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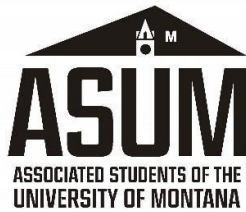
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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27, 2021  
University Center (UC) – 6:00 P.M.**

**Public Comment Zoom Meeting ID: 941 9891 2038**

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**Zero Base Carryover:** \$279,611.56  
**S.T.I.P.:** \$248,186.00  
**Special Allocation:** \$20,039.04  
**Travel Allocation:** \$51,388.68  
**Research & Creative Scholarship:** \$17,350.84  
**Contingency Fund:** \$67,197.55  
**Union Emergency:** \$6,000.00

- a. Funding Requests
  - a. ASUM Legal Services STIP Request (Requested: \$425.00; Board Approved: \$425.00)
  - b. ASUM Administration STIP Request (Requested: \$322.50; Board Approved: \$323.00)
  - c. Society of American Foresters Travel Request (Requested: \$150.00; Board Approved: \$150.00)
  - d. Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Travel Allocation Request (Requested: \$925.00; Board Approved: \$825.00)
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## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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- a. SB33-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV §1(11) of the Bylaws to Create a Deadline for Committee Minutes
- b. SB36-21/22: Resolution Encouraging UMPD to Adopt a Parking Violation System Similar to Missoula Parking Commission
- c. SB37-21/22: Resolution Amending the Bylaws to Move the Tabling Requirement for Senators Under the Appropriate Committees' Bylaws
- d. SB38-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 2, Subsection 4 of the ASUM House Rules
- e. SB40-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 23.6 of Fiscal Policy to Amend the Zero Base Operating Budget Application Process

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

### ASUM SENATE MINUTES WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27 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, Hawes, Hawthorne, Heaton, Jolly, Kayne, Kiefer, Kuney, La'a, McKenzie, O'Neill, Shaver, Ververis, Williams

Unexcused: Senators Feeley, Gudmundsson, Keller

*[\(See roll call here.\)](#)*

#### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve the October 20, 2021 minutes by **Birdinground-Kuney**; UC Called

#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Online Public Comment*

**Michael Roslynn**

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The vaccine should not be mandatory. If people who are vaccinated are still able to transmit it, then it should be up to the individual. If an unvaccinated person gets sick, it's on them. Whether an individual is vaccinated or not, it does not affect others. People deserve the choice of what they put in their bodies.

#### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Designated Speaker: Kat Cowley, Director of ASUM Bear Necessities; Collin Zollinger, Food Pantry Student Coordinator

a. Cowley (she/they): I am in the office Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30, so you are always welcome to walk by.

- b. Zollinger: I am currently in graduate school in the Master's in Public Administration program.
  - c. Cowley: We also have Hilary Rosa, who is the AmeriCorps VISTA worker at the Food Pantry. [*Please see the presentation provided by Director Cowley [here.](#)*]
  - d. VP Lock: There is a pink tub in front of the Food Pantry, is that for the donation drive?
    - i. Zollinger: Yes, and we will probably move it somewhere that is more visible. There is also a tub in the Law school.
    - ii. Cowley: There is also a bin near the Branch Center.
  - e. Ververis: Thank you all for the work you are doing. I am excited to see how much of a difference this makes for students.
  - f. Hawes: You mentioned you are open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays and then you said Thursdays. I want to clarify what you meant?
    - i. Cowley: The Food Pantry is open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.
  - g. Kuney: Are there or will there be any links to the Food Pantry on the main university webpage, or is it solely for the ASUM agency page?
    - i. Cowley: It currently is only on the ASUM agency page, but there is a short link which is [umt.edu/pantry](http://umt.edu/pantry) . I would love to talk to university marketing to move us to the front page, and I am working on the Bear Necessities site, where the food pantry link will also be.
  - h. Bowles: Thank you for all of the great work you are doing. You are doing an amazing job and will help a lot of students on campus. How would you like us to deliver feedback in the future?
    - i. Cowley: If you could put it in writing, that would be best. You can also stop by my office, and I can take notes, and email works too.
  - i. La'a: Will there be any option in the future to extend Food Pantry operating hours to five days a week?
    - i. Cowley: It is staffed by students who are limited by their class schedule and the hours they are allowed to work on campus each week. It is my hope that the position will always be a student, and I would love to have it open more often, either with more staff or with fewer hours each shift. If someone needs something from the pantry when it is closed, Missoula Food Bank and Community Center is open five days a week, and there is a bus that runs from campus to the food bank.
    - j. Cowley: If you have any thoughts about our program, please let me know! It is very important because you are students.
- b. COVID-19

- a. County Trends: As of October 26, there were 87 new cases as of yesterday. This is a general decline in cases from the week prior. Still 66% of the eligible Missoula County population is vaccinated. I saw an instance on the Missoula County dashboard that reported 72% vaccination rate, so I will follow-up with the correct number.
- b. IPG: We talked a lot about seating. There are required seating charts in each classroom dictated by the county. The university is looking for self-disclosure from students that go to Curry Health Center and test positive for COVID. It is a means to an end to make sure contact tracing is quicker while the county is overwhelmed. The registrar confirmed that there is no room for social distancing measures in classrooms in the Spring. That will impact registration for the Spring, and faculty still have the option to adjust their course modalities.
- c. CPRG: They emphasized the relationship with the county. There are laws the county abides by which indicates their relationship of how they interact with campuses under medical crisis. MT campuses have responded differently. Gallatin County, which houses MSU, resisted county laws and used legislation to back up some of their policies. They are not doing any contact tracing there. This has been confusing for UM, because they wonder if they have the same justification to back away from contact-tracing laws. They have been able to determine that the current model for contact tracing is very confusing and unsustainable, so they are working on making a better model so we can have a more streamlined way to address that.
- d. American Rescue Plan Fund: I just confirmed that the relief funds will be going out this week, but it is not a guarantee because we were told before that the funds would be released. They did confirm that it is need-based and that is determined by the government through your FASFA. They said that those eligible should expect an email informing them of the funding. The Financial Aid office will not know if you are eligible for these funds because that information is not released to them by the government. You can go to the [Financial Aid website](#) and can check if you are applicable, and you can call the FASFA office. You can contact me for help to get in communication as well.
  - i. Kuney: Do you know if all three vaccines, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer and Moderna, are all available at the university for boosters now?
  - ii. POI (Glueckert): All three are available.
  - iii. President Durnell: There is approval for mix-and-match and there seems to be better coverage for mixing, especially if you started with Johnson & Johnson.

- iv. Kuney: If course modality is going to be similar next semester as it is currently, has there been discussion about case threshold for moving online?
  - v. President Durnell: There was supposed to be an IPG subgroup forming to discuss that, but they have not had any progress on that yet. I can ask in my next meeting and report on that.
  - vi. Bell: To President Durnell- Daisy Rooks from Staff Senate said they were very restricted about how they could choose course modality, but I heard that is more relaxed for Spring semester. Is that accurate?
  - vii. President Durnell: They are preparing for registration right now, and faculty can determine their course modality. I am not sure the mechanism for changing modality during the semester will be different than it is currently in terms of Dean approval and justifications for doing so. I can follow-up on that. If Missoula County falls below a substantial transmission category, masks would not be required in classrooms for in-person modalities.
  - viii. Bell: To President Durnell- In that case, is there more flexibility for professors to go remote during the registration process?
  - ix. President Durnell: Yes, it will be more flexible before Spring semester, but they will not have much agency during the semester to change everything.
  - x. La'a: Thank you for the update about the COVID relief funds. I know that someone did receive an email last night confirming that funding, so continue checking your emails.
  - xi. BM Rinck: As students are registering for classes, when is the deadline for faculty deciding their modality so registration on CyberBear will be most accurate?
  - xii. President Durnell: I believe it is very early in December, before the end of the semester. Before the deadline for students closes, you will be able to see exactly what the course modality is.
- c. Committee Reports
- a. Student Affairs Officers: They emphasized the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) plan and spoke extensively about that. Many offices in the administration will be moving to Aber Hall over Christmas break. They will be very occupied at that time, so if there is any delay for students at that time, that is likely why. Please feel free to let students know.
  - b. Basic Needs Committee (BNA): Director Cowley summed things up very well. One thing to emphasize is that there is a \$1,000 grant given by ClearWater Credit Union toward food insecurity given to ASUM. The Food

Pantry has a foundation account, and the BNA will follow suit. If you have any feedback about BNA, please feel free to reach out to Kat.

- c. Staff Senate Cabinet: They talked about survey apathy and why there is limited engagement and how to approve that among our congregations. The main recommendation was to strategize this while administration holds off on surveys. There has been a trend of a lot of small surveys going out that yield small return, which is categorized as bad data.
  - d. Strategic Enrollment Planning Steering Committee: I was able to make three meeting hours out of nine, but it is fascinating what the committee is doing and they are extremely efficient. The campus areas did reports about how enrollment is impacted in their specific realms, including graduate and professional schools, undergraduate schools, and online learning programs. The committee will take those strategies and talk about them more and prioritize them for each group to see how enrollment can be affected. One of the strategies that was very interesting that I fully support is increasing TA and RA wages to see return to the university. We will meet next month and look at accountability behind those strategies.
- d. Other
- a. President Durnell: I will be out of the office Thursday through Monday. I will probably turn my email off while I am in California, but you can always email me if need be. If it is an emergency, feel free to call me. Gwen is also out of the office until the second week of November, but others in the office are taking up some of her responsibilities, so I would speak with Vickie first if you need anything.
  - b. Kuney: Is there any additional info on the Provost Search Committee?
  - c. President Durnell: I will yield to Senator Hawthorne.
  - d. Hawthorne: We are conducting interviews this week and next week. The process is still confidential as of now, but we will finish up next week and have a meeting to discuss who we will move forward with, and then the finalists would become public.
  - e. VP Lock: Do you know what administrators are moving to Aber Hall?
  - f. President Durnell: Many of the administrative offices that do not directly operate with students are moving, including the Registrar, Human Resources, and Financial Aid. They have been redesigning Aber Hall to facilitate administrative support. I do not know all of them, but I can check.
  - g. VP Lock: Do you know who will be moving into the offices such as the Registrar's once they move to Aber?
  - h. President Durnell: Those offices are currently in the Lommasson so they will not be filled. That building will be torn down to construct the new dining hall.



## 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Assignments
  - a. There are two search committees open that you should be aware of, though there are not many other changes at the moment. There is also an open spot in Relations and Affairs who meet Sunday at 12:00 pm.
  - b. Motion by **BM Rinck-Kuney** to approve committee assignments; UC Called
  - c. PPI (Kuney): For future reference, can a seconder call unanimous?
  - d. VP Lock: No, I would have someone else call unanimous.
- b. SB39-21/22: Resolution Randomizing Seating at Senate Meetings
  - a. Authorship (VP Lock): Please allow me to offer some context about why we are seeing this resolution in my report and why it is in the form of a resolution. I do maintain that it is in within the authority of the Chair to randomize seating, and it does not require a resolution to be done. However, my first priority is to not make decisions on behalf of the Senate, but to facilitate discussion and reach conclusions that reflect the will of the majority of the group. The reason that this discussion is being had in the form of a resolution is this: Per parliamentary law, any item on the agenda for which the Senate will be voting is considered business. Our standard for presenting business is in the form of the resolution. While we are discussing my chairing, I want to make a quick note about how a speakers' list is kept so there is no confusion. I always prioritize those who have not spoken yet. If you have spoken and would like to speak again, you will be placed on the list below those who have not yet gotten an opportunity to share their opinion. If you feel like you were put on the speakers' list for the second time a while ago, but I have not yet called you, it is because I am letting everyone have a chance to speak first before you get a second opportunity. Throughout this discussion, please do not say individual's names in your discussion because it is inappropriate. To speak on the bill: I do see genuine merit in the views of those who are opposed and in favor of it. Please consider and discuss respectfully and remember that it is not a bad thing for us to disagree.
  - b. Kuney: As of now, I am planning of abstaining. I am open to being swayed either way. I think this is a great way to help Senators mingle with each other and not enforce a self-dictated seating chart and to keep it fun. I also understand the other point in opposition to this. I am open to hearing everyone's thoughts.
  - c. McKenzie: I have been on the fence about this. I will vote and I am open to being swayed, but as of right now I would like to say no to this simply because I am a person who has sat all over the Senate floor. That is at my discretion because I want to get to know everyone. Not doing that does not mean someone does not want to get to know you, it just means they are

comfortable sitting where they are. I am a trauma-informed and anxiety-informed person, and I feel if you are more comfortable sitting in the same spot each time, that is okay. I have worked with individuals who have had to sit facing an exit door due to their trauma, and I do not want to take that freedom away from people who choose to sit where they do. I am going to continue to change my seat each time, and I am open to that. That is where I stand as of now, and if you have questions for me, please ask.

- d. O'Neill: I will be voting yes on this, and I really encourage everyone to continue to try and get to know each other. Especially as we get into budgeting, our relationships will be the foundation for our success. I have also tried to sit next to new people because I am new to this body, but I am also newer to the engagement with undergraduates at UM. It is really exciting to get to talk to others and get to know you all better. I have immense sympathy for those who may be experiencing anxiety, but if you are simply uncomfortable, I encourage you to strive to get out of your comfort zone and get to know new Senators.
- e. Berget: I have been on the fence about this. I am going to vote yes on this because I do not feel like I have a lot of anxiety but being in a room with a lot of people who seem to sit in the same spot each time, I am not going to go out of my way to sit in a different spot. It does give me a bit of anxiety to sit with someone new or in a spot where someone else tends to sit, but it would be nice to intermix more and not have to face that anxiety, especially as a newer Senator. I would love to hear more thoughts.
- f. Bell: I will be voting yes because I came here to be a Senator and to also make new wonderful friends. It is hard to sit somewhere new while worrying if that is someone else's spot, especially if they have been on the body longer. I would like to offer though that you can make an exemption, since you have been so flexible, if there is someone whose anxiety stops them from moving spots. Otherwise, I encourage everyone to vote yes.
- g. Shaver: For a quick story- I would like to say how horrible of a student I was in elementary school. I would always sit in the back and my teachers would make me sit in the back, and my mom talked to the teacher so I could move to the front. I started learning and becoming engaged in class. I think we all know from Zoom how terrible it is to be disconnected, so I think it is important to sit in any spot you can because this is truly the most equal way to ration out seats. Vote yes to bust the current monopoly over seats.
- h. Hawthorne: I will also be voting yes. I know we have had an issue with sidebars and small-talk, and I think this will help fix that problem. I have sat in different places, but I have been around relatively the same people, but it

would be nice to sit around others, especially near Senators with more experience.

- i. Hawes: I will vote yes on this bill, especially because I think there are advantages to sitting up front and around others. I think that we need to be mindful of the impact of mental health struggles people can have that relate to their decisions in this regard, but accommodations can be made that do not negatively impact others who sit on the body who do not need those accommodations. I think there is a way for us to do this that can be most fair for everyone.
- j. Williams: Some of my sentiments have already been made. In my experience on Senate this semester, I have noticed a difference between how engaged I was when I sat in the front versus the back, so I think it is important to have everyone in a mix of locations. I think it could be very beneficial, so I will be voting yes, and I encourage others to do the same.
- k. Kuney: To VP Lock- As per the resolution, would the Executives be randomizing their seating as well?
- l. VP Lock: No, that is not what I had in mind.
- m. Ververis: Personally, from reading the intent of this resolution, one of the things I disagree with is changing seats to encourage interaction. We are in a meeting, so we are not really supposed to be chatting with those next to us. We are here to do business and listen intently, and I am not sure that will be accomplished through randomized seating. I sit at the front all the time, and you all brought up good points about wanting to sit close to the front, but I will say that if you ask me to change spots so you can sit in the front, I am okay with that. I do not think this is something that needs to have a rule for it, I think we are all conscious adults who can talk to each other, and I am happy to move over if anyone wants to sit in the front. This feels like spots are dictated for us. I work forty hours a week, go to class, and I am here for Senate each week, so I would really like to sit where I want when I am here.
- n. Kiefer: I will echo the previous sentiments that if someone wants my seat, I will happily move. I think there are other ways for us to interact, and I have tried to help support everyone on this body. I will be voting no on this.
- o. Motion by **Glueckert-Kiefer** to amend L15-16 to read after “seating at” “every other Senate meeting”; UC Called; Discussion Called by Bowles
  - i. Authorship (Glueckert): I think it is clear that I have sat in the same seat each time and that is intentional. I sit next to people I feel supported by on this body because as someone who has been here for a long time, I have not felt supported in the past. I do not think I could have gotten through my Rob Smith authorship without sitting in this area with people who make me feel comfortable. I understand wanting

to randomize, and as much as I value autonomy and being able to decide our spots, I think this can provide a good compromise. I hope you consider this, especially for those who really do value being able to choose who they sit by. I do not need to tell you, but this is a very hard job and we do not get paid to be here, and I think taking away a freedom all of the time is ridiculous. I understand other sentiments and I agree to a point, but I think we can come to a compromise.

ii. Bowles: I wanted to hear the motioner's reasoning.

iii. Kuney: I think compromise is a great word to describe this. I will vote yes on this amendment because I think this is a great way to ensure all voices are heard, so students who are more comfortable sitting in one spot still have that autonomy every other meeting while we still try to reinforce interaction among the body.

iv. *Motion passed, amendment adopted.*

- p. Jolly: As of now, my opinion on this can be changed, but at the moment I am planning to vote no. To be frank, it seems unnecessary to me regardless of if it is every meeting or every other meeting, though I think that amendment is a step in the right direction. I do think that getting to know other people while trying to discourage side conversations is beneficial, but to echo what previous Senators have said, those things contradict each other.
- q. O'Neill: We have discussed the sentiment that we are adults and to ask others for their seat if you would like it, but I can confidently say that when I tried to approach members of this body outside of the meeting about this issue, I was confidently met with "that is my chair". I would really discourage all of us from feeling and acting that way. Side conversation has been a problem, and it would be really great to keep that to a minimum, but during breaks and when you are settling in, it is really easy to turn to your neighbor and touch base.
- r. Motion by **O'Neill-Kuney** to add herself as a sponsor to the resolution; UC Called
- s. Berget: To address some concerns- I know what has been brought up is that this indirectly encourages side conversations, but I think it is clear that is not the intention of this. When you sit down or go to take a break, you are talking to those next to you. I always talk to the person that is next to me, not during the meeting, but at other times. I do not think that is a fair judgement to say this will encourage side conversation.
- t. Berget: To VP Lock- In our classes we have to have seating charts because of COVID, so how does that carry onto our body because we do not have a vaccine requirement?
- u. VP Lock: I definitely thought about that. We have switched seats every meeting, and I think the seating charts are to know where everyone sat to have

reference, but meetings are recorded, which would allow for contact-tracing if necessary. That directive was given to classrooms, but not other meetings necessarily. I do not think that is a problem in my judgement, but I can understand disagreement.

- v. POI (President Durnell): With regard to those county policies and that question, contact-tracing it only applies to classrooms currently. ASUM is only obliged to encourage self-disclosed reporting.
- w. President Durnell: I want to voice my support for this resolution. There was one time in comments where the Senate was encouraged to randomize their seating, and only a few members did so. I want to counter the notion that we are all adults and that we will move if asked because there was an ask and it was not met during that encouragement. The goal in mind here is similar to a goal in my administration, which is to foster the most connected Senate that we can. This is not about side conversations, this is about fostering a sense of community, and I want to see you all trying to get the most out of this experience. There are plenty of reasons to support this, but I think it really comes down to fostering the best sense of community as possible in this organization, which has a direct impact on the student body, and that is who we are obligated to. I talk about workplace culture a lot because it is extremely vital to the success of this body. I encourage people to consider those perspectives and encourage what this will do as we conduct business, because I feel it will diversify our experiences to a greater extent.
- x. Motion by **Shaver** to correct signature line formatting; Ruled Friendly by Author
- y. Hawthorne: I mentioned this before, but my main reason of voting yes is about the side conversations, because I think this is a great way to fight that without having to crack the whip on it. I have been guilty of that myself, and it is distracting when you look across the table and someone is so deep in conversation that they are not paying attention to the discussion. I would consider finding a way to lightly keep an eye on the side conversations, especially if this randomization will happen every other meeting.
- z. Bowles: To VP Lock- Would this seating arrangement be assigned by the Executives or left up to our discretion?
  - aa. VP Lock- I would facilitate it by placing the binders at the tables at random before the meeting.
  - bb. Bowles: I have been on the fence about this, and I am mostly in favor for this because this is less of a matter of what sparked this, but because we have an issue as a body as a whole. Our body has to face this together. I would be more in favor of this being left up to our discretion because that allows us the independence we crave and if we need to revisit the idea of having the

Executives placing our binders, than we can. I think it is beneficial to let us choose where we will set next to someone new. Personally, sitting next to new people creates more relationships, and it can also bring new ideas to this body. We should not feel as though we are taking someone's seat, and it was disappointing to hear that. If this fails today, would we continue on as we are with this seating problem? Or would something be resolved among us independently if we do not pass this? I disagree with the Executives placing our binders unless we absolutely need to come with this. The relationships we form allows us to make connections, but also allows us to feel that if we disagree with each other on the floor, we know that we will be okay. I will be voting yes on this, and I hope we continue to have discussion.

- cc. Kuney: For those of you who attended Fall retreat, that was a really good way to connect with the body. I felt disconnected from the body last semester when I served, and that was a great way to talk to people. I think this is a great way to talk to new people because I would like to get to know all of you more, especially those who were unable to attend retreat. This also gives people a new way to get out of their comfort zone and talk to others. I do not see the harm in trying this.
- dd. Bell: I would hope that anyone on this body would be comfortable giving a heartfelt personal speech sitting in any spot, and I hope we get to that point. As a new Senator, the first meeting was very intimidating, and that is nothing against anybody, but I would like to see us all get more comfortable with each other.
- ee. **Previous Question** Called by Glueckert
  - i. *Previous question failed 3Y-12N-5A.*
- ff. Jolly: On the topic of side conversation- I understand that it is distracting to those engaging in it and can be disruptive for the whole body. That said, Senators pass notes around the entire meeting, so if they want to get distracted, that will happen either way. There are a lot of notes that get passed around, and that can be equally as distracting, so I am not sure that is enough of a reason to vote in favor of the resolution.
- gg. McKenzie: I want to pushback against the notion that people are here to get to know each other. I feel like I have gotten to know people by engaging with people outside of this room, which is my own choice. I feel as though the idea of sitting next to someone else to get to know them is not the reason why I am here. You are all wonderful and I feel like I did not intend to come here to make friends, but I did. I feel like this conversation is nearly a waste of time, but please continue discussing, as I will continue to move around and get to know all of you.

- hh. Kayne: I think this bill is unacceptable, but I understand what you are trying to do, and I appreciate it. There is a reason why I come slightly early and sit where I do. I feel a lot of anxiety and I sit here because there are emergency exits. I do not like exposing myself otherwise, and I have a lot of anxiety knowing I may be forced to sit somewhere else.
- ii. VP Lock: I am not trying to do anything with this bill specifically, I am leaving it up to all of you to make the decision after discussing.
- jj. La'a: I will be voting no on this. We are all adults, and we can come early and sit where we would like. If you do want to sit in different places, you can do that.
- kk. Birdinground: I understand that some people come early, but I do not have the privilege of doing that due to my job. I do not have the opportunity to start a conversation before business gets started. About the statements that we are adults, we are a volunteer body, and we should have a sense of independence- I will say that sometimes we have to give up freedoms in order to get things done.
- ll. Berget: I am no longer on the fence, and I feel very strongly in support of this resolution, and that it is randomized by the Executives. I do not think anything will change if we have our own discretion over that. On the sentiments about coming here early, I would like to reiterate that by saying that I do not have that privilege either. I have a full time job and a daughter, and I would love to be around you all more often, but I do not get that opportunity. I want to get to know all of you more, and I do not feel very involved or welcomed when I am always sitting at the end of the table. I am grateful for those who have reached out to me to write resolutions, though. I volunteer to come here and make a difference, and I feel this resolution would best meet that goal.
- mm. Bell: I would like to be very blunt. If you try to randomize yourself when only half of the body has really tried that, that will not work. Also, it is a clear line of experienced members and new members who fall on either side of supporting or opposing this resolution.
- nn. O'Neill: I appreciate those who have discussed their time commitments. I leave one of my classes twenty minutes before it is out and I do that so I can intermingle and not sit at the back, but I am sacrificing those twenty minutes of my education to do so. I appreciate this conversation, and I would love for everyone to pause and acknowledge that we are kindly disagreeing with each other, which is something we always need.
- oo. Jolly: I know we have gone back and forth a lot about timing and when people are able to get here to choose a spot, but I do feel like it needs to be noted that we are all here right now, and there is an empty seat in the front and an empty

seat in the back. I do not understand that argument, because if you wanted to sit in the front, there is a spot there and several in the back.

- pp. President Durnell: This conversation matters a lot and I think it is a great opportunity, so thank you Vice President Lock for bringing this forward. As the Chair, the Vice President has direct authority to pose rules on the process of the Senate without going through a process like this. This was elected, and to overturn the decision of the Chair is a two-thirds vote, and to overturn a rule is a majority vote, so I think it is important that we have this conversation.
- qq. Williams: I think if we pass this, it is important that there is room for accommodation for anyone who feels uncomfortable sitting somewhere else. I am not able to leave my class early, and I was talking with someone about how there are inherent power dynamics associated with seating arrangements, and I think it is important that we shuffle that. There was an idea brought up in us having a say in where we sit, and I think that is an alternative to the binder randomization if people were to sign up for their seat instead so there is accountability there. That could be an interesting middle ground.
- rr. VP Lock: I hope it goes without saying, but I am happy to accommodate people.
- ss. Hawes: I second the sentiment urging for ease of accommodation with this. I will still vote yes in the interest of having an equal governing body in here, but I do not want to disregard the concerns of those who might be uncomfortable. The cliques forming in this body are very concerning.
- tt. Kuney: I am sensing some tension in the air, and I personally have a lot of love and respect for all of you. I know that we are trying to decide on this, but I want to remind everyone that we are all in this together. This will not be perfect for everyone, but the resolution is open to interpretation. We are friends and we can get things done on this body while disagreeing, but we are all still in this together at the end of the day.
- uu. McKenzie: I would vote yes if an idea like Senator William's was implemented in some form, simply because of the fact that I have been swayed because I sympathize with the members who are not able to engage outside of Senate, and I would like people to be accommodated for.
- vv. Bowles: I agree. If someone is having a trauma or mental health induced reason for needing stability in where they sit, that can be up to your [VP Lock] discretion. We do not need to know how or with who. I do not think we need to go through a seating chart or have the binders placed but should be able to choose our spots next to different people. If it becomes a further issue, we can discuss that in the future. I would like this to be as simple and considerate as possible.



- ww. Hawthorne: I think the wording in this is fairly vague and that why it is so easy for us to adjust the process according to VP Lock, who has been so accommodating for us this year. We are not voting on the process; we are voting on the concept.
- xx. Glueckert: I want to preface by saying with my amendment that I will be voting yes on this; however, I would still like to express some of my frustration with how this was gone about. I understand the sentiments of having this discussion, but I do not think it had to be done for this long on the Senate floor. This could have been a discussion to be had in a different setting, and I think that allowed some people to be targeted, and I feel a bit targeted. I am voting yes and thank you all for speaking up about your concerns, because I agree there should be some changes. I also did not want to end this discussion without raising those concerns. I do appreciate your input.
- yy. Jolly: I agree with what previous Senators have said because I have faith that VP Lock will be accommodating. While that is amazing, I do not think that person should have to disclose that to anyone, because that is nobody else's business.
- zz. ***SB39-21/22 Passed 15Y-5N-0A***
- aaa. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*

c. Other

- a. VP Lock: Regarding implementation [of SB39-21/22], I am more than happy to hear any of your feedback. Please come let me know. More generally concerning that process- It was a lengthy discussion for something fairly technical, but I think it was worth having that discussion instead of me making that decision on my own. I understand that some people do not feel that way, so if you feel I should be more authoritative in a different way, please tell me. I am very happy with the way that discussion went, especially with the creative ideas presented, and it was very congenial and professional. We will adjust more contentious topics down the line, and I hope we can have that same kind of discussion.

Meeting Recessed at 7:40 pm; Meeting Reconvened at 7:53 pm

## 7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

**Zero Base Carryover:** \$279,611.56  
**S.T.I.P.:** \$248,186.00  
**Special Allocation:** \$20,039.04  
**Travel Allocation:** \$51,338.68  
**Research & Creative Scholarship:** \$17,350.84  
**Contingency Fund:** \$67,197.55  
**Union Emergency:** \$6,000.00

a. Funding Requests

- a. ASUM Legal Services STIP Request (Requested: \$425.00; Board Approved: \$425.00) (*See the request [here.](#)*)
  - i. La‘a (Authorship\_B&F): The board agreed to fund this in full so they can attend the virtual conference to enhance their professional skills and make ASUM Legal Services even better.
  - ii. Motion by **VP Lock-Kuney** to fund the request in the full amount of \$425.00; UC Called
- b. ASUM Administration STIP Request (Requested: \$322.50; Board Approved: \$323.00) (*See the request [here.](#) See the cover letter [here.](#)*)
  - i. Ververis (Authorship\_B&F): This is a request to pay for weekly Kaimin ads and flyers so student groups can be promoted. The only discussion is the process for which the groups would request to have the ad, and it sounds like the opportunity would be broadcasted in the weekly student group email from the Student Group Coordinator and that it would be a first come first serve basis.
  - ii. Kuney: To BM Rinck- You stated that the price approved by the board was \$323. Are all STIP requests rounded to the nearest dollar?
  - iii. BM Rinck: Yes, they are rounded up to the full dollar amount to make counting easier.
  - iv. Motion by **Kuney-O’Neill** to fund the request in the board approved amount of \$323.00; UC Called
- c. Society of American Foresters Travel Request (Requested: \$150.00; Board Approved: \$150.00) (*See the request [here.](#) See the cover letter [here.](#)*)
  - i. Ververis (Authorship\_B&F): They are requesting funds to reimburse for registration fees brought about from attending a conference in October. BM Rinck noted that this was a semi-annual event, and each member fee was \$75.
  - ii. Motion by **Kuney-La‘a** to fund the request in the full amount of \$150.00; UC Called
- d. Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Travel Allocation Request (Requested: \$925.00; Board Approved: \$825.00) (*See the request [here.](#) See the cover letter [here.](#)*)
  - i. Ververis (Authorship\_B&F): These funds were requested as reimbursement for travel for their retreat. The request covered \$825.00 for vehicle fees, and they requested \$100 for an honorarium for the use of Livingston Christian Center’s facilities. As per ASUM policy, we do not fund honorariums because they are considered gifts and are therefore non-taxable.

- ii. Motion by **Kuney-Shaver** to fund the request in the board approved amount of \$825.00; UC Called
- b. Group Recognition
  - a. Smokejump
  - b. Climate Response Club
  - c. CutBank Literary Magazine
  - d. Lambda Alpha
  - e. International Muslim Student Association
  - f. Criminology Club
  - g. Jazz Bands
  - h. Hurling Club
    - i. Motion by **Shaver-Kuney** to recognize Smokejump, Climate Response Club, CutBank Literary Magazine, Lambda Alpha, International Muslim Student Association, Criminology Club, and Jazz Bands; UC Called
    - ii. Motion by **Kuney-Birdinground** to forward recognition consideration for Hurling Club back to BOMO; UC Called [Lack of Membership Requirement]
- c. Birthdays
  - a. Secretary Berna ☺
  - b. Senator McKenzie's Father ☺
  - c. Senator Heaton (October 31) ☺
  - d. Senator O'Neill (October 28) ☺
- d. Other
  - a. None.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Senator Bowles

#### Relations and Affairs

The Relations and Affairs committee met on Sunday, October 24th 2021 at 12:00 pm to discuss four resolutions: Resolution Encouraging Campus Dining to Implement a Round-Up Donation System to Mitigate Food Insecurity, Resolution Encouraging UMPD to Adopt A Parking Violation System Similar to Missoula Parking Commission Updated, Resolution Amending the Bylaws to Move the Tabling Requirement for Senators Under the Appropriate Committees' Bylaws, and Resolution Amending Section 2, Subsection 4 of the ASUM House Rules. The first resolution went through zero discussion except a few comments in support of it, and had very little line level edits, the two edits were concerning footnotes and the send to line, this resolution passed unanimously to move to the Basic Needs Committee. The second resolution went through extensive line level edits, as well as discussion about where the money from parking violations goes to and also how this would affect parking

passes. This resolution passed unanimously to the senate. The third resolution went through a fair amount of line level edits and also prompted the committee to discuss if we would like to capitalize G and D in governing documents, something that did not happen and will be clarified when RA creates a document of standard formatting for resolutions. This resolution passed unanimously to the senate. The fourth resolution went through lots of line level edits, no discussion and passed unanimously to the senate.

- a. Kiefer (Graduate and Professional Student Association): Met on Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> with a very fruitful discussion. We decided to change out our titles from Senators to members to reflect our lack of voting power. GPSA is open to all who are interested, and the meetings are open to the public, though we encourage graduate and professional students to join. We discussed the TA RA pay raise initiative, the housing crisis in Missoula, job opportunities for graduate students in Dillon, and Title IX resources. We discussed the new grading scheme that is being proposed in the graduate school for a 3.0 GPA requirements and recent moves nationally to drop the GRE requirement, which can be part of a broader DEI initiative. We also discussed the alcohol trainings and how they can be tailored to graduate students, especially to talk about mental health and substance abuse. I chaired a commission for GPSA with the Committee on Equitable Education about the Kognito training and talked about GradCon and how UM is pursuing mental health initiative funds that are specific for STEM graduate programs. I will be working with Kat Cowley to get more information about the Basic Needs Agency and how graduate students can interact.
- b. Kiefer (Griz Card Contact List Committee): They are talking with the university legal team to make sure there is a way to verify student identities with the new system and they discussed a way to setup GrizCards. I have not heard much of an update about getting chosen names on the IDs, but I will keep up on that. They are working to have a GrizCard system at every door and vending machine station around campus. They are also working on getting everyone on campus up to speed with credit card processing because some places on campus still use dialogue, so they want to update that. They are designing designs for faculty specific IDs. They are working with UM's behavioral intervention team to figure out what resources should be listed on this credential on the ID, perhaps a QR code for resources.
  - a. BM Rinck: Thank you for serving on so many committees, I really appreciate it. University committees are very important.
  - b. VP Lock: Can you explain the discussion around TA and RA pay in the GPSA meeting?
  - c. Kiefer: They discussed the current process and background of this initiative at UM and I answered some question about getting things sent to the BOR through ASUM. There is interest from GPSA members, and they were grateful for the resolution that we passed recently.
- c. Ververis (Gen Ed Ad Hoc): We spoke about the guiding principles for the committee and spoke generally about the structure of the initiative, which is having core classes, requirement class, and then pathway classes that are currently based off of Global Leadership Initiative (GLI) themes. There was robust discussion about possibly having a DEI core class and there was some discussion about a language requirement, but we are still in early stages of the design.

- a. President Durnell: What was the context of the DEI initiative discussion?
- b. Ververis: It was mentioned briefly when talking about the democracy credit and where it would fit in, but I see that discussion coming back later as the design progresses.
- d. McKenzie: SPA met in hybrid format. We welcomed a new SAL, Emma Wickum. We had public comment from Nevin Graves from MontPIRG regarding the upcoming elections. As a reminder to everyone, the deadline to turn in your ballot is November 2, and if you want more information, feel free to reach out to me. The survey for the COVID-19 opinion about a possible vaccine mandate was sent to students on Friday and is posted online. The faculty and staff survey was sent out this past Monday via a mass email through UM, so if you have any staff or faculty wondering about the survey, that is how it was sent out. I had a lot of questions about the survey questions themselves, so please direct any questions my way. For example, demographic questions were asked on the survey so we can make sure that we are generalizing and not coming to conclusions on behalf of all students who may not have taken the survey. Our city council liaisons, Senator Bowles and Senator Heaton, discussed how the first meetings went. I yield to them if they would like to add anything.
  - a. Bowles: City council operations are very interesting to watch, and I am excited to propose what we have about COVID and the housing crisis, and we will probably speak with you all about those initiatives.
  - b. Heaton: This is all still fairly new, and we are figuring out where to put our attention and what committees we should attend.
  - c. VP Lock: I am very excited to have both of you in those roles. The city council liaison position has been dormant for a long time, so I am glad to see us make use of a position in our Bylaws that has a great deal of power serving students.
  - d. Berget: To Bowles- When does city council meet?
  - e. Bowles: The first four Mondays of the month at 6:00 pm. We get our other information through committee meetings.
- e. Kuney (Sustainability): We are wrapping things up with October being sustainability month, and the clothing drive went awesome. There are a few things in the works, specifically regarding divestment and possible resolutions in the future. If anyone has any questions, please refer to me or Maddy Jones, our Sustainability Coordinator. Sustainability committee is looking for a Vice Chair, so please speak to me if you are interested in that position.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB33-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV §1(11) of the Bylaws to Create a Deadline for Committee Minutes
  - a. Authorship (Glueckert): This is the resolution we saw last week. Thank you to Senator Heaton for sending me language options. I think it is a little frustrating when you table a resolution and there is so much discussion on it and then you do not get sent language, so I think in the future that if we are going to discuss and table the resolution, I would appreciate if people worked

on that. I hope that we can get this passed tonight because I think it is very important.

- b. Motion by **Ververis-La‘a** to amend the end of L49 to read “An exemption is granted for committees meeting within this forty-eight (48) hour period. Committees granted this exemption shall make written minutes available within seventy-two (72) hours after adjournment.”; UC Called; Discussion Called by President Durnell
  - i. Authorship (Ververis): I think this language falls in line with the intent of the resolution and it gives leeway for committees meeting on Monday and Tuesday. I think the 72 hours gives enough time, whereas if a committee meets on the weekend, they have at least one or two business days to post their minutes.
  - ii. President Durnell: I would be comfortable accepting this language. I wanted to make sure that other language possibilities were allowed before this was accepted.
  - iii. President Durnell: To Heaton- What language did you propose to Senator Glueckert as an amendment?
  - iv. Heaton: The language was “forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Senate meeting where committee minutes would be discussed” or “forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Senate meeting pertaining to that committees report” or “forty-eight (48) hours prior to the Senate meeting where the committee report will be presented”.
  - v. President Durnell: To Heaton- I would love to get your thoughts on the language proposed and see if some of that parallels your language.
  - vi. Heaton: I think this very much parallels my language, I think it is just a bit wordier, which I do not have a problem with at all.
  - vii. President Durnell: I will support this language, as I think it is a good solution and parallels Senator Heaton’s language. Thank you to all of the contributors.
  - viii. Kuney: I know there were some discrepancies last time, so I think this is a great way to take in all of those perspectives, and I will be voting yes because this is a happy medium.
  - ix. Glueckert: Thank you Senator Ververis for proposing it because it addresses the concerns. I think the 72 hour time period is appropriate. If anyone wants to adjust this, it would be a great time to amend the amendment, though I think this is a great baseline.
  - x. *Motion passed, amendment adopted.*
- c. BM Rinck: I am in favor of the bill, and I would like to commend Senator Glueckert for regularly reading committee minutes. I think this was written out of frustration of regularly coming into meetings without context of

committee minutes. If you are the Vice Chair of a committee, your most prioritized task is to take minutes and upload them promptly. If you are a Chair of a committee, please hold your Vice Chair accountable. There are many committees who do not have their minutes uploaded, and it is frankly unacceptable for the sake of transparency.

- d. Bowles: I think this resolution being tabled for a week has allowed it to be clearer following the past discrepancies, so I want to commend Senator Glueckert for doing that.
- e. Motion by **O’Neill-Bowles** to remove the underline for the comma on L61;  
UC Called
- f. **SB33-21/22 Passed Unanimously**
- g. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- b. SB36-21/22: Resolution Encouraging UMPD to Adopt a Parking Violation System Similar to Missoula Parking Commission
  - a. Authorship (Glueckert): I park on this campus, and it has been extremely frustrating for years for students. The purpose of this resolution is not pertaining to how many parking spots there are necessarily, but the amount of money UMPD charges when you are parked in an area without a form of permit. It is worth it to note that UMPD charges substantially more than the Missoula Parking Commission. The Missoula Parking Commission has a tiered system for fines in \$5 increments, and if you have no decal on campus, a parking violation is \$50. This is double the price of what the fine was in 2015, and I think that is absurd. This funding is not necessarily going to something super relevant to students. I had some conversations with the VP of Operations and Finance, Paul Lasiter, and helped with these appendixes. I tried to call UMPD and ask for information regarding budget, but they were not clear, and people did not get back to me. Paul Lasiter sent me some of that information and I checked to make sure I was reading everything correctly. Students are super frustrated with this, and I think we should pass this whether it is implemented or not, because we are the voice for students. It also affects faculty, staff, guests, and otherwise.
  - b. Authorship (Ververis): The parking violation costs on this campus are borderline exploiting students and is enacted under an unsustainable budget model for UMPD, who is mainly funded by these parking violations, which practically gives them incentive to hand out more violations to students who are primarily low income. It is important to elevate these concerns and continue follow-up to make sure students are being represented and not exploited through parking violations.
  - c. Motion by **Ververis** to amend L102-103 to put quotation of “no decal” within the comma; Ruled Friendly by Authors

- d. Shaver: Not only does this affect students, but other Missoula residents. I know so many people who do not know the parking policy at UM and get huge fines. Please vote yes.
- e. Kuney: I am also a huge proponent of this. The first line of most of our resolutions states that our organization advocates for the general welfare of students, and that includes their checkbooks and bank accounts. I personally think the current UM fine prices are ridiculous, especially in comparison to the Missoula County Parking Commission fines. I am a definite yes on this and I encourage you all to vote the same.
- f. Hawes: I think this is a brilliant idea and I will vote yes. The issue itself is very important, and us passing a resolution like this shows how we represent students, because this is an issue that we all deal with. I think it is a good idea for us to support it and show our solidarity with students, and also to check the power of the UMPD to show them that we are representing students and are not in favor of unjust policies.
- g. Berget: I feel very strongly about this. I want to voice some concerns I could foresee individuals having that I discussed with the authors. We have an amazing bus system which is not always utilized to the full extent. The lack of parking availability encourages students to use that system and cut down on carbon emissions, and though that is a valid point, the bus system is not functioning at full capacity at the moment. As much as I do love our buses, it is very cold in Montana, so the bus is not always feasible. The other point being that students could simply “follow the rules”, which I think is a ridiculous blanket statement. If there are not parking spots, what are students supposed to do? They are paying for permits, so you should be guaranteed a spot. As a parking appeals individual talking with UMPD, they gave me reasons why people should get tickets for parking violations, and their reasoning was that they paid over \$600 for a reserved spot, and they should have a spot. I pay nearly \$300 for a permit; I should also have a spot. It should not be classist for someone to pay so much money to get a spot. I do not want the UMPD members to rely on an eighteen year old not parking in the right spot to feed their children because UMPD is essentially funded this way. Their funding should not be directed from us making mistakes. One of the appeals I did was when an adjunct professor had to park in a reserve spot to get to class on time because his normal parking area was restricted, and he prioritized teaching UM students over parking in a correct spot and therefore risking a ticket.
- h. Kiefer: I am in full support of this resolution. I have been through the parking appeals process as well. For a personal example, I got a ticket for parking and being unable to pay because the machine was broken, but I left money and a



note and tried to purchase a guest pass online, but I still got charged \$20. I tried to appeal this and that was ticketed to me on September 10, 2020, and my appeal has still not been processed, so it is an extremely backed up system. It seems like the parking rules are intentionally complex to try and get as much money out of people as the university can. Parking on and around campus is a nightmare and it does not help that our bus system is not running at full capacity to try and offset some of those costs. I know the UDASH redline is operating at the B level and does not go to the UC and does not run the late shift. I support this resolution and I think in the future this should be paired with a resolution to reopen the bus lines and possibly expand that system.

- i. McKenzie: I am in full support of this. I ride my scooter and walk when I can, but on days when I drive, I purposefully park off campus where I will not get ticketed. I do not want to be at risk of not getting a spot even when paying for parking, because I pay enough as it is to attend UM. I am in full support of this and if anyone is not, please speak up.
  - j. Kuney: Does anyone know what other sources of funding UMPD receives besides parking related fees?
  - k. POI (Glueckert): UMPD is funded completely from parking. The appendix also includes budget information.
  - l. POI (BM Rinck): They occasionally receive CARES Act funding.
  - m. Williams: I do not support what UMPD charges for parking, because myself and many students live paycheck to paycheck. I get that UMPD members need to put food on the table for their families, but they cannot do that at our expense.
  - n. Hawthorne: I am currently looking at my student parking portal and even if I had \$600 lying around, I do not have the option to by a reserved parking spot. I believe that permit is reserved for staff and faculty only, so the claim that they paid all of that money for that spot, it is not feasible for us anyway.
  - o. POI (Berget): I believe those spots are first come first serve, so they likely just sold out, but I understand your point.
  - p. Williams: Another point is that I certainly appreciate the points that have been mentioned about our bus system, but for students like myself and others who live outside of UDASH areas, we have to drive ourselves to campus.
  - q. ***SB36-21/22 Passed Unanimously***
  - r. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- c. SB37-21/22: Resolution Amending the Bylaws to Move the Tabling Requirement for Senators Under the Appropriate Committees' Bylaws
- a. Authorship (Glueckert): I wrote this when I was reading the Bylaws and I saw that this task for tabling was a Vice President duty, and although I think it is a

- very important task, I feel that tabling would be better facilitated under Bitterroot and Missoula College Affairs Committee (BMAC) and Marketing and Outreach (MO). MO's charge is increasing student body awareness of ASUM, which is what tabling is for most of the time. BMAC's purpose is to serve as a liaison between the main campus and sister campuses, so I feel like this requirement fits better under those specific Bylaws.
- b. Bowles: I think this is a great resolution. This makes a lot of sense, especially with how MO has been operating this semester with having everyone here sign up for tabling.
  - c. President Durnell: To Glueckert- Why is one of the language proposals in a subsection rather than a new section?
  - d. Glueckert: In my opinion, I thought it fit better because that section talks about increasing student body awareness of ASUM, and I thought tabling fit underneath that.
  - e. **SB37-21/22 Passed Unanimously**
  - f. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- d. SB38-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 2, Subsection 4 of the ASUM House Rules
- a. Authorship (Bowles): This is working off of last week's resolution that we passed about amending House Rules to make the resolution deadline clearer in terms of how we currently deal with resolutions. This makes sure all of House Rules looks the same for what we fixed last year.
  - b. **SB38-21/22 Passed Unanimously**
  - c. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- e. SB40-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 23.6 of Fiscal Policy to Amend the Zero Base Operating Budget Application Process
- a. Authorship (BM Rinck): This reflects many necessary changes to the Zero Base Operating Budget process outlined in Section 23.0 of Fiscal Policy. I believe these changes improve three aspects of the process, those being clarity, efficiency, and fairness. Explaining the current process is necessary for understanding why this resolution is necessary; in the broadest context, the existing Zero Base process is modeled off of the previous final budgeting process. This made sense prior to the formation of the Fiscal Policy working group, and this group focused on generally providing ASUM Fiscal Policy, and our biggest accomplishment was revising the final budgeting process which this section is currently modeled from. We made it easier for student groups, Senators, and a measurably more efficient process, but we neglected to change this section of Fiscal Policy that the working group adjusted for in previous sections. The current process for Zero Base applications goes as such: A member organization submits a request to participate in the Zero Base

Process. If their request is approved, the Board then reviews the request and makes a recommendation to the Senate. The group is then afforded an opportunity to lobby to the Senate at the following Senate meeting to justify their request and their reasoning for not participating in the Spring budgeting process. At that time, the request is only provided as an informational item in the Business Manager's report but is not voted on. Then, at the ensuing Senate meeting the body has an opportunity to vote on the request. The process now could take up to three weeks. Conversely, if the group's request to participate in the Zero Base process is denied by the Board, their budget is still seen at the following Senate meeting as an informational item. At this point, the function of the Board on Budget and Finance is essentially meaningless because regardless of the Board's decision, the request is still seen by the Senate and can be approved by a two-thirds majority vote, or the Board's decision can be appealed by a two-thirds majority vote. Either way, the Board's decision will be seen before the Senate, so the current process is illogical and detracts from the agency of B&F. This resolution accomplishes many things. In terms of clarity, it affords student groups a clearly defined threshold for eligibility in the Zero Base process. The lack of clarity through the lens of a student group reading Fiscal Policy is a larger issue, this included. In terms of efficiency, this resolution greatly simplifies the process and will treat Zero Base requests similar to other budget requests. The only difference is that a member of the group will have to meet with the Business Manager prior to submitting a request to the Board to explain why they did not go through Spring budgeting. It is an opportunity for the Business Manager to vet the request and ask the group questions. This resolution accomplishes fairness in two ways by rectifying the Board's authority in this process and affording student group's the opportunity to appeal the Board's decision through written or verbal public comment. I find this resolution necessary to securing those ends of clarity, efficiency, and fairness.

- b. Authorship (Glueckert): I wanted to help with this resolution because I think it is important that our processes are accessible to student groups, and I do not think the current Zero Base process is clear. The more clearly we define Fiscal Policy, the better. I hope that you vote yes on this, especially because it outlines an appeals process.
- c. Bowles: To BM Rinck- I am confused about L83-88 where the process takes away Senate authority to appeal the Board's decisions to not fund a student group, but instead have the request appealed and sent back to the Board.
- d. BM Rinck: In any appeals process, it is rarely sent to a different body to be seen. If we brought the Senate back into the appeals process, it would not

make sense for the Board to see the request at all, because the Senate would see the request either way under the current model.

- e. Kuney: To BM Rinck- So the request can be sent to the Senate as an informational item. Is that the old way or the new way?
- f. BM Rinck: That is the old method.
- g. La'a: I am in support of this because as a student group member, the current process is not clear. I am appreciative that if we pass this, the process will officially be in the governing documents.
- h. Kuney: Thank you to the authors for putting this resolution together. I know Fiscal Policy can get overlooked in comparison to the other governing documents, but this is really useful for streamlining the process.
- i. Glueckert: I think it is worth noting that this needs a two-thirds vote to pass.
- j. Kuney: This seems fair and logical.
- k. ***SB40-21/22 Passed Unanimously***
- l. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Kiefer: One Resolution Encouraging the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library to Reinstate Pre-COVID-19 Operating Hours; to RA
  - a. Description: I reached out to a student who gave online public comment last week and this is a result of that.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **Birdinground-Kuney**; UC Called
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 pm