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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2021  
University Center (UC) – 6:00 P.M.**

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

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- a. SB41-21/22: Resolution Encouraging the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library to Reinstate Pre-COVID-19 Operating Hours

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**ASUM SENATE MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 03, 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, Birdinground, Bowles, Glueckert, Gudmundsson, Hawes, Hawthorne, Heaton, Keller, Kiefer, Kuney, McKenzie, O'Neill, Shaver, Ververis, Williams

Excused: Senators Berget, Kayne

Unexcused: Senators Jolly, La'a

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

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve by **Ververis-O'Neill**; UC Called

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Sara Betz**

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Potential bill written for courses offered by the school of music. music education technique courses be worth 2 credits rather than one. advanced ensembles be worth 2 credits rather than one.

- a. President Durnell: I would like to comment on the online public comment because this is something I have experienced in my own education. To clarify, this comment is discussing a larger problem of music credits for music performance, education, and composition degrees, which are extremely reduced. There is a big disparity, and it is particular for music and in other instances as well, such as four hours of work and one credit hour. It also comes into question with explaining the budget model. I encourage anyone to reach out to this student and see more about their motivation.
- b. Gudmundsson: To President Durnell- Is this comment a request from a student to write a resolution pursuant to this issue?
- c. President Durnell: I assume so, especially as the budget model has come into question.
- d. Bell: To President Durnell- What do you mean about the budget model?
- e. President Durnell: Music has been a subject of some questions within this model because they are unsure if the funding toward music is creditable due to the credit hours.

### 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. COVID-19 Report: The meetings on this are now biweekly primarily. Recent news that is important to see is that the Pfizer vaccine is on its way to be approved for those

aged five to eleven. Missoula has the highest vaccination rate in the state at 66% compared to 55%. UM has contributed to 5% of Missoula's COVID positive population, which is much less than the entire Missoula population. As of November 1<sup>st</sup>, there were 86 active cases and 65 in the seven day average, so again on the decline.

- a. BM Rinck: At what threshold will the recommendation for masks be lifted?
  - b. President Durnell: When it falls below the substantial transmission quota set by the CDC based on population. If you go to the county website and the data dashboard, you can see more on that information.
- b. Committee Reports
- a. President's Cabinet: This morning President's Cabinet met, and this week Senator Glueckert and Senator Ververis created and presented a presentation on the parking resolution passed last week. The demands were the same as indicated in the resolution to implement a tiered system of fining people for parking and generally increasing access. Other actionable items considered were to improve signage for parking, creating a working group to dive into this work, and thinking about how we can move students who do long term parking to a more remote location and incentivize that for a smaller sticker price. This seems like it will be more of a long term strategy.
    - i. Senator Glueckert: I think it was interesting to go to Cabinet. It was really well taken and there was a lot of great discussion that made me understand our ask and how big it is. I wanted the administration to understand that this is a student need. Although it is not a simple fix, it does need to be worked on.
    - ii. President Durnell: Presenting is an opportunity we tend to give to anyone passing a resolution.
    - iii. VP Lock: I want to reinforce that Senator Glueckert is being very modest and that the presentation was not only the best President's Cabinet so far in the semester, but one of our more well received initiatives. The presentation Senator Glueckert and Senator Ververis put together was phenomenal. The administration is looking for solutions. VP Lasiter mentioned the potential of using student fee dollars to build more parking lots on campus. There was also some discussion of trying to spread out the time courses are offered so less people are on campus at the same time. I think that is a fantastic way to stop the congestion on campus. Everyone put their heads together and collaborated. Provost Humphrey emphasized that parking is the one thing students, faculty, and staff can all get behind, so there is a lot of potential for us to continue to pursue this.
- c. Other

- a. I sent out the priorities that I have chosen from a long list of strategic enrollment priorities. A lot of them focused on additional staffing, increasing TA and RA pay, and focusing on collaboration with travel colleges and outreach to reservations and rural communities in Montana. If you want to see more, I would be happy to share those with you.

## 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Assignments
  - a. Motion by **BM Rinck-Ververis** to remove Adrianna Medina from Interview Committee; UC Called
  - b. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Hawthorne** to add Senator Erin Heaton to Relations and Affairs; UC Called
  - c. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Glueckert** to add Senator Erin Heaton to the Vice Chair position of BMAC; UC Called
  - d. Motion by **Kuney-O'Neill** to add Senator Erin Heaton to the Vice Chair position of Sustainability; UC Called
  - e. Motion by **Kuney-Heaton** to add Senator Emma Kiefer to Sustainability; UC Called; Discussion Called by BM Rinck
    - i. Authorship (Kuney): I have been chatting with Senator Kiefer about getting involved in Sustainability and I believe that I forgot to formally follow through with the process.
    - ii. BM Rinck: Senator Kiefer would be a fantastic contribution to this committee, but I want to make sure there are enough seats available.
    - iii. POI (Glueckert): You can move the Senator/SAL individual to the SAL position instead.
  - f. Motion by **Ververis-Glueckert** to approve committee assignments; UC Called
- b. BOR: The regents meeting is November 18-19, and on the 17<sup>th</sup>, MAS will meet in this room at 4:00 pm, and I welcome you all to come. Immediately after, we will have our Senate meeting at six, which I imagine some of the MAS members will attend. I encourage attendance, especially because this meeting is in Missoula, and give public comment if you would like.
  - a. Hawthorne: Will an agenda be released?
  - b. VP Lock: They will eventually, and I will send it when it is released.
- c. Other
  - a. None.

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a. Funding Requests

- a. ASUM Administration STIP Request (Requested: \$200.00; Board Approved \$200.00) (*See the request [here](#). See the cover letter [here](#).*)
- i. Authorship (Ververis\_B&F): The request is to purchase first aid kits to use by student groups on behalf of BOMO so they are available for our student groups.
  - ii. Gudmundsson: To provide context from the BOMO perspective- of the groups we have had to table or revisit, the most consistent issue we have seen is a lack of clarity or in depth response about our required questions about first aids kits. We thought we could address this by providing first aid kits.
  - iii. VP Lock: This definitely has my full support. These will be delivered to the office, and how will they be distributed?
  - iv. BM Rinck: We currently require student groups to have a general knowledge of access to first aid kits on campus, and these will be kept in the office and will have our Office Manager or Student Group Coordinator house these so student groups can grab them when needed.
  - v. President Durnell: I do think there are items in a first aid kit that are disposable. Is there a mechanism to replace those?
  - vi. BM Rinck: I do not have a specific answer yet, but I might encourage student gropes that meet in variable place to budget for a first aid kit during final budgeting, or I could have our Office Manager keep a general track of the kits. We will be removing medications because we cannot distribute those, so we should be able to track the rest.
  - vii. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to approve the request in the full amount of \$200.00; UC Called
- b. Grizzly Stomp STIP Request (Requested: \$1,150.00; Board Approved: \$1,150.00) (*See the request [here](#). See the cover letter [here](#). See the spec sheet [here](#).*)
- i. Authorship (Ververis\_B&F): Grizzly Stomp is requesting to purchase two new speakers for their group. This had been tabled for a week because the Board had questions regarding storage of the items, and the group stated that previously speakers had been held at one of their

- officer's homes and that the Office Manager tracked its location. With that clarification, we approved the request in full.
- ii. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Heaton** to approve the request in the full amount of \$1,150.00; UC Called
- c. Cru Travel Request (Requested: \$161.25; Board Approved: \$162.00) *(See the request [here](#). See the cover letter [here](#).)*
    - i. Authorship (Ververis\_B&F): This is a request also tabled for a week because the Board had questions about who was traveling. The clarification from the group was that the cars that were up for reimbursement for mileage were all student group members, so the Board elected to approve in the amount of \$162.00.
    - ii. Motion by **Kuney-Gudmundsson** to approve the request in the full amount of \$162.00; UC Called
  - d. CutBank Zero Base Request (Requested: \$6,125.00; Board Approved: \$4,349.00) *(See the request [here](#). See the cover letter [here](#).)*
    - i. BM Rinck: We approved this request in a lump sum and did not go line by line. It has not been approved correctly.
    - ii. Motion by **Ververis-Kuney** to send the request back to the Board; UC Called
- b. Group Recognition
    - a. Lambda Alliance
    - b. Whitewater Club
    - c. American String Teacher's Association
    - d. Grizzly Stomp
    - e. Choirs Club
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    - h. Percussion Club
    - i. Wildlife Society
    - j. 1000 New Gardens
      - i. Motion by **Birdingground-Kuney** to approve all listed groups; UC Called
- c. Birthdays
    - a. Secretary Berna ☺
  - d. Other
    - a. There are a lot of computer screens out tonight, and I want everyone to make sure they are paying attention to the meeting. If you are not using your computer for Senate-related activities, make sure you hold yourself to a high code of honor.



## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Senator Bowles**

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

The Relations and Affairs Committee met on Sunday October 31st, at 12:00 pm to discuss one resolution: Resolution Encouraging the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library to Reinstate Pre-COVID19 Operating Hours. The resolution went through minimal line level edits, which consisted of correcting the numbers of students on line 41. It then passed unanimously to the senate.

### **Senator Kiefer**

#### **Basic Needs Committee**

The Basic Needs Committee met on Tuesday, November 2nd at 3pm in UC 215 and over Zoom. The Committee began with introductions and goals for the semester and academic year. The Food Pantry gave an update on fall semester projects, and the Committee talked extensively about Can the Cats, which starts on November 6th, 2021. We talked about ensuring that collaboration across campus is functioning and that departments are coordinating events like warm clothing drives, personal hygiene product drives, food drives, and other collection campaigns. For example, the Food Pantry and the Davidson Honors College are each running donation drives at the moment, and it makes it easier to coordinate and collaborate with two teams running under the same drive. The Committee also discussed a resolution encouraging Campus Dining to initiate a round-up campaign for customers that contributes to a fund for fulfilling basic needs for students. This fund would be on a rotating schedule that has not yet been determined. The Committee decided to postpone the resolution to allow for more time to revise and to gather more information from the relevant campus stakeholders.

Additionally, I am working with Bear Necessities Director Kat Cowley on an initiative to get free and private showers and laundry stations available to students, particularly for unhoused students who struggle to meet basic needs surrounding hygiene. This is a project meant to focus on dignity and respect for each other. Currently, we are working on a Qualtrics survey to be sent out to the student body to gauge the need for a shower and laundry station and to assess what our next steps are towards completing and maintaining this project.

Please feel free to reach out to me or the other Senators serving on the Basic Needs Committee with any questions.

Below are additional notes from Director Cowley:

#### 11-2 ASUM Basic Needs Committee Meeting Notes

- Program Updates

- Food Pantry: Hilary is gearing up for Can the Cats (Nov 6-20), look to Food Pantry social media for volunteer opportunities. Personal/Hygiene products drive is ongoing (thanks to Collin, Latiné Student Union, Women's Resource Center, and the Women's Law Caucus for organizing!).
- Bear Necessities: Kat is already receiving referrals, most of which are having to do with landlord tenant issues or financial difficulties, they will be set up on Navigate within the month. Kat is presenting with Adrienne at Diverse U on Wednesday 11/3 at noon. A number of special projects are already underway!
- Ongoing projects
  - Can the Cats: donation bins are going out soon, the Food Pantry is in need of volunteers on November 19<sup>th</sup> to collect on campus donation bins and volunteers on November 20<sup>th</sup> for the Brawl of the Wild game. A number of food drives are being organized on campus also by ASUM, FSI, DHC, and other student organizations.
  - Friendsgiving: will take place on Nov. 23, 3-5 in the UC Commons. Keep an eye out for more info!
  - Winter Clothing Drive: Collin has reached out to VP Canyon Lock about working with the senate to do a winter clothing drive and has yet to hear back. Adri informed us that PIC is also working on a winter drive, which the Food Pantry will follow up on with the hopes of collaborating.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB41-21/22: Resolution Encouraging the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library to Reinstate Pre-COVID-19 Operating Hours
  - a. Authorship (Kiefer): This came as a result of public comment a few weeks ago on this topic. In the interest of making students know we care about them; I did some research and wrote this. I am sure there are more resources that the library offers, but there is an extensive list here. Access to these resources is a core part of our education because we are all students first here. Having access to the library is a vital part of that. Many other campuses across the US not only operate late at night, but also 24/7, which is something I would hope we work toward, especially because UM wants to be a R1 resolution. The library is also an important part of accessibility services. I worked for the Office of Disability Equity for years, and I can speak to how important these resources are. I know some will be concerned about how the library will find funding for normal hours, but I hope this can be seen for what it is, a request. I want this to be a wider push to the university and the MUS to put funding in our libraries, which is the core of our educational experience. The library lost a lot of financial support in recent years, despite how integral it is for faculty and students at UM.

- b. Motion by **O’Neill** to amend L27 to correctly reflect the name of the program;  
Ruled Friendly by Author
- c. Ververis: I want to thank Senator Kiefer for taking the initiative on that public comment. This is a very well put together resolution and includes a lot of information, so I encourage everyone to vote yes.
- d. O’Neill: To Kiefer- Have you been able to discuss with the Interim Dean of the library any ideas about how you would fund this? I understand that this is a request though.
- e. Kiefer: I think they want to go back to previous operating hours and finding budget is part of a continuing problem. I am hoping that this can be a first step in encouraging more funding for the library.
- f. Williams: To Kiefer- Is the correct title for Xavier Kneedler-Shorten be Dean of?
- g. Motion by **Williams** to amend L64 to read “Assistant to the Dean of Media Information”; Ruled Friendly by Author
- h. ***SB41-21/22 Passed Unanimously***
- i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ververis: One Resolution Amending the ASUM Bylaws Regarding the DEI Committee; to RA
  - a. Description: The committee got together and decided to change some of the charges, so we are proposing those.
- b. President Durnell: One Resolution Revising Fiscal Policy Section 19.0 ASUM Loan Fund; to RA
  - a. Description: This revises the current ASUM Loan Fund to make it more accessible and clarifying some procedure.
- c. President Durnell: One Resolution Endorsing Open Education Resources; to RA
  - a. Description: This resolution is co-authored by VP Lock. It is endorsing these resources on this campus and the larger MUS system. This specifically looks into zero-textbook cost icons in course registration.
- d. Glueckert: One Resolution Encouraging Faculty to Include Mental Health, Wellness, and Basic Needs Resources in Syllabi; to RA
  - a. Description: This encourages more of these resources to be offered to students by professors.
- e. VP Lock: One Resolution Urging the UM Foundation, the University of Montana, and Students to Form a Working Group to Explore Fossil Fuel Divestments
  - a. Description: I ask that this university does what MSU did and explore divestment.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **Shaver-Kuney**; UC Called
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 6:42 pm