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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 2021
University Center (UC) – 6:00 P.M.**

Public Comment Zoom Meeting ID: 941 9891 2038

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**ASUM SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 10, 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 6:01 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, Kuney, La'a, McKenzie, O'Neill, Shaver, Ververis, Williams

Excused: Senators Kayne, Kiefer

See the roll call [here](#).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve the November 3, 2021 Minutes by **Ververis-Hawthorne**; UC Called

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Vickie Rectenwald (ASUM Accountant): I joined ASUM in August and it was a return to ASUM because I previously worked as a student bus driver and transit supervisor. I am a College of Business alum with degrees in Marketing and International Business, and I left Missoula for a while to study for a Master's degree in Spain before returning. I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication. I do a lot of things behind the scenes gathering information and processing transactions as a result of your decisions. Thank you.

Online Public Comment

Kat Cowley

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I am excited that the senate will be seeing my resolution to make changes in Fiscal Policy to make the ASUM short term loan program more accessible and equitable to students! This resolution was written by myself in collaboration with the Business Manager,

ASUM Accountant, and ASUM President. I believe that we are all in agreement that these changes are overdue and in the best interest of students. By removing the 2.0 GPA eligibility requirement, we are not only increasing access to this loan fund at a time when emergency aid is hard to come by, we are also sending the message to students that we see them as more than their grades. All other changes being made through this resolution are meant to streamline the loan application process, and further define which parties should be involved. Thank you for taking the time to review this resolution, please feel free to reach out to my office should any other questions come up! I will be available to President Durnell during the meeting by cell should urgent questions come up.

Hilary Rosa

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Dear Senators, the 22nd annual Can the Cats food drive competition is currently underway, and many departments across campus have gone to great lengths to create fun opportunities for engagement to support this cause. Events of this sort take massive amounts of planning, coordination, and effort to pull off. This event in particular will require the help of several volunteers on Nov. 18th, 19th, and 20th. I would encourage you all to partake of this opportunity to participate in a community-wide effort to combat food insecurity, either by signing up to volunteer your time, or by helping to spread the word on social media. The link to our volunteer signup can be found at the top of the UM Pantry's Facebook page and within the Can the Cats UM Press release (which can be found at umt.edu/news). Thank you for your consideration and for all the great work you do!

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Designated Speakers: Jordan Hess, Director of ASUM Transportation and David Strohmaier, Missoula County Commissioner
 - a. Hess: I am your ASUM Transportation Director, and we are here to talk about an initiative of ASUM and a community goal, and that is the restoration of passenger rail in Montana. Dave has been active in working to get passenger rail restored to Southern Montana. The mission of our office is to promote and provide transportation options, which extends beyond getting to campus, such as visiting family and for recreation. One of the biggest reasons students bring a car to campus is access to their hometown and recreation areas. ASUM has been involved in this advocacy work over the past decade and we want to update you on these developments.
 - b. Strohmaier: Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority (BSPRA) is a new authority. We had passenger rail up to 1979 in Missoula. BSPRA furthers the health, safety, and economic prosperity of the region by advocating for rail as a

public transportation option. We put together a MT coalition of counties to further this mission. State law allows this to happen, and we assembled our Board of Directors in January of this year with 17 counties with one representative from each on the board. There was a fairly robust system through the 60s and going forward, there was a lot of loss in the system. We recently completed a socioeconomic analysis thanks to the Western Transportation institute and Rail Passengers' Association to see projected ridership estimates, with an excess of 400,000 riders per year estimated. In terms of economic benefits of this service; the communities and states impacted would accrue over \$270M in economic benefits. Over 60,000 riders in MT per year is estimated, which contributes to over \$44M annually. Our work does not stop at the boundaries of MT, and we have conducted outreach to adjoining states because it is only going to work if we have that added connectivity. It is a next step that we have not activated in the past. Montana State University shows they want to be a partner in this. As much as this is a look to the past to take some cues as to what a system like this might be and how it may provide service, it is not just about the past. It is about creating a system that works for us in the future which means creating a system that provides transit options between our communities and outlying areas. Something momentous occurred in the past week. The US House of Representatives passed the USDOT that includes critical things for passenger rail: \$15M in direction to the US Secretary of Transportation to conduct a nationwide study of renewed rail service. Those routes that affect MT can be studied this way. I do not want to come back to your successors ten years from now and have this exact same conversation. I want to be able to say that all of us played a role. We are going to advocate for creating a greater Northwest working group to look beyond MT, complete additional socioeconomic studies, and finalize route selection. We also want to strengthen regional collaborations, which is really what we are talking about tonight. I spoke with President Bodnar about how UM can do similar things in partnership that MSU has done. The story that I am trying to sketch tonight extends beyond passenger rail. We have it within our power to bring this back after 42 years, but I cannot think of an instance where Missoula County has ever collaborated with counties well beyond it. We have this diverse collection of counties coming to the table for something that is a joint interest for all of us, and that is an inspiration for me and hopefully for you. (www.bigskyrail.org)

- c. Hess: Dave's point is spot on because advocates have been working on this ever since passenger rail ended. ASUM circulated a petition in the late 2000s that was critical, but the time is now, especially now that the infrastructure bill passed. A few of the things that come to mind that ASUM can do is passing a

resolution in support of passenger rail, and transportation would be happy to draft that. President Durnell has submitted letters of support for grant applications on this topic. Thinking beyond the confines of the university and the city of Missoula, ASUM could engage the Montana Associated Students and create a statewide statement in support of this to show support for the larger system, and we would be happy to help with that. Circulating calls for volunteers or creating a working group within MAS would be helpful as well. I will be in touch and working with the Executive team to bring forth these proposals. Thank you for your time and consideration.

- i. VP Lock: Thank you both for being here. I think giving MAS direction is a great idea. You mentioned that this is a project for the 21st century and I am wondering if there was any discussion about the sustainability of these trains?
- ii. Strohmaier: Yes, there has been discussion. The Milwaukee Road that passed through Missoula was electrified through the early part of the 20th century. To the extent that one of the main reasons for embracing passenger rail is sustainability and efficiency. That might not be the first iteration right out of the shoot.
- iii. VP Lock: This is a very timely conversation for us. Rail will touch a lot of aspects of student lives, so I am happy to support this.
- iv. Hess: We talk about sustainability being broader than our environmental impact but also the social aspect. Transportation is the second largest household cost and in-state tuition is cheaper than the average Triple-A cost of owning a vehicle. If we can make alternatives where students did not have to have cars, that would be huge in terms of meeting students' basic needs.
- v. Ververis: Thank you for joining us. Did you have pushback from those counties that are non-participating members of the working group or are they simply not involved yet?
- vi. Strohmaier: The counties not shaded at all on the map; we did not extend an invitation to them to join the authority because they would not be bisected by the routes we want to restore. The other counties in gray ought to be part of the authority due to the service line. The answer is complex. Counties and local government jurisdictions typically focus inwardly on their jurisdiction, so what we are doing technically falls outside of the norm. Counties typically do not do this kind of work and change is always difficult, so the thought of working across county and state lines can be daunting. The only way these jurisdictions will see the benefit of passenger rail is if we work together. Another cluster of reasons is the typical skepticism of

passenger rail in general, and thinking it is not in our future or is just nostalgic. I often also hear that the federal government ought not to be subsidizing transportation, but passenger rail pays for itself the way any other mode of transportation pays for itself.

- vii. BM Rinck: Thank you both for coming. In the wake of the infrastructure bill, how does MT and the counties participating seek and gain that funding? Does that occur at the federal level, or will we see that at the legislative session?
- viii. Strohmaier: One of the reasons why we established the rail authority is because the state legislature was not very helpful in getting us to the point where we tried to achieve our goal here. This is primarily going to be a federal project in conjunction with Amtrak. In more populous states, the states themselves can effectively play a role because of their larger population, but that is not a possibility in rural America. We are all about being the broker for this deal and setting ourselves up for success. Everything we are doing with the studies to the community engagement is meant to make the case to federal members that this project is desired by the region and feasible to be pulled off.
- ix. Gudmundsson: Thank you both. Is there any appetite now or any expectation of it for expanding or reinvigorating those other rail lines in Northern and Central Montana?
- x. Strohmaier: Absolutely. The harder nut to crack is Ravalli County. From a project implementation and financing standpoint a route is considered long distance if it is over 750 miles long and the federal government would pay for it, but anything shorter would have to be state supported. One of the letters of support I received from all of you related to the economic development and administration grant is not only going to look at the route selection and socioeconomic access, but also those other possible routes. We oftentimes forget is that there is a whole other country to the North of us, and Alberta has nearly 4-times the population of MT, so it makes sense to look at that North-South connectivity.
- xi. Kuney: Could you estimate what the time span is to see that route to be fully completed?
- xii. Strohmaier: In my wildly optimistic dreams, 3-5 years would be likely because we are waiting for the President to sign into law the act that will provide funding for this. Even if after that we have the engineering and environmental analyses completed, there is a severe backlog in the ability to order the physical train sets that would operate

on these lines. They need to construct the trainsets and that is probably a 3-5 year undertaking if you put the order in right now.

- xiii. Kuney: Who would the construction of the rail fall onto?
- xiv. Strohmaier: The infrastructure would be owned by BNSF or whoever the rail company would be. That is my best guess right now, but the stations could be owned by the communities which would be hosting those facilities or may be owned by the rail authority.
- xv. Glueckert: I was wondering the level of tribal involvement here?
- xvi. Strohmaier: State statute prescribes that only counties can be official members, and counties can appoint anyone they want. There is no provision that allows for tribal nations to be members of the rail authority, but it was the railroads that effectively destroyed many tribal cultures throughout the west and now we are seeing somewhat of a reverse for transportation equity and social equity. Recognizing that, we have created ex-officio non-voting members for CSKT, Northern Cheyenne, and Crow tribes, the latter two of which are currently open seats. We have a strong working relationship with CSKT and look forward to continuing our work with them.
- xvii. VP Lock: What is the name of the Northern rail line?
- xviii. Strohmaier: It is called "The Empire Builder".
- xix. VP Lock: Is there any intent to change that name?
- xx. Strohmaier: We have had enough on our plate here in the Southern part of the state to take on the renaming yet, but there is a lot in that phrase that is objectionable and that can be worked on.
- xxi. Hess: There is a parallel effort to create a statewide advocacy operation to support the work of the rail authority and create some unity around rail issues across the state. There is some tendency to feel threatened to reestablish rail through Southern Montana that could threaten Northern Montana rail routes, but this nonprofit could look at statewide issues, including the renaming.

b. COVID-19 Report

- a. Country Trends: As of November 9, there are 52 new cases in Missoula County and a 49 case weekly average. Those two reported of zero cases are not necessarily zero cases, but cases have been lower. 67.2% of the eligible Missoula population is vaccinated above 12 years of age. There 50-100 cases per 1000 people on a county level indicating an 8-10 positive rate. It is anticipated that it will still be a little while before that settles.
- b. Instructional Planning Group: They discussed auxiliary spaces for experiential learning groups who want to use larger spaces to facilitate their courses. IPG

- wants to prioritize those spaces for groups doing experiential learning and who need those buildings, such as ensemble and dance students.
- c. Campus Preparedness Response Group: The group had a lot to say regarding the Biden Executive Order that would require federally contracted employees to be fully vaccinated by December 8. OCHE has issued guidance for universities to form working groups to determine who is a federally contracted employee considering that this could overturn state order. MT is included in those states where the Attorney General is advocating against the Executive Order in interest of state legislation. They are waiting on a decision to determine if injunctive relief is granted and if it is, the December 8 decision is otherwise null. It is my hopes I can join this working group as a student representative to liberally interpret the meaning of a contracted employee.
 - d. COVID-19 Survey: The survey is officially closed, and the numbers are currently being crunched. We do know that the quantity of people taking the survey is justification for expanding on previously proposed resolutions so they can see that. The working group about employees is looking to see that data as well.
- c. Committee Reports
- a. Shared Governance: We met Friday and we talked about how OCHE has had communications with faculty, and they encouraged Faculty Senate to focus on DEI and retention efforts. ASUM is also obliged to include those efforts, especially pursuant to our other resolutions. Also discussed is the development of the Missoula Museum of Arts and Culture. One thing not mentioned to a lot of individuals in terms of parking is that the museum would be placed directly on the Adams Center parking lot and there were anecdotal plans for parking additions, but there are current plans to build on that space.
 - b. Faculty Senate, President's Cabinet: There was conversation about faculty burnout concerns, and they want to collect data on that as those issues are compounded with COVID-19. I expressed interest in following up at the next BOR meeting. It is something that should be on your radar, and it is a parallel issue for students too. Student grades are deteriorating and so are attendance rates, so if you have experiences or recommendations, please let me know and I will direct them to Kimber McKay. Faculty Senate member J. Brody is also proposing a divestment resolution to Faculty Senate, so I am sure we will hear more on that soon.
- d. Other
- a. President Durnell: The BOR meeting is next week. Make sure to respond to my email by 12:00 pm tomorrow so we know who will be attending. Make sure you register in addition to responding to me. It will also ask if you want to purchase a ticket, please say no. Ticketing is open for the Cat-Griz game

and I am working to make sure MAS members and other visiting members and all of you can get in the game for free. Please make sure you get your student ticket and your guest ticket as soon as possible. I just sent out the agenda before this meeting. If you are interested in giving public comment it will be in the lower half of the calendar. I will be presenting on the depth of the Senate's work recently. If you want to give comment and are unsure of what to say, please come talk to me and I can work on ideas with you, and I suggest looking at their agenda as well to think about what you might like to say. As you draft these comments, make sure they are concise, very respectful, and I am happy to help you refine those if you have questions.

- b. President Durnell: We had an agency director reach out with concerns about staff members being sensitive to perfumes or colognes that are really strong. I think it is an allergy, so be mindful of that if you plan to be in the ASUM office and we will try to mitigate that for the health of our staff.

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Senate Morale: Let me first extend my gratitude for the time, energy, and emotion that each of you has contributed to our Senate team this year. To date, we have passed resolutions at a record breaking pace, kept attrition the lowest it has been at this point in the semester in at least ten years, formed an exceedingly valuable sense of community, and done much to bring ASUM back from the dark place it was in at the end of last year. This is attributable to you all, and every single one of you has contributed to these efforts in a unique way by drawing on your individual talents and attributes. I am sincere in saying that I struggle to imagine this group with a single one of you missing, and that I cannot quantify in words my affection for our Senate in its entirety and for all of the incredible student representatives that compose it. With that being said, I think it is worth acknowledging the challenging point in the semester and year in which we now find ourselves. As the weather changes, as the days get darker faster, and as academic stress increases as we barrel towards the end of the semester, we run the risk of allowing ourselves to waiver in our efficacy as representatives of student interests. I myself feel tired, stressed, and in need of a break. Many of you have expressed to me that you feel similar things, and I do not think it is unreasonable to assume that those of you who have not said as much directly may be feeling the same way. A break is coming – between the end of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester, nothing will be required of you in your position as a Senator. We are only five short weeks away from a much needed break. That means that, after we adjourn tonight, we will have only four more meetings before the end of the semester. As we make this final push, I ask that we reaffirm our commitment to serving the students of this university to the absolute best of our abilities. Let us seriously consider the enormity of the advocacy we have

accomplished as a team to date, as well as the importance of continuing and improving upon the efforts we have already made. Let us reflect on the truly substantial and vital role that each of us play in holding our university accountable to the students that fund it. I am very much indebted to you all for making my job so easy by working so hard. Still, I am obliged by my position to continuously challenge you all to expand upon your many contributions to our Association. Our Spring semester will be characterized first by budgeting and then by elections – both of which will take up a huge amount of the Senate’s attention. As such, the time is now for you to make use of your position and to pursue a chosen initiative with the entirety of your attention. I challenge those of you who have not done so to write a Resolution, which I maintain, as I have since the beginning of the semester, is the single best way for you to integrate yourself entirely into ASUM and to better understand the many challenges facing our university. If you are struggling to come up with your own idea for a resolution, President Durnell and I have a laundry list of initiatives that we frankly need assistance in drafting into bills. I know that being a student is exhausting. I know also that involvement with ASUM is exhausting. Doing both at the same time has a way of feeling nearly impossible – and yet, you all amaze me week in and week out by far exceeding my expectations. I am deeply grateful. I am asking that we renew our determination to advocate for students and make UM a better place, and I am extending myself to you all in any way I can to help you do so. I cannot wait to see what we accomplish in the remainder of this semester and in the Spring.

b. Committee Assignments

a. Library Committee: Meets the 2nd Monday of every month from 4:00-5:00 pm.

b. Writing Committee: Meets every other Monday from 10:00-11:00 am.

i. Kunev: I can serve on that committee. *[This will be discussed as a motion in the upcoming meeting.]*

ii. Gudmundsson: I think I speak for everyone when I say when that was fun. I would maybe evaluate that transition at the end. I think otherwise it was lovely.

iii. McKenzie: What is on levels 1 and 2?

iv. VP Lock: Books and additional study spaces.

v. Glueckert: There are study corrals on the second floor as well. I think they definitely need to move that acknowledgement transition because that seems insincere in the area it is in right now. Perhaps it should be at the beginning or end. Other than that, it was really cool.

vi. Berget: They do not talk about the library security very much and that is important. When you are there very late and there are not many

others, the library seems kind of sketchy, so this is something they should touch on.

- vii. Williams: I think there are some additional resources I would like to see mentioned, including that you can rent laptops for a week at a time and renew your rental. You can also rent a camera and microphone for your Zoom classes. I think the video was really sweet and it is nice that they want to show incoming students that, as having this sense of familiarity can be very helpful.
- viii. Kuney: That was alright. I agree that the disclaimer was in a funky spot, and I think the beginning of that would be a great place to put it. But it was very 2000's middle school English class vibes for me. The information was very good, and they could include the seed library that is there, and maybe add more music and less talking.
- ix. Shaver: With the upbeat tone of the video, I feel like a serious acknowledgement would be better at the end because you do not want to open it up with that sincere acknowledgement and then it starts with the upbeat transition. The end might be the best place. I do believe it felt like a 2008 Kickstarter video. It is great seeing those services, but it could be a bit more serious, but the message as it stands is quite alright with me.
- x. Birdinground: I would like to reiterate statements on the placement of the land acknowledgement. I would like to see that at the end, but overall, I think the video was great. It got its point across, but I felt like it was very 2008 upbeat, so a change in style might be preferred.
- xi. McKenzie: Maybe I missed it but stating what the library hours are might be helpful. In addition to the comments on the excitement of the video; when you are coming in as a new student you might be shown a lot of professional videos, so the excitement can be very helpful. So I suggest they keep that upbeat attitude but put the land acknowledgement in an appropriate place.
- xii. Hawes: UM has an official land acknowledgment developed with tribal members so I would encourage the library to actually use that instead of say it in the way that they did, which sounded slightly unprofessional to me. That can be found on the American Indian Government and Policy website.
- xiii. Jolly: I know they talked about the reference center hours but including the whole library hours would be great. I echo previous sentiments about the land acknowledgement, and I think it would probably be best fit at the end of the video.

- xiv. Bell: I wonder if they could refilm it and have the girl who did the video do the land acknowledgement, which might make it feel more continuous. It is a video for freshman, so I think it should be upbeat. I think the tone of the video was perfectly fine.
- xv. Ververis: I wish they would have said a bit more about the archives because I know that excited me. I would state something about the lack of late fees for books. To respond to the land acknowledgement stuff; I feel it is important to tailor it to what the entity is doing, so I thought the land acknowledgement here was talking about the knowledge of the First People and incorporating that. I think the current one is appropriate but should be placed differently.
- xvi. Hawthorne: I think once this gets final checks, this can have a place in orientation. I think it would be beneficial to show that to first years before they have to use it.
- xvii. BM Rinck: I reiterate Senator Kiefer's thoughts about including information about the archives. I think adding in the hours and security, as well as resources about how to get home safely would be helpful. They did not include anything about academic journals or looking up texts, which would be beneficial.
- xviii. Heaton: As someone who went to the library for the first time today, I was very confused, and this video would have been extremely helpful. I still do not know what is on the fourth floor, so I wish that information was included as well.
- xix. Williams: I did not realize the intent was to send this to students before they get to campus. I do not know if I love that idea. I like the previous idea about having it incorporated into orientation so it is more active rather than a link that might just sit in someone's inbox.
- xx. Glueckert: To give more context on land acknowledgement; after some research and communications I have been a part of, Salena Beaumont-Hill said it is important to have the acknowledgement tailored to what the group is doing. I understand that the university has their own phrasing, but it is important to tailor it because land acknowledgements are very easily performative.
- xxi. Kuney: I am torn on this. Part of me agrees that it is fun and simple, but I also think it is kind of cheesy. I might be more engaged if I saw this at orientation if it was more professional, maybe less talking and more music. All of the emails I got during orientation I did not always check or read, so I think students might brush past it if it is introduced that way. The easiest way in my opinion would be through orientation.

- xxii. McKenzie: I think if it is an orientation type video it will be helpful, so they do not get lost when navigating this part of campus.
 - xxiii. Jolly: I have seen other videos put out by the university where they have a member of a tribe speak and give that land acknowledgement, so that might be a possibility that can be more beneficial than the pictures currently included. A large number of students will see it so that may be better.
 - xxiv. Hawthorne: Having to sit through orientation while running it, there are a lot of PowerPoints and talking, so I think something quick and with this kind of video being more lighthearted might be nice.
 - xxv. Shaver: I feel like I would not have remembered this video at all if it was not for the upbeat attitude and the weird placement of the acknowledgement. I am also torn.
 - xxvi. BM Rinck: I think synthesizing some of this in an email will be effective and official.
 - xxvii. Motion by **Shaver-Gudmundsson** to add himself [Senator Shaver] to Library Committee; UC Called
- c. Board of Regents: President Durnell went over this information during his report.
 - d. Committee Report
 - a. International Council: We mostly had Mary Kreta and John present to talk specifically about international students and international enrollment. They talked specifically about international students and how the market for international recruitment is sparse right now. A pertinent piece of information is that OCHE has changed its guidance on who can travel to level 4 countries based on COVID rating, so universities have more determination of this, meaning international travel will be more open. International Education Week is next week and there will be events around campus I encourage you all to check out.
 - b. Faculty Senate: I spoke with Faculty Senate last Thursday and I spoke about housing, parking on campus, and TA and RA wages. I got some good feedback there. As President Durnell mentioned, there was some concerning information presented about treatment of staff on campus, so I encourage you to extend your gratitude to staff. There was a mention of student staff being yelled at by faculty when they were not able to fix something through IT and that merits this group's attention.
 - e. Other
 - a. Please do not talk when you are sitting next to each other. It is extremely difficult to give a report when others are speaking. Please give speakers your attention.

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 - ii. O'Neill: To Ververis- I noticed on the ASUM Whitewater Club Zero Base request it said that the items are priced at \$95.50. Is that an updated request on the STIP now or should it have been 95.50?
 - iii. Ververis: The price noted in the STIP request was \$105.
 - iv. President Durnell: I also noticed that in the associated budgeting request associated [Zero Base]. Did they just decide that STIP would be a better way to fund that?
 - v. BM Rinck: I encouraged them to submit a STIP request for this capital purchase.
 - vi. Motion by **Williams-O'Neill** to fund the request in the Board approved amount of \$525.00; UC Called
- b. Whitewater Club Zero Base Request (Requested Amount: \$2,989.50; Board Approved: \$1,709.00) *See the request [here](#). See the associated cover letter [here](#).*
 - i. Ververis (B&F Authorship): We received information from BM Rinck from the club about their priorities. From that discussion, we heard that their priorities were the pool sessions and t-shirts of which the pool sessions are more heavily used by the groups. We opted to fund those items first. There was discussion about the total request amount, and we based this off of our procedure during budgeting last year.
 - ii. Motion by **Kuney-La'a** to fund line item 62204 in the requested amount; UC Called; Discussion Called by Ververis
 1. Kuney: Looking at the justification for their educational and training supplies, I think this would be one of the more

important line items to fund because they are practicing in the Spring.

2. Ververis: We did not fund this through the Board, I just wanted to note that before we call unanimous. I am open to questions.
 3. Glueckert: I do not think we should fund this line item because based on the info we got from B&F, we know what the group wants to fund, and the items they want to fund are in the B&F recommendation section. I think we should approve those first. Funding in full is not something we have done for other student groups.
 4. President Durnell: I want to ask additional questions about justification for the current funding model. For the sake of this specific request as well, there is a lot of precedent for activity groups to seek STIP funding for equipment materials, and I think this would fall under this in particular. Things not accommodated by a STIP request should likely be funded first.
 5. BM Rinck: I have the same inclination to view funding this through STIP, but they only last one year, so they may not necessarily be STIP eligible.
 6. O'Neill: I do recall in the cover letter that it is easy for these training supplies to be burnt through pretty quickly. If we were going to expand the budget anywhere, we might want to support that through training, because it is incredibly easy to get hurt doing these activities.
 7. Motion withdrawn by **Kuney-La'a**.
- iii. President Durnell: To Ververis- You said that 60-70% is the average percentage for groups to be funded through Zero Base. Is that pertaining to a category and has this group been put into a category?
1. BM Rinck: This group has been categorized as student interest and they were roughly 70% funded.
 2. President Durnell: What is the funding yield currently?
 3. BM Rinck: I believe 69% funded.
 4. Ververis: We removed the money for skirts, so if you are calculating, please remove that STIP request amount. 9
- iv. President Durnell: This budget looks very healthy because it follows a precedent from the prior year. I compliment the Board for their placement of funding in each category. Student groups have to fund within the category. This is dispersed in three categories so if they decided later on that their priorities have changed, they could move

between the line items in each specific category. I am interested in approving line items as they currently stand.

- v. Motion by **Gudmundsson** to approve 62280 in board amount seconded by Kuney; UC Called
- vi. Williams: Why are we using this percentage of the budget as a way to evaluate how much to fund them? Theoretically, a group could put in a huge request and have the majority of it funded that way.
 1. BM Rinck: 70% is not set in stone but is typically something we do during final budgeting. We are doing it for this request specifically because Zero Base is a large, healthy account, but I think it would be unfair to fund Zero Base in full because they could get more of a budget during Zero Base rather than final budgeting, which is more restricted. We agreed that it was an appropriate amount to fund through.
 2. Williams: What was the average amount of budgets during the last budgeting session?
 3. BM Rinck: It varied a lot.
- vii. Motion by **Glueckert-Gudmundsson** to fund line item 62528 in the amount of \$400.00; UC Called
- viii. President Durnell: From my own experiences in budgeting, Zero Base requests follow budgeting in that fiscal year, and we like to stay with precedent here. One of the facts that I know is that the largest funded group was in the amount of \$4,500. It is consistent with certain membership recommendations as well. If they were to reach a certain limit, that is when we start talking about breaking that measurement, and that can be a breach of equity. This budget currently is much lower than in previous.
- ix. POI (Williams): If we calculate the percent of the budget funded after taking the STIP request out, it is 48%.
 - x. POI (Glueckert): 69.3% is the actual amount.
 - xi. POI (Ververis): You take the \$525.00 out of the total amount, the numerator stays the same, and that yields the 69%.
- xii. Motion by **Kuney- La'a** to fund line item 62881 in the amount of \$652.00; UC Called
- xiii. Motion by **President Durnell** to approve the budget; Motion Ruled Dilatory due to Unfunded Line Items
- xiv. Motion by **Ververis-La'a** to fund line items 62857, 62204, and 62210 as a slate in the amount of \$0.00; UC Called
- xv. Motion by **President Durnell-Kuney** to approve the budget; UC Called

- c. Cutbank Zero Base Request (Requested Amount: \$6,125.00; Board Approved: \$4,349.00) *See the request [here](#). See the associated cover letter [here](#).*
 - i. Ververis (B&F Authorship): We funded this group relative to the allocation board last year for groups of the same kind, specifically The Oval and another publication group. The Board funded printing in the amount of \$4,349.00, which is relative to the percentage of other groups.
 - ii. VP Lock: I want to point out that this is by far the largest request we have seen this year and I want to encourage you all to look at everything and raise any questions you might have. I have noticed a few times that people move to approve line items and then look at how much they are funding, so I encourage you to check the amount first before making that motion.
 - iii. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to fund line item 62214 in the amount of \$4,349.00; UC Called; Discussion Called by Williams
 1. Glueckert: I think we should fund in the amount recommend by the Board. B&F has been going through a process of funding groups via the precedent sent last year, so I feel confident funding this amount.
 2. Williams: To Ververis- What was the rationale for the amount the Board decided to fund?
 3. Ververis: The rationale is that it is the percentage is relative to other groups who requested a budget of this sort, such as the Oval and CAMAS magazine. It was also our understanding that they typically fundraise for the rest of the amount they are looking for.
 4. POO (President Durnell): We cannot bring up outside funding while funding groups, so that [previous] comment should be ruled dilatory.
 5. Kuney: To BM Rinck- When it specifies two print issues, is there a particular number of copies in each print issue?
 6. POI (BM Rinck): They put out a couple rounds of the magazine each year, and it is specified further in the request.
 7. *Motion passed unanimously.*
 - iv. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Ververis** to fund line item 62304 in the Board approved amount of \$0.00; UC Called
 - v. Motion by **Kuney-O'Neill** to approve the budget; UC Called
 - vi. President Durnell: To BM Rinck- For the interest of the Senate insofar as to what regulations there are in our Fiscal Policy regarding budgeting, where can they look for information?

- vii. BM Rinck: Fiscal Policy section 9.0 Student Appropriations has the final budgeting processed outlined in order and section 3.4 guarantees student rights in terms of what we can and cannot do with talking about funding and being non-discriminatory toward groups.
 - viii. Glueckert: To BM Rinck- In the past we have not been able to refer to other student groups when talking about the student group at hand. What is your policy on that?
 - ix. BM Rinck: That is what we have done in the past, but I think it would be fair to say we have funded comparable groups in the same ratio. I did not have an issue with the instance tonight, but I will have to think about that more. I would generally refrain from mentioning other student groups, but I will have a more detailed idea before final budgeting.
- b. Group Recognition
- a. Resonate
 - b. Switchback Records
 - i. Motion to approve Resonate and Switchback Records by **Hawes-Kuney**; UC Called; Discussion Called by La‘a
 - ii. La‘a: I had a concern about Resonate. I have made numerous complaints about this group in reference to the mask requirements on campus and particularly in the UC. I belong to a student group that practices our cultural dance every Sunday in the UC and Resonate practices their religious beliefs in the theater between four and six pm and it they have not missed a Sunday where they are not eating or drinking, and our students have to remind them to put on their mask. I do not think it is fair for us as students to have to constantly remind student groups to put on their masks. I think the leadership and the student group should be held accountable, so I will be filing a formal complaint with BOMO. Unless they can rectify this issue, I suggest their benefits, one of them being using the UC free of charge, be withheld until they can comply with these requirements that we all have to comply with.
 - iii. Hawes: Is there a precedent for not recognizing groups for failure to comply to something like this?
 - iv. BM Rinck: I encourage Senator La‘a to come to public comment during the next BOMO meeting. I plan to have a conversation with this group, as this is not something falling under precedent due to the nature of the pandemic. I think there is a process where the group can be recognized in terms of accessing their funding but not having access to all recognition benefits.

- v. Gudmundsson: To add more context; one thing that has prevented groups from getting to this stage in recognition previously has been the risk mitigation plan of the individual groups and I do not necessarily know that this conflicts with that directly. We have put a great deal of focus into risk mitigation plans including COVID practices, and I think BM Rinck's take is one I agree with.
- vi. President Durnell: To BM Rinck- I was wondering if this specific conversation came up in committee before this was seen by the Senate?
- vii. BM Rinck: This is by no means anyone's fault on BOMO because we did not know everything about this, but it will be brought up in the next meeting.
- viii. President Durnell: These concerns have been raised to me and I should have communicated this directly to BOMO, as I first communicated it to the Office of Student Success. This recognition does have a lot to do with following ASUM rules. I do not know right now if the masking policy is included as a temporary measure of the code of conduct. My interest pursuant to this current motion is to withdraw the motion and consider these groups separately.
- ix. VP Lock: I agree that this would be clarified quickly if we knew if masking is in the student conduct code. Did this group include anything concerning masking in their mitigation risk plan?
- x. Williams: They did not.
- xi. Motion by **Glueckert-Ververis** to Divide the Question; UC Called
 - 1. **Hawes-Kuney** withdraw motion.
- xii. Motion by **VP Lock-Gudmundsson** to recognize Switchback Records; UC Called
- xiii. Motion by **Keller-Jolly** to recognize Resonate; Discussion called by President Durnell
- xiv. Keller: I don't think we should not approve them. I think that is obviously something we should speak to them about because it is university policy, but we could approve and withhold funds until they comply with those or put it in their management plans.
- xv. Jolly: I understand the concerns with recognizing this group because their lack of willingness. We will have a lot more grounds to enforce this if they are a recognized group.
- xvi. President Durnell: My interest is sending this back to committee so this can be seen again. Not recognizing this group if this motion is voted down would be extremely unfair because this group would not

have an opportunity to see BOMO again to address this problem more coherently.

- xvii. Kuney: I echo the thoughts of President Durnell.
- xviii. Glueckert: I think the motion should be withdrawn because this group should be considered for recognition and sending the request back to BOMO gives them a chance at that.
- xix. Williams: To respond to sentiments about authority; our authority is to have conditions that student groups must meet in order to be recognized. I think we should hash this out in BOMO and then grant recognition if the group complies to protocol.
- xx. Jolly: To Durnell- Will the group be able to voice to the committee their justification for their actions?
- xxi. President Durnell: I would yield that determination to BM Rinck, but I certainly imagine that they would be notified for that because we strive for transparency. Another option is to table this for a week, but I would like to see information collected so these concerns can be examined. I want to ensure that we are operating by policy if we are making decision to recognize or not. I am very concerned that within this motion this group will not be recognized. I ask that the motion is withdrawn so the student group can appeal. I apologize, this was brought to my desk, and I should have followed up on it more through BOMO, though I did send it to other groups
- xxii. BM Rinck: This was on our radar earlier in the semester and we did not follow up more specifically, but I was not aware this problem continued to persist.
- xxiii. **Keller-Jolly** withdraw motion.
- c. Motion by **Kuney-O'Neill** to send Resonate recognition request back to BOMO; UC Called
- c. Birthdays
 - a. Secretary Berna ☺
 - b. Shaver: To BM Rinck- Does Secretary Berna have birthday privileges even though she is not a Senator?
 - i. BM Rinck: Absolutely!
- d. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Bowles

Relations and Affairs

Relations and Affairs met on Sunday November 7th, 2021 to discuss four resolutions: Resolution Urging the University of Montana Foundation, The University of Montana, and Students to Form a Working Group to Explore Fossil Fuel Reinvestment, Resolution Endorsing Open Education Resources and Requesting that Courses Indicate the Price of Required Textbooks During Registration, Resolution Amending Article IV Section 19 of the ASUM Bylaws Regarding the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Resolution Revising Fiscal Policy Section 19.0 ASUM Loan Fund. The first resolution went through a small amount of line level edits, no discussion was needed to forward it to the senate unanimously. The second resolution went through small edits, and continued to go through small amendments, all were to fix it and not to discuss any specifics of it. The third resolution went through minimal edits and no discussion except for a comment showing support for the changes. The fourth resolution went through basic line level edits and no discussion needed. All resolutions were forwarded to the senate unanimously.

- a. Ververis (Gen Ed Ad Hoc): Most of the time was spent debating the inclusion of a DEI class as a core class for every student. There was no real resolution to this, and I have a meeting with a subgroup within that committee on Monday to talk further about a proposed model to bring to the committee itself.
- b. Hawthorne (Provost Search Interview): This search is complete with five finalists. There are four women and two people of color in the top five and those names should get released next week. If you recall our friend from dining and that issue regarding the upcoming dining facility, I talked to Vice Provost Sarah Swager, and she explained that it will be paid to get in no matter what because the facility is paid via dining fees. If anyone wants to help me with an initiative on this, please let me know.
 - a. President Durnell: I would be interested in seeing if a resolution is in the works or follow up with administration.
- c. Bell (Committee on Undergraduate Research): We are trying to establish an office and hire a director, and we hope to have that established by end of Spring semester. We are also trying to encourage more student participation in UMCUR. Otherwise, big things are happening there as we work to expand accessibility for research.
- d. McKenzie (SPA): We discussed the survey update in detail and discussed proposing a resolution that I will propose tonight in relation to the survey. We also encouraged everyone to go to BOR and to discuss things maybe not completely related to COVID. Senators Bowles and Heaton discussed the City Council liaison updates they have so I will yield to both of them. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and BOR, and due to the resolution being proposed, we will meet this Friday again at 3:00 pm.
 - a. Heaton: I watched Jordan Lyons presentation on the Missoula County housing action plan that is currently in the phase of public comment which ends on Friday. If anyone is interested in viewing the plan and/or giving public comment, please reach out to me.

- b. Bowles: We are being updated on COVID and housing and we meet with the mayor next week to cover that, and hopefully with President Bodnar soon so we can write a resolution about the matter of housing.
- c. Ververis: Can you send the Missoula County Action plan to the Senate so we can review it?

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB42-21/22: Resolution Urging the University of Montana Foundation, The University of Montana, and Students to Form a Working Group to Explore Fossil Fuel Reinvestment
 - a. Authorship (VP Lock): This resolution is a culmination of a lot of my time on ASUM and this resolution is the result of a lot of discussion and research. ASUM has been looking into divestment in various forms since at least 2014 and referenda have demonstrated overwhelming student support. Throughout the years the conversations have not been particularly collaborative, and they have been unnecessarily combative, though I applaud previous students' efforts. I am proposing to form a working group to talk about the possibility of reinvestment to move current assets into renewable and sustainable energies and exploring how that will be possible over time by having an open conversation with multiple representatives. I do not think it is right for the university to profit off of something that will greatly affect the lives of the students it is cultivating.
 - b. Ververis: I think this is super important to send to the UM Foundation regardless of what comes out of it to represent the interests of students, so I urge everyone to vote yes.
 - c. Kuney: As Sustainability Chair I have been kept in the loop on this. This is a really important step to take for our Senate body to address the climate crisis and the way the UM Foundation has been reacting to it. I have talked with Maddy, our Sustainability Coordinator about what to do, and this is a great first step to follow along with ASMSU's approach to show UM that students are engaged with this issue.
 - d. Motion by **Williams** to amend L61 to read "student body, faculty..."; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - e. VP Lock: I am grateful to a previous Senator for speaking to the fact that this has gained a lot of traction at MSU, so this is an especially relevant time to consider this.
 - f. Motion by **VP Lock-Glueckert** to add Kimber McKay, Chair of Faculty Senate to the send to line; UC Called
 - g. Keller: I think this need to be recognized, but it was brought to my attention that a lot of our UM donors are involved in the oil industry and if we do

something of this sort, we are asking for their money but are not supporting what they are doing. I think that is something to keep in mind here, but I think this is a really cool idea.

- h. O'Neill: I appreciate the sentiment that we may potentially lose funding from high ticket donors, but I do not think that should negate the moral responsibility we have to the future of this planet. I would like to catch up to MSU on this initiative and supersede them.
- i. Bowles: This is a great resolution, and I would like to agree with what previous Senators said and add on that it is not our job as student representatives to necessarily worry about whether or not the people donating to UM are going to be offended by a bill we pass.
- j. Glueckert: I want to put my full support behind this. Vice President Lock has put an incredible amount of work into this, and I am extremely proud to be able to vote yes on this. I agree on the side that we have gone through many conversations this year where we talked about being concerned about where funding is coming from or what the foundations care about, but I do not care if we get less funding. If we wrote a bill about people who do not support something like gay marriage and there are people who donate money to conversion therapy, then I do not want their money at all. There can be better donors that come out of this as well that would support these initiatives. I encourage everyone to vote yes on this.
- k. Motion by **Gudmundsson** to amend L14 to replace “and will in” to “into”;
Ruled Friendly by Author
- l. Williams: I think it is a very important concern brought up about how this will affect donors, and I do not think it is something to put aside all together as we deal with a budget crisis, but it is our moral imperative to support this. One of the therefore clause seeks the formation of a working group with representatives inclusive of the UM Foundation. We do need to push for this, and those things can be talked about there where there are more experts available for those conversations.
- m. Hawes: I want to echo the sentiments that Senator Williams mentioned. I think concerns about funding are legitimate, but I hope that seeking other sources of funding more aligned with the goals of this resolution is sought after.
- n. VP Lock: It seems that this resolution is going to pass, so I want to ask the Senate to be extraordinarily cognizant with the tone we take about the substantial amount of money we receive for those who have investments in oil. I am not so naïve to forget that we are in Montana, and that is a complex issue, so it is a conversation that will take a good deal of diplomacy and

openness. I think those concerns can be overcome through discussion and collaboration.

- o. Jolly: My mentor is Vice President of Operations and Finance, Paul Lasiter, and we have conversed about similar things. Talking to him, there are several things going on to reduce UM's carbon footprint, which I am happy to see. As far as the discussion about funding from oil donors; I know it is frustrating when we are trying to do something that is clearly beneficial, but I urge you to consider the large sum of money they are donating, regardless of where they are coming from. If we lose those donations, we cannot replace them overnight.
 - p. Kuney: Do you know how to eat an elephant? One bite at a time. This resolution is not meant to solve the whole situation that we are all intertwined in right now, but it is a first step that is very well put together. We are not the Associated Oil Investors of UM, we are the students and should have the best interests in mind of students today, in the past, and in the future as we figure out what is best to do.
 - q. Berget: I want to touch on the fact that oil and fossil fuel energy is kind of in the past because, despite being very much still used, as far as the wealth, it is in more sustainable efforts. The money is going elsewhere over time and we have to be aware of that in terms of who we look for funding from, because the majority of the wealth is going toward more sustainable efforts.
 - r. Hawthorne: I think we need to come back to the point that this is to create a working group, whether or not we reinvest or divest right away. I think voting no on this when you are concerned about funding defeats the whole purpose. We can have those discussions when we get there.
 - s. ***SB42-21/22 Passed 18-2-0***
 - t. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- b. SB43-21/22: Resolution Endorsing Open Education Resources and Requesting that Courses Indicate the Price of Required Textbooks During Registration
- a. Authorship (President Durnell): This is very meaningful to me because, like the divestment resolution, they are huge priorities of Vice President Lock's and my platform, so it is an honor to propose this because this issue affects so many, here and elsewhere. This is something we have all personally experienced because textbooks are not often covered by financial assistance. It is estimated that students accrue over \$4,800 over four years in textbook costs alone, which is about two semesters of tuition at UM. That rate has inflated 3x the rate of the Consumer Price Index, and 63% of students are not purchasing textbooks, with 90% noting that forgoing these purchases negatively affect their grades, and research agrees. The MUS has taken up this initiative and they found that the state as a whole would save \$4.9M each year if we took up

OER. The MUS Trails Committee has accomplished 91 grant approvals toward OER resources. I want to emphasize that other universities are doing zero-textbook cost (ZTC0, which is an icon that can be placed next to courses in the registration portal so students can see if textbooks are necessary or not. I think we should validate students based on their thoughts on their textbook costs. This resolution advocates for the growth and facilitation of OER resources through the MUS and at UM by extension. In addition, it also advocates for ZTC icons for the MUS system. We would like OCHE to make this one of their priorities as well.

- b. Kuney: I want to thank you both for championing this. That was very eloquently put by President Durnell, so I voice my support for this resolution.
- c. O'Neill: I agree that this is a huge step for accessibility, and I do applaud the authors' efforts. To President Durnell- I am curious as to why the resolution SB49-18/19 on this topic was not included? I had it pulled up and meant to amend the document with it, but I do not have the language on hand.
- d. Bowles: I want to voice my support for this. As always, this resolution is well-researched and put together well. This is a great way to make our process for flexible and transparent and allows students to budget as well that includes books. We already do this for class fees, with notes saying that you will need equipment or will have to pay material fees. This is very simple to do. It is amazing that everything has risen in price, and it is amazing that textbooks, tuition, and rent have increased so much, furthering the fact that universities are an inherently classist system as minimum wage is not increasing.
- e. Shaver: I am in full support of this resolution. If you or anyone else you know is struggling with textbook payments, there are many online resources and libraries such as Z-library.
- f. McKenzie: I want to voice my full support of this resolution. I just had a flashback to being a California student and realizing how accessible their registration process is in comparison to are, especially because they had these icons and a lot of other information relating to accessibility.
- g. Hawes: A huge thank you to the authors for your resolutions tonight. This is a great way for us to enhance our efforts in making this campus a more accessible and inclusive space. I think that textbook costs can blindside students, especially when they do not have a lot of flexibility. Your limited savings can be put towards these costs, meaning you may not be able to pay for medical emergencies and other serious costs.
- h. Motion by **President Durnell-Kuney** to add clause and footnote to read "Whereas in 2019, ASUM passed SB49-19/19: Resolution Regarding ASUM Support for OER Initiatives at the University of Montana" and citation "Schei, Lyssa. SB49-18/19: Resolution Regarding ASUM Support for OER Initiatives

- at the University of Montana, April 10, 2019. Access: November 10, 2021.”; UC Called; Discussed Called by Gudmundsson
- i. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to add a comma after “2019”; UC Called
 - ii. *Amendment approved unanimously.*
 - i. Motion by **Ververis** to amend L129 and capitalize the “K” in Kimber; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - j. Kuney: To BM Rinck- Are there any ASUMM resources that students can use as of now if they need financial help with textbooks?
 - i. BM Rinck: The ASUM Emergency Loan Fund is available, and there are also resources available through the Financial Aid Office.
 - k. **SB42-21/22 Passed Unanimously**
 - l. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
 - c. SB44-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV Section 19 of the ASUM Bylaws Regarding the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
 - a. Authorship (Ververis): This resolution came from the DEI committee to amend the charges and some aspects of the Bylaws related to committee operation. It changes the amount of people on the committee to include enough seats for SALs from each of the listed Member Organizations and added two recently recognized DEI student groups. The amended charges mostly focus on attainable goals and what the committee felt its role should be. Please vote yes.
 - b. Motion by **Glueckert-Kuney** to amend L71 and strike “student support” and have the line read “DEI efforts of Member Organizations”; UC Called
 - c. Motion by **La’a** to amend L42 and change “Latinx” to “Latiné”; Ruled Friendly
 - d. President Durnell: motion to remove the s from students at large in L38 so it reads “Student-At-Large”; ruled friendly by authors
 - e. Motion by **Ververis-Glueckert** to adjust line number font to size 12pt; UC Called
 - f. **SB44-21/22 Passed Unanimously**
 - g. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
 - d. SB45-21/22: Resolution Revising Fiscal Policy Section 19.0 ASUM Loan Fund
 - a. Authorship (President Durnell): This is another important resolution on the topic of accessibility, and the main author of this is Bear Necessities Agency Director Kat Cowley. This makes the ASUM Loan Fund more accessible by first, eliminating the GPA requirement. GPA is not indicative of a student’s capability of returning a loan, and these students are often those with the most need for a loan. Some procedural changes are included, such as taking Business Services out of the equation in handling our money in this instance.

The appeals process here is common and I believe it fits well here. This is a sensitive topic, so the appeals process is fully confidential. I encourage you to ask questions and vote yes on this resolution.

- b. Motion by **Williams-Glueckert** to amend L13 so “students” is not capitalized; UC Called
- c. Glueckert: I want to acknowledge how amazing this resolution is and how needed it is. We have seen such a big need for financial support for our students and making accessibility to these funds is so imperative. Making it as accessible as we can is very important, so I commend the authors greatly.
- d. Bowles: To President Durnell- How long after they get accepted for this loan do they have to pay the loan back?
- e. President Durnell: Yielded to BM Rinck.
 - i. BM Rinck: I believe it is twelve months. That part is somewhat non-negotiable, especially for seniors, but ASUM has had relatively good success with payback on the loans.
- f. La‘a: To President Durnell- Who is the board being referenced in L60?
- g. President Durnell: In Fiscal Policy, all instances of the Board on Budget and Finance is replaced by “the Board” so it is referring directly to B&F. It is included there in case there is an appeals process so they would be bound to confidentiality as well.
- h. President Durnell: To follow-up, 19.7.1 of Fiscal Policy notes that the loan should be repaid in 90 days, but there are possible ways to amend this in the future.
- i. ***SB45-21/22 Passed Unanimously***
- j. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. President Durnell: Resolution Endorsing the Growth and Expansion of Montana 10 Initiatives; to RA
 - a. Description: This is a program that works with Pell Grant eligible students to provide them with close advising and support. It is great to see how successful it has been so far.
- b. President Durnell: Resolution to Declare a Climate Emergency Through a Climate Emergency Declaration and Urge the University of Montana and the State of Montana to Follow Suit; to RA
 - a. Description: This resolution is authored by a student, Elani Borhegyi and I am included as a sponsor.
- c. McKenzie: Resolution Expanding ASUM’s Stance Regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Required Based on UM Student and Faculty/Staff Survey(s); to RA and SPA

- a. Description: The resolution is going to discuss the survey data analysis and we will provide more information on why we think the vaccine mandate is necessary based on the current state of things in Missoula.
- b. Glueckert: Resolution Encouraging Faculty to Include Mental Health, Wellness, and Basic Needs Resources in Syllabi; to RA
 - i. Description: This resolution encourages faculty to increase these resources in their syllabi, so they are more accessible to students.
- c. Glueckert: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 21 of the ASUM Bylaws in Regard to the Basic Needs Oversight Board; to RA
 - i. Description: This resolution amends committee Bylaws to make it such that a tie-breaking chair is available in the BNA committee, as the BNA Director cannot break ties as chair due to their ex-officio position.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **O'Neill-Shaver**; UC Called; Objection Noted by Gudmundsson
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 9:23 pm