit of a downer meeting. I did bring up aspects of tuition freezes and asked questions about what the effects of those are. Tuition has not kept up with inflation, which has caused a huge revenue shortage. We could be advocating for opening education resources and otherwise to help close that gap.
    - i. Jolly: It was an interesting but scary meeting to sit in on.
    - ii. Ververis: I was wondering if VP Lasiter said anything about the BOR and cancelling those freezes and being able to raise tuition?

- BM Rinck: No. I asked, but I suspect there is an appetite for further tuition freezes. Freezes sound like you have students' best interests in mind, but it is not good in the long run- that is just my opinion. The average bill collected by the university at the end of the day is \$63,000 across all UM students. Putting that into perspective, that is really low. It is a great deal for students, but we are seeing UM suffer. They also brought up a lot regarding how competitive wages are and the difficulty of hiring. They were trying to come up with ways to entice people, but the bottom line is that they have to pay them more.
- iii. VP Lock: Thank you for discussing the regent's appetite about the tuition freeze. The concept of a tuition freeze is appealing on the surface but really dangerous in my opinion toward the stability of the MUS. I encourage you to read about it if you are interested- I think that is useful knowledge for you to have as a Senator.
- iv. O'Neill: where are we at with the Six Mill Levy?
  - 1. POI (President Durnell): The next time it will be up is 2028 because it is on a ten-year sunset cycle. It will continually be reassessed by the Montana community every decade.
- v. Kuney: Is this tuition freeze something Senators can talk about at the next BOR meeting?
  - BM Rinck: It is something you can talk about. Typically, a lot of the budgetary decisions are made during the Spring meeting, but I think it would be great to garner student opinions. Regents are insulated of these opinions by OCHE, so I think this is an opportunity to have them hear student voices.
  - 2. President Durnell: Spring is generally when they talk about this and make decisions. Public comment is open to anything, but to be timely, I recommend spring.
  - 3. VP Lock: Ff we are going to approach the regents with this, I would like to make it a consolidated and organized effort. I think the Spring meeting would be the most appropriate.
  - 4. BM Rinck: It is important to compound our information with the student body opinion. We want to explain the effects of tuition freezes in the past so students are aware of the longterm effects. There are nuances to this conversation.

#### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Senator Bowles** 

#### **Relations and Affairs (RA)**

The Relations and Affairs committee met on Sunday October 18th, at 12:00 pm to discuss seven resolutions: Resolution Demanding that Graduate Students be Compensated with a Livable Wage, Resolution Amending Section 4.22 of Personnel Policy, Resolution Amending Article IV Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws to Establish Attendance Requirements, Resolution Amending Article IV Section 7 Subsection 9 of the ASUM Bylaws, Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 1, Subsection 11 to Create a Deadline for Committee Minutes, Resolution Amending Section 2, Subsection 2 of the ASUM House Rule, Resolution Amending the Constitution to Reflect Passed Referenda. The first resolution went through minimal line level edits and a few questions about RA & TA wage and how the author had reached out to TA's-passed unanimously to the senate. The second resolution went through minimal line level edits and discussion before being forwarded to the senate unanimously. The third resolution went through extensive edits, including fixing the bylaws quoted in it to reflect the correct version, as well as removing language that is in another resolution but not yet accepted into the bylaws. After edits this resolution was forwarded unanimously. The fourth resolution went through a fair amount of edits, before being unanimously forwarded. The fifth resolution went through discussion about how long committees would have to turn in the minutes since some meet at weird times in relation to the Wednesday meeting, and then was forwarded unanimously. The sixth resolution went through some questions about why the bylaws look different and when the resolutions should be sent in as well as how that looks right now, was forwarded unanimously. The final resolution went through minimal line level edits but discussion about the constitution and referenda that was passed previously in relation to the resolution and calling a CRB, was forwarded unanimously. The committee then went into some closing discussion about slate amendments/line level edits, there has been some issues with accepting slates and further line level edits and what the best procedure for slates should be. Overall a work in progress to find out the best way, if there is any.

- Kuney (Sustainability Committee): Next week is going to be a clothing swap in UC 326, the ballroom. If you can, this is a great time to get some new clothes and/or donate some old ones. I would love to see you all there. It is next Tuesday, October 26 from 4:00-7:00 pm.
- b. Kiefer (Provost Search Committee): Met Monday at 9:30 am after viewing applications. They spent the first half hour viewing the compiled survey data about each candidate. We had a robust discussion about the needs of UM and the Provost position. The top three candidates who are advancing to interviews are all women. We talked about the need of a long-term provost and the need for retention. So far, 11 out of 13 candidates have been scheduled for interviews, one candidate withdrew, and there are 2 candidates available if anyone else withdraws. The consulting group UM hired to help with this search was frustrated with the technology in this room, so I encouraged them to have their meetings fully over zoom.
- c. Kiefer (GPSA): GPSA will be meeting tomorrow at 11:00 am and I will write a detailed report to keep updates going.

d. Williams (Marketing and Outreach): Our first tabling slot is from 11-2 on Monday. I have a signup sheet for the next several weeks. You can sign up for one-hour slots and this can count as your office hours and Senators are supposed to table once per month per our Bylaws. You can table together if you choose. We are compiling updates for the Senate website, and I will send a document where you can contribute to suggested website updates. Send your TikTok ideas to Alex Akmal as well.

#### 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB29-21/22: Resolution Demanding Graduate Student TAs and RAs to be Paid a Living Wage
  - a. Authorship (VP Lock): Thank you to Senator Glueckert for her collaboration on this Bill. Thank you also, very sincerely, to Marie Watson, Chloe Boucher, and Mariah Mcintosh, who were very helpful in providing the necessary context to draft this Resolution, and to all of the Graduate students who have shown initiative in increasing the wages of TAs and RAs. Graduate students at this school have not received a pay increase since 1995. I ask that the Senate reaffirm its commitment from last year to advocate for an increase in the wages of Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants on the UM campus. A continued unwillingness to pay these students a wage considered livable in Missoula is of considerable detriment not only to those students, who we are charged with representing, but also to the institution that we attend. As the cost of living in Missoula continues to rise, stagnant pay for Graduate student workers will disincentives potential Graduate students from enrolling at the University of Montana. In addition to financial insecurity, the dismal wages of Teaching Assistants and Research Assistants affect their physical and mental health. This is a very clear-cut issue from our perspective – if you are here, as our Constitution says, to "advocate for the general welfare of the students", please join me in voting yes on this Bill. I yield.
  - b. Authorship (Glueckert): Firstly, I really want to thank VP Lock for his amazing work on this resolution. He really got this running off the ground and asked me to be a grad student eye on it after a lot of hard work on his own. To give a little context as to why I am so passionate about this resolution. This is my second year of graduate school. Last year I served as a Teaching Assistant for 3 separate undergraduate social work policy classes as well as worked as the Graduate Assistant for the Social Work field team. This year I continue to serve in both of these roles, the only difference is that now I TA for two undergraduate Social Work Advance Practice classes instead of policy. Although I have felt well supported by the faculty at the SW department, I feel very underappreciated in terms of how much I receive for a

paycheck every other week. I have a college degree, I am helping other students at this university get their own college degree, yet I must constantly worry if I have enough in my bank account to pay my rent on time. As many of you know I work 4 separate jobs right now to support myself. No graduate student should have to do this, especially when they are serving their university. Not only do I not get paid enough in both of these rolls, that it requires me to work other jobs but I also never had the opportunity to apply for a tuition waver through the University. There is one tuition waver within my department for graduate students and this process of receiving it is less than transparent. Because of the lack of tuition waivers, I had to apply for student loans these last two years and this year I still had to pull out just over \$3,000 from my saving account just to pay for fall semester. To put that into more perspective, last school year alone I made only \$3,318 from my jobs at UM. Graduate students make up a large part of this campus and they are imperative to the welfare of this institution. UM is doing a disservice to them by paying them what they do. In fact, the whole state of Montana is doing this same disservice as we are the state that pays grad students the least by far, compared to other states across the nation. When you are voting on this resolution tonight, I hope that you take into considering all I have said. I acknowledge that I am just one grad student on this campus, but I want you to also understand that many grad students at UM share very similar experiences to my own. It is imperative that we show grad students they are valuable to this institution, and a big step in that is paying them what they deserve. To not let them suffer in a financial pit when they are just trying to get an education.

- i. Bowles: It is really nice to see this hopefully pass tonight because this is something you promised in May during your campaign. I like that it says that pay should keep increasing as the cost-of-living increases.
- ii. Kuney: I know I am not a graduate student, but I recently had to find housing and roommates. It is not easy in Missoula. It is very frustrating and perturbing to have all of us being voting adults but still be treated as adolescents by higher-ups. I want to voice my full support for this, and hopefully you all can do the same and vote yes on this. I cannot imagine how this affects graduate students personally.
- iii. Motion by Hawthorne to capitalize the "a" in RA in all instances; Ruled Friendly by Authors
- iv. McKenzie: I want to voice my full support as a TA. I am very privileged to have a support system in place that makes it so I do not have to work four jobs, and it is appalling that some of my colleagues have to do so to put food on the table and survive. Thank you to the authors.

- v. Hawes: I also want to voice my support. I think that education has been called by some the great equalizer, but getting a higher education is so expensive that some people cannot afford the basics while trying to do this. Most of the jobs that give a sustainable wage require at least a bachelors. It is an atrocity that students cannot focus more on their studies while they are working. If this institution is to play a role as an equalizer and provide students the opportunities they promised, they need to pay more.
- vi. Motion by **Ververis** to strike "until last year," and capitalize the "t" on L25; Ruled Friendly by Authors
- vii. Shaver: I will support this. The payment has not increased since 1995, btu the cost of living has increased substantially, along with inflation and a lack of wage increase across the nation. It would be awesome to have a job on campus, but too many jobs on campus do not pay enough. I work in a bakery with other students I know because we get paid in food and paid far above what we would get paid at UM. If we want students working with other students, they need a livable wage.
- viii. VP Lock: This also is a matter of promoting diversity on our campus because it provides opportunities for students to attend UM and earn a wage allowing them to live in Missoula. That is largely accessible to students with access to generational wealth, who are typically students of white descent. This fits into the larger university discussion.
- ix. BM Rinck: I am a graduate student and am in support of this bill. This is at least the second time ASUM has taken a stance on this issue, and luckily, we have a lot of graduate and professional student representation on this body.
  - 1. POI (President Durnell): This is the third instance of a resolution supporting similar content.
- x. Kuney: If anybody plans on voting, no, I implore you to give your reasoning so we can talk it out.
- xi. Kiefer: As another graduate student, I have consistently taken on low pay T positions because this university does not provide us enough. I am still going to leave UM with at least \$40,000 of debt. I have been a TA for five years now and I have never really been given more pay than four hours a week at \$15 an hour. I also work four jobs- tip your drivers! It is frustrating to do 20 hours of work a week as a TA and only be able to get paid for about 4 hours because that department is so underfunded. I try hard to serve the students here, but it is really hard to balance this lifestyle and hold onto your sense of self. TA and RA positions provide practically free labor to the university and this work

is rarely seen or appreciated. This call for wage raise is absolutely a tool to uphold the DEI plan. They should pay and appreciate students more.

- xii. O'Neill: To Glueckert- How much are you get paid hourly if you are comfortable disclosing?
  - 1. Glueckert: \$12 an hour.
  - 2. O'Neill: I was being paid almost as much as Senator Glueckert when I was a TA and she does so much more than I did for one section of a class and she has much more experience, so this is long overdue. I appreciate the discussion about DEI and how this plays a significant role into it. As a Law Student- If you are working with someone who has been ousted to the community as being at the minimum, not very great to students, and at the maximum, ignoring their concerns, you are working in an awful environment. That is the reality for some graduate students. I can echo that this is long overdue, and I hope that everyone votes yes. If you feel obligated to vote no, please express that. Thank you to the graduate students on this body who take the time to be here, because it is a time commitment on top of all of your other commitments.
- i. Keller: I think there needs to be more funding for grad student TAs and RAs. We are in a great amount of debt as the university, so where is that money going to come from?
  - a. VP Lock: I don't have the answer to that, but that is not our job to ask that question here. Our job is to represent students, and this is in the interest of students.
    Following this discussion, the university can figure out where to move funds to make this happen. I am happy to be part of that discussion, and I am sure the other Executives and Senators are willing to be part of this as well. The university should not leave students struggling financially and not being able to sustain their mental and physical health.
- ii. Jolly: To VP Lock- I know a similar bill was passed twice, what came of those?
  - a. POI (President Durnell): The bills passed very similarly and were raised to upper administration where graduate students followed up. There was a presentation in the Cabinet, so it got to the top of administration. There has been one offer of \$1000

that has not yet been enacted, so there seems to only be conversational support.

- b. Jolly: So, if this passes, is it in addition to the \$1000 offer that has already been made?
- c. POI (VP Lock): My understanding is that the proposed \$1000 increase would not be applied to all TAs and RAs but would be selectively distributed. In my opinion, even if they all received a \$1000 increase, that would be coming from the graduate school, and they should receive more funding. That increase is still under livable wage in Missoula. I commend administrators for their initiative on the \$1000 increase, but I think there should be more.
- iii. Shaver: What good is a new brand-new state of the art dining hall if students can't afford it?
- iv. Kuney: This is just a start. I agree we do not need to figure out the entire fiscal situation, but there is money that can be moved around.
- v. VP Lock: This is an initiative pursued by the previous Senate, but I think it is very important that we show a continuity between Senate bodies. It is easy for initiatives to be lost when the body turns over, so it is important that these positions be reestablished, as Senate positions only hold for a year at a time. It should be a constant demand.
- xiii. Jolly: I understand that this wage is under what is considered a livable wage. Is that taking into account that this is not a year-round position, or is it being compared to other part time seasonal positions?
  - 1. POI (Glueckert): That is more referring to after the fees and costs you have to pay, more so than not being year-round.
- xiv. BM Rinck: We have already taken a stance in a previous resolution regarding the expenditure of a large amount of funds despite us already running a deficit. We should take a stance because it is important for students. It is not our responsibility to dig UM out of a financial deficit, especially when millions are being expended to other UM services like athletics. This is an aspect of retention and recruitment. If we want high quality students in their undergrad and graduate, and keep existing grad students, it is important they are paid well. I would be disappointed if this does not pass by a unanimous vote.
- xv. Motion by **VP Lock** to strike "in excess of" in L73; Ruled Friendly by Authors

- xvi. Jolly: I know Senator Glueckert said this is substantially less than other states. Has it been taken into account that the tuition and fees students are responsible for paying are also substantially less?
  - 1. BM Rinck: Tuition and the rate of tuition and fees if they are being waived at other campuses should not be considered. Say tuition is \$8,000 here and \$20,000 elsewhere. The amount is relative to the living cost of that area, especially because tuition is being waived.
- xvii. Glueckert: To speak to how much this is needed: The U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics notes an average cost of graduate schooling is \$36,340. I made a little over \$3,000 last year.
- c. SB29-21/22 Passed 19Y-2N-0A
- d. See approved resolution <u>here</u>.
- e. See <u>Appendix 1</u>, <u>Appendix 2</u>, and <u>Appendix 3</u>.
- b. SB30-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 4.22 of Personnel Policy
  - a. Authorship (President Durnell): This is in direct response of a resolution passed last week amending the Secretary's duties and this updates Personnel Policy in accordance with the Bylaw change.
  - b. SB30-21/22 Passed Unanimously
  - c. See approved resolution <u>here</u>.
- c. SB31-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws to Establish Attendance Requirements for Interviews
  - a. Authorship (Kiefer): It's the title. This creates language that at minimum, half of the committee must be present for any Senator and SAL interviews.
  - b. Bowles: Thank you Senator Kiefer for bringing this to our attention. I encourage everyone here sitting on the interview committee attend all meetings that they are able to. It is arguably one of the most important and demanding ASUM committees. I do not think it is necessary or reasonable for us to require half of the committee members to attend all the meetings or face further repercussions that are not outlined in this resolution. We have an attendance policy outlined in two different sections of our Bylaws, in Article 4, Section 1, Subsection 3, as well as a policy pursuant to SB14-21/22 authored by Vice President lock that was added to Article 2, Section 3. Both of these sections outline that a failure to attend a committee meeting counts as a 1/3 unexcused absence. Vice President Lock's attendance policy will ensure that this will be enforced, and the Chair of that committee and Vice President Lock can determine whether that member of the committee will be asked to resign. This resolution hinders Vice President Lock's ability to enforce his attendance policy and future Vice Presidents should they alter the policy. This means that the Chair of Interview is taking that authority and determining

attendance policy themselves. If other committees were to do this then attendance would not be as simply defined in our Bylaws, but each chair would determine attendance policies. Quorum is already defined in the Bylaws for committees as a simple majority, including the chair, and there are no repercussions outlined in this resolution for the specific committee. We also do not have excused absence requests be sent to the President, but it is usually sent to the Chair and Vice President or Secretary depending on the meeting. I appreciate the intent of the resolution, but I feel like it is not necessary at this time.

- c. Motion by **O'Neill-Williams** to amend L14 to read "the Committee" within the given quotation marks
  - i. Glueckert: Although I love that you would like to do this, this is not what we have been doing in RA. I would ask that we do not pass this for the sake of consistency.
  - ii. Ververis: The reason only committee is in quotations because it is just shortening "Interview Committee", so "the" would not need to be added into the quotations.
  - iii. Bell: To Glueckert- Generally, is there a list of the way that we are doing these, because it keeps coming up?
    - 1. Glueckert: SAL Pease brought up this concern and reached out to Chair Bowles, so we are looking to find a time to make a guideline document that is clearer.
  - iv. O'Neill: with that clarification, and thank you, I look forward to that information coming out as time is available to the committee.
  - v. Motion withdrawn.
- d. Motion by **Ververis** to amend L23 to add "for interviews" after "requirements"; Ruled Friendly by Authors
- e. Kuney: I am a member of Interview Committee and I have a sneaking suspicion that this was written in part due to my lack of diligence on the committee. I want to voice my support for this because I think it is important that members hear what is said by applicants. This committee is very important and does not get a lot of light shed on it, and members should be held accountable.
- f. Gudmundsson: To VP Lock- Does your current attendance policy consider interviews as Interview Committee meetings?
  - i. VP Lock: Yes generally, but more specific attendance policies fall to the committee chair.
- g. President Durnell: I have concerns with the sentiments of this resolution. This is clearly articulated in other sections of our Bylaws. It was common for committees to outline attendance requirements. It is all outlined now in

Section 1of Article 4, so attendance is referenced once and applied to all committees. These mechanisms are already in place. I want to trust the fact that Senators will be inclined themselves to attend committee meetings. Including this language contradicts some of the work of the working groups and contradicts mechanisms of the Bylaws as a whole, specific to one committee. As someone who chaired interview before, it was apparent that I had the discretion as a chair. I am confident the chair of the committee can make those decisions themselves without language dictating that. This language will impact applicants because if less than half of the members are there, then they cancel the meeting, and the applicant must reschedule and that is inconsiderate to their time. I do not want to make any barriers for students. I appreciate the previous resolutions that strengthened the Interview Committee, but I believe this is dilatory.

- h. Heaton: To Kiefer- Do individual interviews count as Interview Committee meetings?
  - i. Kiefer: I see those separately, not as interviews counting as a committee meeting. I understand some feel differently.
  - ii. VP Lock: I would defer to the opinion of the Chair in each scenario.
- i. Bowles: I wanted to echo what previous individual have said. This resolution has good intent, but there are better ways we can fix issues, such as making it so that Senators who do not attend interviews should not vote on applicants, and it is up to the chairs discretion about what counts as committee timesthese are ways we can improve the process.
- j. Motion by Kiefer-Glueckert to table SB31-21/22 indefinitely; UC Called
- d. SB32-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 7, Subsection 12 of the ASUM Bylaws to Include Mandatory Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Questions in Interviews
  - a. Authorship (Kiefer): This is to make four of the eight questions required for interviews about DEI. Two questions we have are about the university dealing with sexual assault response and one question asks the candidate what they do in their personal lives to dismantle white supremacy and be anti-racist, but I think there should be more questions.
  - b. Ververis: I love this resolution because I think as an organization it is important to identify that we are championing for DEI and trying to find people to serve that are striving to be or are champion of DEI. DEI is not so easily put into a small box of asking about racism, it is also about sexism, ableism, and otherwise. While four may sound like a lot, it is really easy to find a DEI related question for these applicants.
  - c. President Durnell: I wanted to mention that I think it is fitting that this resolution comes to us the same day the DEI plan was presented to us. This is

an accountability mechanism for DEI initiatives. A lot of our past has been defined as ASUM being reactive to DEI issues, and this is an excellent way to show proactiveness. I will be voting yes.

- d. Hawes: I want to voice my full support for this. I think it is absolutely essential we have members of this body as representatives of the student body caring about student wellbeing and success. Asking pointed questions is a great way of how they will operate sunder these requirements and if they are ready and willing to represent the needs of students. It is important interview have those checks set up and I think we should empower them to do so.
- e. Glueckert: I know they are gone at the moment, but I want to commend all the work Senator Kiefer has done on interview, it is so well needed. This is such an imperative part of seeing who can actually serve students and who is going to answer these hard questions. I want to voice my full support for this.
- f. Williams: I want to express my support for this resolution because I think it is the exact type of institutional change we need to make to ensure people in our organization are representative to all students. I think DEI questions should be involved in Senate candidate forums, so all Senators are held to that standard.
- g. Bowles: I want to commend the author on this, this is a great resolution. It is not hard to ask those questions, and this makes sure future Senate bodies have to follow this or would have to remove it from the Bylaws, which I hope would be controversial.
- h. Shaver: I find this fitting this is brought to us the week after we called for Rob Smith's resignation. It is not that hard to connect the dots. The committee that gave Rob Smith tenure knew about his blog, and if we are allowing this same caliber of student to be interviewed and these questions aren't asked- well, we do not want another Rob Smith situation. I do not see how you could not vote yes on this if you voted yes on the Rob Smith resolution.
- i. Williams: It would be cool to see a resolution demanding that DEI questions be asked to faculty during the tenure process.
- j. Kuney: For any Senators on *[the body]* last year, there was some drama about this sort of thing with some Senate candidates that were not admitted onto the body. I think this is a great way to make future bodies aware of the Senate stance on these issues. These questions are not going away, and I argue that it is our job to ensure we are asking these questions and not sweeping anything under the rug.
- k. SB32-21/22 Passed Unanimously (Senator Kiefer not present for vote).
- 1. See approved resolution <u>here</u>.
- e. SB33-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 1, Subsection 11 of the Bylaws to Create a Deadline for Committee Minutes

- a. Authorship (Glueckert): I believe this falls under transparency. One of our main values is transparency. Minutes let people know what is going on and we are lucky to have Secretary Berna for RA and Senate, but other committees have fallen short on this promise. It is imperative to be able to read committee minutes before senate. We see B&F requests from Friday the following Wednesday, and I think those minutes could really help inform our decisions and discussions. I originally had the submission time set for twenty-four hours following the conclusion of the meeting, but I understand minutes take a long time, especially when you are a Vice Chair and are conducting business and writing minutes. Some committees are recorded, so I think it is important we have a timeline on this. In my opinion it *[the process]* is not very transparent as it currently stands.
- b. Kuney: I want to voice my support for this. Getting minutes in can be overlooked but I think it is important that Senators have access to this knowledge.
- c. Williams: To Glueckert- How would this apply to committees that meet close to 48 hours of the next meeting, would it be the following meeting?
  - i. Glueckert: Yes, preferably you would upload minutes sooner, but this is a deadline. Generally, the most imperative committees to Senate work do not meet within 48 hours of the Wednesday meeting.
  - ii. Williams: Would it make sense to specify this deadline for meetings that occur in the second half of the week versus the first half?
  - iii. Glueckert: I would call friendly to an amendment to make that clearer.
- d. Bowles: I am in support of this. I would like to see an amendment that a previous Senator called for. Our Box folder where we publish minutes for committees is not accessible to students, so I would like to see that portion of the language struck unless we have an idea of how we can share those minutes publicly on our website.
- e. BM Rinck: I think it would be better to specify committees that forward business to the Senate make their minutes available within that currently proposed 48-hour threshold. That would traditionally be BOMO, B&F, and R&A. That can be other committees to, depending on where that business is going. It might be helpful to have another generic clause applicable to all committees making their minutes available to the public.
- f. Gudmundsson: To Glueckert- Am I correct in understanding that the italic language in lines 48-55 comes from Article 4 and the bold language is your editing?
- g. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Kuney** to amend L49 to remove the word "next" and add after "meeting" "for which their business is scheduled"; UC Called; Discussion Called by BM Rinck

- i. Gudmundsson: I think this meets the middle ground, but I am flexible to change. I thought this addresses that gap without getting unnecessarily complicated.
- ii. BM Rinck: I want to give ample time to digest the amendment before we move through it.
- iii. Williams: If we keep it as worded it would make sense to say "at which". The other thought I have, could another way to frame this clause be "within 48 hours after the committee meeting is held", so those minutes would automatically be available at whatever Senate meeting is closest?
- iv. President Durnell: I will be voting no on this amendment because I think there is other language to consider to make this more sustainable.
- v. Bowels: This is a great step in amending the language, but it is still vague because committees currently meet to discuss matters that get discussed at the next Senate meeting. If they meet on a Tuesday per say, that is still less than 48-hours and their business will be discussed in the Wednesday Senate meeting.
- vi. PPI (Ververis): I was wondering if the mover wanted to withdraw, is that interruptible?
  - 1. VP Lock: It is interruptible.
- vii. Motion withdrawn.
- h. Motion by **Williams-Heaton** to amend L49 to read "accessible to the public within 48-hours of the committee meeting"; Discussion Called by BM Rinck
  - i. Williams: I think this would make it so all committees have up to 48 hours to get minutes uploaded to Box and not have the potential for current or future committees that have to get their minutes in with a shorter deadline having conflict.
  - ii. BM Rinck: we talked about this, and I do not think this is appropriate.B&F meets at 5pm on Fridays, and I don't want Senators to feel obligated to hit a 5pm deadline over the weekend.
  - iii. Motion by Williams to amend the amendment to read "within two (2) business days of the committee meeting"
  - iv. Motion and amended motion withdrawn.
- i. Motion by Glueckert-Heaton to table SB33-21/22 for one week; UC Called
- j. Glueckert: If anyone has any ideas on what this language can be, please let me know. I thin the wording just needs to be adjusted.
- f. SB34-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 2, Subsection 2 of the ASUM House Rules
  - a. Authorship (Bowles): House Rules do not reflect how we currently handle and proceed with resolutions through new business. It is very vague and is not

applicable. It is important for us to be punctual in how we deal with resolutions after the Senate and there are some discrepancies about when they should be sent to VP Lock. Some areas say noon on Friday, 42 hours following, 48 hours following, and otherwise. There is language about resolutions that do not need to see committee, which is very rare unless resolutions are being forwarded through an Executive report. I made it 12pm on Friday because if you are proposing a resolution in new business, it should already be mostly complete by that time. There are other areas of House Rules that I would like to amend at a later time.

- b. Motion by Bowles to amend L44-45 to strike "Any completed resolutions that have no need to be forwarded to committee must be sent to the ASUM Vice President within 48 hours of being proposed in the Senate meeting"; Ruled Friendly by Author
- c. Motion by **Ververis** to amend all instances of "RA" to "R&A"; Ruled Friendly by Author
- d. SB34-21/22 Passed Unanimously
- e. See the approved resolution <u>here</u>.
- g. SB35-21/22: Resolution Amending the Constitution to Reflect Passed Referenda
  - Authorship (Glueckert): It is not typical for the Senate to see amendments to the Constitution, because those have to be passed via student body referenda. The changes here reflect previous referenda that were passed by the student body but not updated in the document. This discrepancy happened because we had a Secretary fall ill and things got discombobulated after that.
  - b. Authorship (Ververis): Senator Glueckert did the majority of the work on this resolution, so thank you for doing that, and please vote yes because our current Constitution is not pretty.
  - c. President Durnell: Our Constitution is not pretty, nor is it up to date, and this is an effective means of correcting it. A committee met for months to revise the Constitution in the past, and I am honored to have been a part of that. I was surprised to find out these referenda were not reflected. This update respects our process. This was obviously a lot of great work that reflects past committee work and the time of the authors.
  - d. Williams: To Glueckert- Since we have to amend the Constitution through referenda, are we allowed to pass this because the changes were already approved?
    - i. Glueckert: Yes, and this does not make any changes other than updating what was already passed but not reflected. The formatting has also been changed to reflect the rest of our governing documents.
  - e. BM Rinck: Thank you to Senators Glueckert and Ververis. This is a necessary change, and I am glad to see this being updated.

- f. SB35-21/22 Passed Unanimously.
- g. See the approved resolution <u>here</u>.

# **10.NEW BUSINESS**

- a. BM Rinck: One Resolution Amending Section 23.0 of Fiscal Policy; to B&F
  - a. Description: This clarifies the Zero-Base application process in lieu of some confusion and updates the process to be more consistent with the current final budgeting format.
- b. Glueckert: One Resolution Amending the Bylaws to Move Senator Tabling Requirements Under the Appropriate Committees; to RA
  - a. Description: The VP is currently in charge of navigating tabling efforts, and the Bylaws refers to tabling requirements on the UM campus and at Missoula College. I feel like this language fits better under the appropriate committee sections instead.
- c. Glueckert: One Resolution Encouraging UMPD to Adopt a Parking Violation System Similar to the Missoula Parking Commission; to RA
  - a. Description: UM charges substantially more for parking violations than the Missoula County Parking Commission. The county also has a tiered system for violations, and our campus does not recognize a system like that. Students are typically parking here to go to class when these violations occur.
- d. Williams: One Resolution Establishing an Annual Report on Basic Needs Insecurity from ASUM Bear Necessities; to Basic Needs Oversight
  - a. Description: I think it makes sense for an annual report to be put out by the agency to report on the state of basic needs insecurity and metrics on the services and advocacy the agency has done. This is pretty typical for non-profits, and the services on campus operate in a similar way, and this is a step toward further transparency.
- e. Williams: One Resolution Encouraging Campus Dining to Implement a Round-Up Donation System to Mitigate Food Insecurity; to RA and Basic Needs Oversight
  - a. Description: This encourages them to prompt people when they are checking out to round up their change to the nearest dollar and have that money go to the Food Pantry.
- f. Bowles: One Resolution Amending Section 2, Subsection 4 of House Rules; to RA
  - a. Description: Further amends parts of House Rules pursuant to our business tonight.

# 11. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to Adjourn by **O'Neill-Williams**; UC Called; Objection Noted by Gudmundsson

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b. Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm