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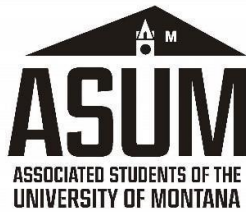
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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2021
University Center (UC) – 6:00 P.M.**

Public Comment Zoom Meeting ID: 941 9891 2038

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2. ROLL CALL

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4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Designated Speakers: Paul Lasiter, Vice President of Operations and Finance; Deena Mansour, Mansfield Center Executive Director; Brian Kerns, Project Engineer
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 - a. County Trends
- c. Committee Reports
 - a. Staff Senate Cabinet
 - b. Fall 2021 Commencement
 - c. ASUM President's Cabinet
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 - c. Artists Collective Zero Base Request (Requested Amount: \$420.00; Board Approved: \$320.00)
 - d. United Territories of Pacific Islander Alliance (UTOPIA) Zero Base Request (Requested Amount: \$4,657.43; Board Approved: \$4,100)
- b. Group Recognition
 - a. Economics Club
 - b. Tuba and Euphonium Consort
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8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

**ASUM SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1, 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, Birdingground, Bowles, Glueckert, Gudmundsson, Hawes, Hawthorne, Heaton, Jolly, Kayne, Keller*, Kiefer, Kuney, La'a, McKenzie*, O'Neill*, Ververis

Excused: Senators Berget, Shaver

Unexcused: Senator Williams

Not present for votes.

See roll call [here](#).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve the November 17, 2021 Minutes by **Ververis-Birdingground**; UC Called

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Oscar Willhemy: Freshman at UM, founded the Birding Club this Fall. We took a trip to New Mexico and drove 23 hours, seven of us. Gwen Coon [ASUM Office Manager] got everything organized and we could not have done it without her. We want to waive fees for those who cannot provide the funding, but we do not want anyone to feel guilt, so we appreciate the opportunity to receive funding for ASUM. Please consider funding our request and thank you. *See the presentation provided by the Birding Club [here](#).*
 - a. VP Lock: Thank you for sharing with us, I am happy to hear about your trip and I appreciate you speaking to us tonight.
 - b. BM Rinck: I think this is really cool. Not many student groups or leaders come before the Senate to speak about their events. When we decide to dish out funds it can feel distant sometimes, so it is rewarding to see this. Thank you for coming in.
 - c. President Durnell: I appreciate the emphasis on inclusivity with your group. That is also ASUMs mission, so if there are ever complications with student funding accessibility, I know this executive team and the body will be happy to work with you.

- d. Willhemy: This trip was pretty last minute. Most of our trips will be more planned out, but we appreciate how this experience went.
- e. Kuney: Thank you for coming before us. I echo the Executive's previous statements about the distance between us and student groups at times, so thank you.

Online Public Comment

Zachary Stauffer

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Good evening. I'm submitting comment on the topic of an immunization mandate to elaborate on comment I delivered orally at the Board of Regents meeting. There, I offered an alternative interpretation of the results from the SPA committee's survey. I argued that it was not an issue to be decided by slight majority vote. This is because: 1. The sides are putting up "unequal consideration" in the detriment the proposed policy would cause, framed as Peace of mind versus Lifelong bodily autonomy. To justify passing a mandate, by utilitarian terms, the survey results would need to be more like 90/10. Of course, it can't be measured that simply. 2. The reported inoculation rate on campus was above the 70% threshold 3. The vote in-favor was a lower percentage than the 70+% inoculation rate, demonstrating not all who accept the treatment believe that all should be pressured to 4. Related, only 19% of the affected students responded a probability of being swayed. This establishes that a mandate is not the most effective method of encouragement. Consider how a rebellious personality responds to increasing authority The survey data itself is questionable: 1. Students who were inclined to answer "no" would probably be less likely to open the survey to begin with, perceiving that it will not be of benefit them. Not-in-favor may be higher in reality. 2. In terms of University's purpose of education, faculty are in a support role to the students, so student voices should probably be given more weight, unfortunately. And students had lower support than faculty 3. Moving to deprive liberty or other rights needs due process. If the ASUM decided "to relieve stress, let's all throw pies at the forestry students," and a quorum of the senators voted in favor, it would not automatically be the right thing to do, especially if only 26% of the forestry department had a chance to object I'm sympathetic to your work, but I believe the Senate's stance is not sending an appropriate message to all students. The senate resolutions reference the potential displacement of students as an effect of the proposed policy, but make no suggestions for alternatives to those students education. At its core, this advocates for exclusion from an institution that values inclusion of thought Thank you

Kat Cowley

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Hi ASUM Senators and Executives! I wanted to share that Bear Necessities is hiring three student positions for the spring semester, one Outreach Coordinator and two Neighborhood Ambassadors. If you are interested or know anyone who might be, check out our most recent Facebook/Instagram posts (@ASUMBearNecessities on both platforms) and SHARE!

- a. President Durnell: I suggest you reshare the posts about the job opportunities referenced in the second online public comment.
- b. Willhemy: The costs for our birding trip could have been lower, but we did have to get a hotel for longer than intended because our group members had equipment that did not stand up to the freezing temperatures.
- c. McKenzie: I am here today in my capacity as an author of SB49 “Expanding ASUM’s stance regarding COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement Based on UM Student and Faculty Staff Survey” to respond to the written public comment from Zachary Stauffer. I want to thank him for their time and attention to this matter and for providing this body with a student perspective that is surely thought provoking and I can say that I will continue to consider all perspectives on this issue, something that I do not believe all students, or students on this body have done. I would like to address a few statements that were made in this comment that I believe require a response from one of the authors and are of concern. First, regarding the statements made that imply that the resolution was in some way the ultimate decision maker for a vaccine requirement. For the sake of time, I would like to refer this student and all students who have the same comments to the meeting recording, minutes, the actual resolution itself, as well as my own public statements that were clear in that the resolution called on the university to consider the results and to take some form of action. It did not impose any demands or make statements of any pressure for implementation without consideration for alternatives or what factors influence decision making on campus. That is not my job. The statement of the survey questionability regarding students who were perceived to be inclined to say “no” not taking the survey is a one sided argument meant to pander to one side while not only failing to understanding how surveys and survey data are implemented, collected, and analyzed, but also seems to be disregarding the contrary that those who would have responded “yes” may not have taken the survey because they felt as though enough students who think the same would be enough to represent them, or that they feel as though taking the survey would not matter because the university would not make any changes anyway. I would like to steer the conversation away from arguments like this and to offer more productive conversations that would involve brainstorming further alternatives and measures that protect and advocate for all students, not just the many, or the few. Next, I would like to address this concerning statement that the resolution did not

provide any alternatives for students education and I would like to reference the resolutions suggestions for a requirement along with alternatives to a vaccine requirement and faculty autonomy: it is stated: That ASUM calls on UM to consider the significance of this data and implement a COVID-19 vaccination requirement (with exemptions, alternatives e.g., weekly COVID-19 testing, vaccination incentives, and/or other similar measures that align with University policy, decision making, and MCA § 20-5-405) for all students, faculty, and staff at UM to be implemented on January 18, 2022; ASUM calls on UM to also consider the significance of the overwhelming support of the COVID-19 vaccine requirement on behalf of the faculty/staff at UM, and allow further autonomy for the faculty in making decisions to plan for remote learning if/when they feel it is necessary for the general health and safety of themselves and/or students/staff against COVID-19; I would like to be clear in the purpose of this resolution again, that it was to inform the university and to call for them to consider the results and take some form of action that was suggested. For instance, when it states “similar measures that align with university policy and decision making” that means that we are calling on them to consider other measures to accommodate for the students who do not support such action and will not get the vaccine. I have made it clear to the BOR and UM that I am happy to discuss the results of this survey to accommodate all students so they don’t feel like they should leave, and I knew that discussion on this matter would not and should not stop at a resolution that was meant to inform and did not make any suggestions that a requirement is implemented with hasty disregard for the proper decision making processes. I will continue to advocate for all students, even the ones who have differing opinions than myself. However, I would like to point out that you do not see students and faculty/staff being asked to provide feedback on whether they would leave if a requirement was not implemented or if/when the mask requirement is revoked, and they represent a majority that would support an action for a requirement. These very same people are still showing up day after day in-person even if they do not feel safe doing so without making threats to leave. If you are concerned about body autonomy, which I understand, I would like you to also consider a person’s lifelong body autonomy to be protected against COVID-19 and that means protection from illness, death, and the long term impacts from “long covid” while they are required to attend or are employed by a university that takes only the basic level precautions without offering much in the form of alternatives. That is what this resolution was meant to do was to call for considerations for further protections. Before I leave today, I would like to point out that since the resolution was passed on November 17th when the Missoula County death count was reported at 173, there have now been 185 deaths reported. This is a reported 12 deaths in 13 days. That is why I am here today and why I will continue to advocate for the health and well-being of all the individuals who attend or are employed at this university. Thank you.

- a. Willhemy: Bias plays a political role in everything, so I will let you know I am progressive and a libertarian. I do not necessarily think it should reside in the power of the state to have that control of bodily autonomy.
- b. Bell: I want to encourage you [Oscar Willhemy] to join ASUM, and if not, keep up with what we are doing.
- c. O'Neill: There is also always a desire for SALs, and I encourage you to read that resolution as well. To address the body as a whole and say that despite the manner of which this fell in my lap, I reached out to this student because they are a colleague of mine. Senator McKenzie and I are finding a time to speak with this student and discuss.
- d. Gudmundsson: Oscar, I encourage you to apply as a Senator or SAL. Not many students feel the need to provide public comment, and dive in off the cuff, so that is great.
- e. Jolly: Senator Keller and I were fortunate enough to meet with Zachary before he wrote this public comment. I thought it was an insightful discussion and they provided valuable perspective. He clearly put a lot of thought into his comment, and he has read the bill and can discuss specifics. I do want to encourage the idea of reaching out to him.
- f. Keller: The thought of going against COVID vaccines or the mandate of them is hard to talk about and I know this comment evoked anger in some of you. That is part of the thought I had when I said it is hard to speak about something controversial. We encouraged him to have his voice heard.
- g. Jolly: Zachary has sat in on several meetings, including the one where we voted on the vaccine mandate. The comment was well informed, and I want everyone to understand that he put a lot of thought into structuring his comment.
- h. McKenzie: Thank you for advocating for reaching out to students. That is also what I am trying to do myself, especially to come to an understanding that a lot of people will say that they will not feel comfortable speaking against it, but I was trying to encourage people to use their voice through the anonymous survey. I would be happy to discuss ways we can encourage student voice in a safe and comfortable way for everyone. I still feel the need to speak up for those who do not feel safe, but I would not be informed if I did not listen to the other side.
- i. Hawes: I think there is a lot of value in hearing varying opinions on this topic. I encourage anyone who is discussing this issue with those not in favor of it to continue to have a conversation around what we can do as an administration to protect people there. The institution [UM] does need to do something on this matter, so I encourage everyone to continue discussing alternatives, but acknowledge that something needs to be done.
- j. VP Lock: I am very grateful for our public commenters involving themselves in our governance.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Designated Speakers: Paul Lasiter, Vice President of Operations and Finance; Deena Mansour, Mansfield Center Executive Director
 - a. Lasiter: We would like to spend approximately 2.5 million working on improved campus lighting, something that has been an expressed concern. We have plans to remove most of the standard lighting and replace it with proper and improved lighting which will save us money, energy, and reduce our carbon footprint. We need your authorization to make that a reality and we would use the money to repay a loan. The second item is an investment of approximately 1.25 million into the Mansfield library so we can improve services we are offering to students and renovating space to improve student access to study spaces. The total cost of this project is over 4 million, so this will be a piece of the investment.
 - b. Mansour: We are considered a hidden jewel at UM and our mandate is to support the students of UM with an inclusion of international and democracy engagement. We would like to bring students into our program with the Defense Critical Language and Culture Program (DCLCP) and other programmatic elements displayed in the presentation.
 - c. Ververis: Thank you both for coming. Can you elaborate more on the group coming into the center?
 - d. Mansour: DCLCP is funded by a Department of Defense grant that we have through the Mansfield center, particularly to support members of our military. There are a lot of other opportunities funded here in terms of language and cultural relations.
 - e. Ververis: Is it just the blue area on the screen for the project?
 - f. Lasiter: It will include the blue and the purple space as shown. [*See the library presentation [here.](#)*]
 - g. BM Rinck: What is the price on the library project?
 - h. Lasiter: \$1.25 million.
 - i. BM Rinck: Do you want a single resolution to approve these projects depending on bond arrangement or are separate statements preferred?
 - j. Lasiter: I will take your resolution the way you want to give it.
 - k. BM Rinck: What is the current use of the alternate space?
 - l. Lasiter: It had been book stacks and we made a significant investment for compact shelving in other areas of the library.
 - m. VP Lock: Great to see you both here. Is the defense language program only for military students or for all students?
 - n. Mansour: There are a number of enhancements available to UM students, but some courses are only available to military students/ this is not a recruitment

mechanism in any way, but there are multiple opportunities for students which will show us what students are looking for.

- o. VP Lock: That is remarkably consistent with my career choices. I would have some reservations if it was only benefiting a very specific set of students, but this sounds like it will be beneficial to all students.
 - p. Mansour: This is also a recruitment approach as well in terms of recruitment to UM as a whole because it involves high school recruitment as well if they come on campus and see the center.
 - q. Lasiter: The virtual reality classroom is a fully immersed language lab that would be available to UM students.
 - r. Mansour: DCLCP also funds several graduate students and TAs, so we can bring in students for research and paid internship opportunities and otherwise. This democracy center we are building can be beneficial to our students regardless of our major, so this will allow more students to have access to materials.
 - s. Kunev: Do you have an idea for the timetable of either of these projects?
 - t. Mansour: 15-18 months for the library project.
 - u. Lasiter: Kerns can speak to timing on lighting.
 - v. Kerns: The project will likely be submitted in January and the project would take place over the summer of 2022. *[See the lighting presentation [here.](#)]*
 - w. Gudmundsson: In terms of the lighting project, this is something we saw presented last year and it has been waiting for ASUM approval, so I am looking forward to it.
 - x. Bowles: Thank you for coming and presenting. I think I speak for more than one person when I say that we are excited to potentially support these projects.
 - y. Ververis: Is the light blue section of the library presentation all newly built rooms within those areas?
 - z. Lasiter: Most of this space was occupied by book stacks, so I believe the vast majority of this is new construction.
 - aa. VP Lock: I think we will almost certainly endorse this, so thank you for your time.
- b. COVID-19 Report
- a. County Trends: 19 seven-day case average and 34 new cases as of yesterday. The last few days have looked a bit larger in comparison to the past weeks and we are currently below the substantial transmission rate.
 - b. Discussion with Paula Short: Masking requirement conversation and what that might look like. The masking requirement only applies if we fall below the substantial transmission period for a certain period of time. Their justifications for continuing masking at the beginning of spring is cold and flu season,

travelling, and the omicron variant. I will speak more about that tomorrow in committee to see what the university is aware of.

- c. Biden Executive Order: I have spoken with those in the working group, and they are identifying who is a federally contracted worker and I will send them the survey data we presented soon. There is a new deadline for the executive order to be implemented by February 22nd, but it is uncertain it will be implemented. I am now on this working group.

- c. Committee Reports

- a. Staff Senate Cabinet: We talked about paid time off for university staff, which I am very in support of. It is a union issue so it will be interesting to see how that is navigated. There are implications about teaching days provided by those union documents. Staff was also re-asserting the parking concerns. It has been brought up in three separate cabinet meetings so a working group will likely be in the works soon. Thanks to Senators Glueckert and Ververis for presenting on this.
- b. Fall 2021 Commencement: Nothing to add at this time.
- c. ASUM President's Cabinet: Discussed OER initiatives and zero textbook cost (ZTC) icons and it was well received. We got to think about questions regarding grant usage. We have a meeting with Wendy Walker on Friday at the library to speak more on that. President Bodnar was a particular advocate for this. We are putting in an RFP for a new course registration program, so we think it is an ample opportunity to enact this. The Provost Office is forming a working group to address faculty concerns.
- d. VP Lock: From the cabinet meeting, I feel the entire presentation went fantastic. I appreciated Kimber McKay saying that it is unlikely that OER be implemented all at once, so she offered that UM identify what the most common courses and most expensive courses are to reduce those costs first, which I think is a good compromise. There was also mention of Faculty Senate supporting this later in the year. There was some discussion about identifying a point person on campus to oversee OER initiatives, so it was extremely well received. I am excited to see this continue to develop.
- d. Board of Regents Report: There were a lot of positive remarks, specifically regarding the comments given and the show of the body. It made a very positive impact on the Regents. One of the amendments they proposed that we discussed in public comment via BM Rinck was tabled and they will be interacting with us to navigate possible changes, so they were very responsive. Congratulations to all of you. The next BOR meeting is in Dillon on March 10-11 in spring. I highly encourage you to attend and travel can be funded through ASUM dollars.
- e. Other

- a. Board of Regents of Higher Education of the State of Montana v. State of Montana: The district court provided a summary judgement order on deciding the constitutionality of HB102. The BOR's motion was granted, and MT's motion was denied, which is deciding in favor of the BOR in protecting their constitutional authority in making decisions regarding higher education. Six sections of HB102 were enjoined. The decision is being appealed in the MT Supreme Court. To mention a quote from the MT argument: "That the legislature can regulate campus activity is misleading at best". I think this quote has firmly positioned our state from the regents and the legislature. I encourage you to read that summary, which I can also forward to you.
- b. O'Neill: The summary is also in the group chat and is a fairly quick read.

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee Assignments: I have decided to appoint Senator Glueckert as the chair of the Basic Needs Oversight Board.
 - a. Motion by **Gudmundsson-O'Neill** to appoint Senator Glueckert as Chair of the Basic needs Oversight Board; UC Called
- b. Semester Feedback: I would like you to provide me feedback on the anonymous form, which is on Box as well. I am looking for honest feedback of what you are looking for and things that went right and wrong. The feedback so far has been very positive which is flattering, but please feel free to raise concerns to me. You are always welcome to do so by walking into my office as well, but this is an anonymous option as well if this is more comfortable. Please let me know if there is something I can change to better serve you all.
- c. Meetings with Committee Chairs: For those who are chairs, I would like to touch base with you and see where you are at, what your plans are, and how I can support you. I will probably compile something and put that in my transition documents to outline what committees have been doing that are self-directed. I hope to do this before the end of the semester or over the break, so be on the lookout for an email from me to set up a meeting time.
- d. Spring Retreat: January 15 (Saturday) starting in this room. I ask all of you to be at spring retreat. I was lenient with absences in the fall, but I will not be as gracious this time. We will do the anti-bias training and talk about budgeting, because we want everyone to have a comprehensive understanding of budgeting. We will also go over elections and look over the Bylaws. We will go do something fun after, though I have not decided what that will be. I am open to feedback on that. I am not going skiing just so everyone knows. I have thrown around the idea of going to a hot spring, and I am curious about your thoughts, so tell me sooner rather than later. Please make every effort to be there.

- e. POI (Ververis): To remind, we are all required to go through anti-bias training which is available at the retreat.
- f. President Durnell: As a reminder, absences roll over at the beginning of spring semester, so it is a new opportunity, but you do not want to start with an absence. There are much stricter absence requirements with the budgeting process. Budgeting is also a requirement. Spring retreat is very important, and budgeting is very important.
- g. POI (Glueckert): You are eligible for impeachment if you miss final budgeting, though you might get impeached regardless.
- h. VP Lock: I have been lenient this semester with absences, and I will not be so lenient next semester, and I am sure BM Rinck feels the same about budgeting.
- i. Kuney: Is there a date set for final budgeting?
- j. VP Lock: T is a rough timeline that is in the Senate calendar, and it is partially outlined in Fiscal Policy.
- k. BM Rinck: I will be scheduling the specific dates over winter break, and I will let you all know.
- l. Other
 - a. None.

Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** for a recess; UC Called; Meeting Reconvened at 7:25 pm

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 - i. Authorship (Ververis_B&F): This was a very well organized request. The group is requesting funds to travel to O'ahu for multiple group members. We discussed the range in price for the airfare cost which is due to booking time and where people are flying out from. Reimbursement is the lower 25% of the flight cost or the \$75 cap for reimbursement. We approved in full, and I will yield to senator La'a.

- ii. La'a: Some of the highlights are due to individuals not purchasing during the time of the request but their purchases have now been made. The maximum any individual can request in reimbursement is \$75, and it is detailed in the request.
 - iii. President Durnell: To La'a- As for the highlighted section, is that an addition to this request prior to the board meeting or after?
 - iv. La'a: It was discussed during B&F.
 - v. Motion by **O'Neill-Ververis** to approve the request in the Board Approved amount of \$3,079.00; Placard Vote Passed with One Abstention
- b. Birding Club Travel Allocation Request (Requested Amount: \$797.75; Board Approved: \$798.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).)*)
- i. Authorship (Ververis_B&F): This was for the travel request spoken on in public comment. We asked questions about the makeup of travelers, and it was confirmed they are all students. We also asked the age of the drivers, which was also answered and put to rest. I will yield to Senator La'a.
 - ii. La'a: We did hear public comment from Oscar earlier and based off the presentation. The number is reflected differently so I will yield to Oscar to explain this discrepancy.
 - iii. Willhemy: We planned on camping both nights, but we camped once in New Mexico and the next night was spent in a hotel due to the camping gear and the weather. One participant took the cost personally for now with the understanding that you may reimburse. The total cost came to be slightly higher that we could not predict before submitting the request, and we request that ASUM understand we had additional costs not foreseen.
 - iv. President Durnell: To Willhemy- Was it all seven individuals who stayed in a hotel?
 - v. Willhemy: We had two rooms in a hotel, and we had four students in one room and three in another, so yes, all seven students
 - vi. President Durnell: To Willhemy- For \$92 a night, was that per hotel room?
 - vii. Willhemy: Yes, so the total amounted to \$185.86.
 - viii. Motion by **VP Lock-O'Neill** to fund the request in the amount of \$1,027.00; UC Called; Discussion Called by President Durnell
 - 1. VP Lock: I do not see any problem funding the group as they incurred an unforeseen cost.

2. President Durnell: I believe that pursuant to our Fiscal Policy in 14.3.3, we can only fund \$20.00 per person per night for lodging.
 3. Ververis: Does gas funding have to be requested separately because the addition does not add up and that might be because the gas is not included in the request.
 4. BM Rinck: The difference there is probably the park camping fees and the equipment rental because we only funded gas.
 5. President Durnell: I believe with 14.3.3 it is \$20 per person, and we would have to track that against \$185.86 and we can fund that amount, which I am in support of.
 6. Motion by **VP Lock-O'Neill** to recess; UC Called; Meeting Reconvened at 7:41 pm
 7. Motion withdrawn in full.
- ix. Motion by **Glueckert-VP Lock** to fund the request in the amount of \$975.00; UC Called; Discussion Called by President Durnell
1. President Durnell: With lodging and gas and indication of travel we have provisions in Fiscal Policy, so we had to amend the previous motion to reflect the provision in 14.3.3 for the lodging provision.
 2. Glueckert: The original request plus the \$140 for the hotel and \$37 for the camp rental which counts as lodging is \$975.
 3. La'a: Yield to Willhemy.
 4. Willhemy: On the lodging costs; night one was in the car, night two camping costed \$30, and night three was the hotel. Three nights on the road, \$20 per person per night is \$420 overall but we stayed under that, so we again request full funding or to have it shifted for the nights that we had lodging.
 5. President Durnell: Looking at the policy, I yield to BM Rinck. In 14.3.3 it says ASUM rates are for lodging 4 persons per room \$20 per person up to five nights, so I suppose it would be a worthy discussion to see if we can spread that cost out or if we consider this strictly as a per night regimen.
 6. BM Rinck: It is up to you all as you interpret.
 7. O'Neill: I think to the question raised because this has not specifically been enumerated, I think we stick to \$20 per night for now, and if we are interested in changing that, it can be a conversation we can bring next semester as we look again at budgeting. I do not think it would be prudent to decide otherwise because it is not enumerated.

8. VP Lock: This is a great opportunity for us to interpret Fiscal Policy and decide where we can go with this. Personally, the group could have spent the nights in the car or at a hotel and got funding for it. It might make sense to interpret that liberally and say we can use that funding at a different point in the trip, but I encourage you all to consider that and for us to make a decision as a group.
9. Ververis: I think when we have policy that is as vague as this, it is in our purview to make determinations whether or not precedent is broken or created. I will also point out that this group could have requested the full \$140 per night for all four nights, and they would have only been reimbursed with the amount that was paid. We do have a group member here and they have requested full reimbursement for that, which I think constitutes some liberal interpretation of Fiscal Policy. I recommend that the Senate considers that and hopefully funds this in full for the group especially considering the accessibility discussion.
10. La'a: I would like to approve in full as well. Yield to Oscar Willhemy.
11. Willhemy: This is not that much of a percentage of a trip cost that would not be funded if we did not get it in full, but I want to send the message that we got full ASUM funding. We do not want students to feel they have to contribute monetarily personally.
12. President Durnell: This is an amazing opportunity and I often feel our Fiscal Policy is very strict and limiting. At the site of what seems to be discretion or something we cannot follow precedent on, we want to make sure the decision is not at the consequence of a student group. I would say that though it is not quite a precedent we have seen before and I can see why it may be interpreted as not fiscally prudent, but I think we can consider this as something we fund at the benefit of the student group now.
13. Jolly: It is not on them that it is not fully outlined so I suggest we fund in full.
14. Motion withdrawn in full.
- x. VP Lock: To Willhemy- I heard you saying something about the gas being wrong so you can tell us the proper number?

- xi. Willhemy: The total amount of \$1,027 is correct but I just did not change the gas cost on the slide.
- xii. Motion by **VP Lock-Kuney** to fund the request in the amount of \$1,027.00
 1. POO (Glueckert): Is that motion dilatory because it was already made?
 2. VP Lock: That motion had been withdrawn for further consideration, so it is not dilatory.
 3. PPI (BM Rinck): Is the \$1,027 projected on the screen indicating the correct gas and total?
 4. Willhemy: Yes, and that is reflected in the receipts as well.
 5. UC Called on the motion.
- c. Artists Collective Zero Base Request (Requested Amount: \$420.00; Board Approved: \$320.00) (*See the final request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).)*
- i. Authorship (Ververis_B&F): We discussed precedent regarding funding groups of this nature which was at 75% during the last budgeting session, so we funded everything except the line item for advertising in the Kaimin because M&O has purchased ads for student groups to use and this would also put them around the same percentage level as other groups that were funded. Everything else was funded in full.
- ii. Motion by **Gudmundsson- La'a** to increase line item 62101 by \$250.00; UC Called
- iii. Motion by **Ververis-Birdinground** to increase line item 62214 by \$50.00; UC Called
- iv. Motion by **Ververis-Glueckert** to amend line item 62309 by \$0.00; UC Called
- v. Motion by **Ververis-Kuney** to approve the request in the amount of \$320.00; UC Called
- vi. Motion by Ververis to approve the request in \$320- Kuney; UC called
- d. United Territories of Pacific Islander Alliance (UTOPIA) Zero Base Request (Requested Amount: \$4,657.43; Board Approved: \$4,100.00) (*See the final request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).)*
- i. Authorship (Ververis_B&F): One of the items brought up was the request for a student work-study employee. We spoke about some precedent around this and what this would lead to if we were to fund paid positions for student groups. We also discussed the idea of group activities meriting paid positions. This group was not recognized last year but was approved the year before. We funded in full except in

terms of work study which brings this to 88% funding, which is near last year's final budgeting amount of 90%.

- ii. Motion by **President Durnell-Gudmundsson** to increase line item 61226 by \$0.00; UC Called
- iii. Motion by **Ververis-Heaton** to increase line item 62101 by \$1,500.00; UC Called; Discussion Called by La'a; Placard Vote Passed with One Abstention
- iv. Glueckert: In regard to line item 62309 and having them do advertising, and we did not fund advertising for the last group, why are we allowing advertising for this group?
- v. Ververis: The reason we funded that line item was to get it closer to the precedent set for percent funding because student support is around 90%.
- vi. President Durnell: I appreciate the sentiment to reach a certain percentage for the groups, but I do think this funding would be duplication which I do not think is permissible. ASUM is fronting the cost for all student groups for this advertising.
- vii. Motion by **President Durnell-Gudmundsson** to amend line item 62309 by \$0.00; UC Called; Objection Noted by Ververis
 1. President Durnell: If you fund through this line item, the cost of Kaimin advertising is in the interest of this group and it is covered. If it is funded here, it will be an extra clerical step. Funding in \$0.00 is not taking away the opportunity for marketing costs but does make this simpler.
 2. VP Lock: I concur that if this group will be afforded \$100 in advertising by the ASUM incurred costs, then there is no point in funding this line. Is there a chance that they could receive additional advertising by having this funded? This can give them more purpose to their costs.
 3. BM Rinck: This was the groups fourth priority so that is something to consider.
 4. Ververis: I will note that on the request it is stated that it is for five ads, and I believe there are only six weeks of ads available from M&O.
 5. Motion withdrawn in full.
 6. POI (Williams): The funding requests for Kaimin ads is that the group can only use that once, so it is one per group when available.
- viii. Motion by **VP Lock-Hawes** to increase line item 62309 in \$100.00; Placard Vote Passed with One Abstention

- ix. President Durnell: Those justifications were compelling for me but the justifications for a prior group for not funding that category is that it is covered by M&O, so we need to acknowledge that. It is something we have to keep in mind.
 - x. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Kuney** to increase line item 62817 in \$2,500.00; Placard Vote Passed with One Abstention
 - xi. Motion by **Gudmundsson-Kuney** to approve the request in full; Placed Vote Passed with One Abstention
 - xii. PPI (Kuney): Is a request to have a placard vote interruptible?
 - xiii. BM Rinck: I allow someone to just make the request.
- b. Group Recognition
- a. Economics Club
 - b. Tuba and Euphonium Consort
 - c. Camas Magazine
 - d. University of Montana Entertainment Management (UMEM)
 - e. School Psychology Student Organization
 - f. National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA)
 - g. Motion to approve all groups listed by **Kuney-Heaton**; UC Called
- c. Conditional Recognition: Resonate Church Student Group
- a. Gudmundsson (BOMO): The majority of you are familiar with the conversations about this. There were complaints about student conduct code policy compliance, and we discussed it in BOMO last week. We have sent them back to the Senate for conditional recognition that would apply an immediate warning to the group via our Bylaws which provides BOMO the opportunity to make this decision. We met with group leadership and suggested a plan. Our recommendation to the Senate is that we recognize Resonate with the understanding that they immediately undergo the process of upholding policy pursuant to the conversations and their work with BOMO.
 - b. Glueckert: We have been through a discussion with Resonate for a long time and heard student frustrations. Unfortunately, I think they have been given a lot of chances to fix this issue, but I do sympathize with the members of the group who are following the rules and want to be a part of this group. I am not recommending that we do not recognize the group, but I have something I would like the Senate to consider.
 - c. Motion by **Glueckert-President Durnell** to conditionally recognize Resonate under BOMO's recommendation with sanctions on event spaces for four weeks; UC Called; Discussion Called by VP Lock
 - d. Glueckert: This takes BOMO's recommendation and sanctions them. I think it will give this group what they need to help them follow university procedures and I feel strongly that we should give them sanctions. There has been ample

opportunity to fix this issue but there should also be space for them to improve in the future

- e. VP Lock: My inclination of this very creative solution; I feel compelled to affirm the recommendation of BOMO. It is a shame that more committee members are not here so we can hear their justification.
- f. VP Lock: To Gudmundsson- Was sanctioning recommended in BOMO?
- g. Gudmundsson: We discussed it and we are trying to thread the needle between doing everything we can to support student group recognition while holding on to the degree of responsibility that comes with being a student group. We feel ours is the bare minimum of negative penalty to the group and we feel anything beyond that falls to the Senate at large.
- h. VP Lock: I encourage you all to get involved in this discussion.
- i. Ververis: I sympathize with the thought regarding not being too harsh, but somewhat firm. I agree with the motion at hand because I think it is important in our power as ASUM and our recognition power to stick to our previously passed and discussed issues regarding masking. It seems to be a priority for both students and this body and I encourage you all to think about that and say what matters to students and to you. I also sympathize with group leaders that are trying to do the right thing because it is difficult to ask people to comply. I do think that while these sanctions may hurt the group a bit, I believe we should have a firm hand, so student groups follow conduct code.
- j. President Durnell: This is a really important issue to me, and I have been able to follow some of the complaints brought to BOMO before Senate. It was an extremely frustrating process to see this conversation come up repeatedly with no results or outcome, especially because this issue occurred last year. Resonate was noted of failed compliance four separate times from three separate entities and the student groups responded twice saying they would comply. Being notified four times over email is enough for me to believe that the group understand that they are breaking policy. I also want everyone to pay attention to sections 4.4 and 4.6 in the Bylaws. I think there is merit to discuss 4.4 in BOMO and 4.6 is partially applicable to this recognition. We would be operating on a policy that would be projecting what the vote will be tonight on the group. Section 4 is explicit in saying that when we recognize student groups, they must be following student conduct code. Masking policies are shown first on the front of the website and is very clear. We have to consider section 4 because that is directly related. I am sympathetic to the group leadership, and I believe this issue comes down to negligence of previous Executive teams because this was not discussed. I think the perpetuation of failed compliance will continue if we are not stricter. If we recognized openly, that is not fair to the member organizations that are

abiding by the masking policy. To consider, if we recognize this group without recommended sanctions, what precedent are we leaving for future ASUM administrations?

- k. Gudmundsson: I want to provide more context. Of the conversations with the group leadership, a question that came up is outside of the groups event space and outside of event time, how much of the responsibility is left to group leadership to enforce compliance? Nobody is suggesting a clear approval and we were being as generous as we could reasonably be. As President Durnell alluded to there comes a point at which you must be aligned with ASUM policies. As for the motion on the table, a no vote is to not recognize Resonate at all and it does not come back at all. A yes is to recognize with BOMO's warning and the sanctions suggested. The question is do we recognize them with sanctions and warnings and one last chance, or do we not recognize them at all?
- l. Kuney: To Glueckert- Would those sanctions only apply to the UC, or could they meet in another area on campus?
 - i. Glueckert: Meeting spaces are referred to being in the University Center space because they are free for student groups.
 - ii. BM Rinck: This condition would apply to any ASUM privilege regarding meeting spaces. This group has fairly large groups so they would likely only meet in the UC.
- m. Kuney: We are not completely denying them from meeting entirely. If it has been a problem for this long, they should not be unscathed, but I agree with second chances, so I do think they deserve recognition.
- n. La'a: I am in full support of the motion at hand due to previous sentiments. I do believe the leaders of the group do have a role to play in this and they should be held accountable whether they have an Executive body that can detail the rules of their club and express it to community members in attendance. No matter where they are in the UC, I think they still have a role to play in stating that they need to wear a mask. It is still part of their group's responsibility.
- o. Kiefer: I think this is an excellent compromise that also expresses their recognition and the enforcement of university policy. This allows them to participate in group activities following sanctions. This process can be difficult, but it seems this motion gives the group space to improve and an opportunity for ASUM to follow-up. I think this should be the last chance for the student group because of the number of complaints and policy violations. If the group fails to continue comply, they should be unrecognized and prohibited for applying for recognition until the next recognition cycle. If we

do not pass this, we are taking away opportunity from other groups who are following university policy.

- p. Kayne: The question I have is a matter of communication with the group and group leaders. Are they literally refusing to follow policy?
- q. Gudmundsson: Members of this group are continually not upholding university policy. They raised fair points in our conversations about instances of complaints outside of their event space outside of event hours, so they have been receptive to improving and encouraging their members to follow UC policy, which is why BOMO decided to give them this shot to come forward.
- r. Kayne: in that case I think it is internal in a group and this recognition is very fair.
- s. Hawthorne: To Glueckert- When you say we are going to restrict meeting spaces for four academic weeks, does that include break?
 - i. Glueckert: No, only the academic weeks.
- t. Hawthorne: I think it is very fair because there have been repeated complaints so not having those meeting spaces under sanctions should be an appropriate sanction and a precedent that we have to set.
- u. BM Rinck: I am not sure of the group's activity over break, but say they do meet, do you see this motion not being applied over break? Is it going to apply over holiday break?
- v. Glueckert: It would just be the school weeks, our next two academic weeks and the first two of the spring semester. I am not sure of the situation over winter break, but I imagine most members are going home for the holiday. That is something we can take into consideration.
- w. Ververis: I really do acknowledge the work and consideration that BOMO makes, and it is important for Senate to acknowledge the work of our committee. I do think that the four warnings this group has received not only from our organization, but other parts of campus are very important to take into account. I also want to address the issue of these instances happening outside of designated group meeting times. I think the conversation about student leaders and holding their group members accountable, I still think we need to impose sanctions on groups to make sure its members are falling in line. It is not just group leaders that are a responsible party in this, but also the group members and those showing up in events. On the note of the four academic weeks, my thought is that it would extend four academic weeks until now and that would include winter break. Perhaps we could amend the motion to specify that.
- x. BM Rinck: I can also take that interpretation and use that with enforcement.
- y. Bowles: I am concerned. I think that these may conflict each other in terms of BOMO's ability to give this group a warning and the sanctions we are

discussing; we can only issue them the warning if they are a student group. Then we would issue a warning telling them to follow the student code of conduct, and we have four weeks once that warning is issued to determine whether or not they are following that. If we also issue sanctions and that process is not followed through, we are unable to revoke their membership if they are not complying. If they do not get the meeting space with the recognition membership, then BOMO will not know if university policy is being followed. I think that this is a weird precedent to be setting.

- z. VP Lock: To Gudmundsson- Do you support instituting sanctions tonight?
- aa. Gudmundsson: I think the policy and previous failures of Resonate demonstrate that they are a liability. I want to do everything we can in BOMO to recognize a group but with what has been done on the floor, I think we have seen a consistent disregard. I look forward to vote no because I am not in favor of recognizing them as a group.
- bb. Birdinground: It is extremely disheartening to know this has gone on for as long as it has and that previous administrations have not taken effort against this. We have a chance to set a clear precedent to student groups. It seems like right now we are at the point of do we draw the line here and wait for them to cross or put our foot down. I will be voting no on this motion and will be voting no on recognizing Resonate. If we do vote to recognize and if this goes on for longer, then we will have to bow our heads in shame.
- cc. Kuney: I think I am going to be voting no on this because from what I have seen there has been a majority of the body wanting to enact some sort of punishment. If we are going to let the hammer fall, I think we should do it all the way. I think not recognizing them is the simplest way to send a clear message.
- dd. Gudmundsson: I want to reiterate that the only motion being considered is Senator Glueckert's to recognize Resonate with the proposed sanctions or to not recognize them.
- ee. President Durnell: Would this vote be a yes to recognize with the sanctions or to not recognize at all? My interpretation of this is to expand on the provisions set out by BOMO for conditional recognition with the addition of Senator Glueckert's sanctions. I think we are dividing the question otherwise.
- ff. BM Rinck: BOMO's provision is to recognize pursuant to the process outlined in the Bylaws in Article 4 Section 4(6). To Senator Glueckert- Was the intent of your motion to add sanctions on top of that conditional recognition or to simply recognize with sanctions or not recognize at all via a no vote?

- i. Glueckert: My intent was to expand on BOMO's recommendation. My understanding is that this vote is to vote yes to conditionally recognize them with sanctions and have a separate vote to recognize them or not.
 - ii. BM Rinck: The motion at hand is moving to add sanctions to BOMO's formal recommendation. I will ask the Senators to not have dilatory comments regarding not recognizing the group at all because it does not relate to the motion at hand.
- gg. PPI (Bowles): If you made the motion to amend the sanctions, we would have to call division of the question.
- hh. Glueckert: I recommend with that clarification that we vote yes to this because we can go into a separate motion to recognize them or not. If they do get recognized, these sanctions would be in place.
- ii. Glueckert: Yielded to Williams- Another thing to consider during BOMO is that their meetings are open to the public. What was communicated is that the students by and large are complying with the policy per technical membership, and they are having trouble getting community members to comply with the mandate. I think it is unfortunate that this responsibility is falling on students. I think the university needs to enforce mask compliance more in this building. I think the responsibility is on the university center and I reiterate that earlier you took a vote on the birding club and accessibility was brought up on finances. The cost for meeting spaces will fall on students if we approve these sanctions so I would like to apply that value of financial stability to everyone. I am not trying to make light of the risks of not wearing masks. We can still derecognize at the end of the BOMO warning period if we do not approve sanctions. It has been communicated those public members are not complying, but if it was to learn it was otherwise, I would feel differently. I do think it is unfair that the university requirement is falling on individual students when outside public members are not complying.
- jj. Hawes: I will vote no on this motion to add sanctions because I think it would be the easiest way for us to enact our oversight onto this group and make sure they are complying with our demand that they follow university policy. It would be difficult for us to oversee that if they are not using the spaces on campus. If we were to recognize and have it under BOMO's condition, we are able to oversee and derecognize at the end of the period if necessary.
- kk. BM Rinck: Remember that you get free/reduced rates as a student group, and they would still have access, but they would have to pay.
- ll. Bowles: I will probably vote no against the sanction and recognition, especially so the sanctions do not oppose BOMO. Even after this four week period regardless of proposed sanctions, if there is no reason for us to move forward, they could apply for final budgeting in the spring, and we would not

have any reason to say no to that. If this four week period gets passed and we are seeing the same problem, I think it is unclear about how BOMO and senate would handle further issues. I asked for a point of clarification that BM Rinck answered because this makes it say no right now and the group can apply to be recognized again. This will show a precedent if we vote no to follow the student code of conduct so there is no question and no debate going forward. This slap on the wrist would say that we are okay with student groups benefitting further in the spring with things they would not have if we had upheld the precedent of upholding our recognition standards. I hope everyone considers that.

mm. Bell: Have they been using facilities free up until now?

nn. BM Rinck: Yes, they had the reserved space for free and discounted rates for equipment use. That is how we would treat any student group seeking recognition.

oo. President Durnell: To respond to the point discussing that with this provision it would be difficult to oversee the group, but I do not think that is within our realm. We are not investigators but are aware they are not going by policy and would be looking at compliance with an honor code as we always do. I argue that not being able to enforce the provisions provided in the way suggested is not in our realm. I am looking for a motivator for this group to go forward with mask compliance and not be punished to a point of no return if they are not recognized. I think this amendment is very influential. On the sanctions and BOMO condition conflicting, I would not say that is the case. We can derecognize at any time. As soon as we do recognize, if we do, we will have to issue a warning regardless. I think they follow each other. I highly encourage the Senate to vote in favor of this amendment.

pp. Kiefer: I am in support of this motion, and I do want to compromise. I know people will be unhappy regardless and I think this is why we need to have discussion. We can move on to the next discussion on recognition.

qq. VP Lock: My initial concern was that I do not want to add punishments that BOMO did not feel were necessary because I see the hard work done on committees. I think there are good concerns both ways and that all the talk of not recognizing them (dilatatory) will be a good discussion and I encourage us to focus on this here now.

rr. Ververis: I think that we need to vote yes on adding these sanctions regardless of your next vote. I want to see some sort of punishment for this blatant disregard for policy. We need to vote yes, and you can decide on what you want to do after.

ss. Kayne: I am under the impression that a student group is relatively small and now we hear that this student group has the public coming in and being a part

of the student group, which means to me that they are holding church service, which in my opinion is a business. I am very confused and would like some clarification. I do not understand whether this is a student group or not.

- tt. POI (President Durnell): They are not a student group right now because they have not been recognized. We do not judge based on the mission of the group. Student groups are defined by our policies including the ones we have discussed tonight.
- uu. Motion passed 13Y-1N-2A [Resonate Sanction].
- vv. Motion by **President Durnell-VP Lock** to recess; Meeting Reconvened at 9:22 pm
- ww. VP Lock: I encourage that the Senate recognized this group because we had a conversation about how this process will look and what the procedure is if they do not comply. This group was up for recognition multiple weeks ago with the understanding of deliberation and that process would be pointless if we choose not to recognize the group. I struggle to see any reason why we would not recognize them at this point.
- xx. Motion by **Bell-VP Lock** to recognize Resonate under conditional terms and sanctions
 - i. Bell: I agree with everything just stated. We laid out how we would like to see this group proceed and I do not think it is any reason to completely deny them group recognition especially because they are having large gatherings. I still do not think it needs to be something excluding them from recognition and budgeting this year.
 - ii. President Durnell: I believe we need to recognize tonight, primarily because I keep thinking about opportunity, which is something I really value. I understand many individuals here today may be inclined to not recognize the group, but the process was outlined in BOMO and I would like to see if that deliberation and process will work, this is an opportunity for the group to prove themselves, This is also an opportunity for us to learn from this process. Right now, we are demonstrating that we are navigating the process currently- if that probation works, then we understand that we can repeat this process in the future. If it does not work, I will be proved wrong and will be the first to bring down the hammer on the group. I think that opportunity is only extended if we vote yes.
 - iii. Gudmundsson: This is the best opportunity to figure out as a body if this works. If we are going to sanction them and take an active hand in how they manage, I think it is important that BOMO goes and does that, and I will volunteer to do so and anyone else is allowed to attend as well.

- iv. Ververis: I also agree that we should recognize with these sanctions because I think people are redeemable. BOMO has decided a warning and we added sanctions, so I think it is important to allow individuals to recognize their mistakes. I think it is really important no matter your views on the nature of the group but that we allow this group an opportunity to redeem themselves.
- v. Glueckert: I will vote yes on this and only because we put in the sanctions. I feel strongly that we should afford students every opportunity we can to find this place on campus and this might be the place that many students find themselves. Even if they have not followed these rules in the past. I hope that they realize that they need a second chance and take us up on that.
- vi. Kuney: This is not necessarily time critical because we always have the chance to derecognize in the future and I would like to put my trust in the senate's capabilities to handle this as such. I will be voting yes, and I think we should give it a shot.
- vii. Bowles: I do think we should stay away from the narrative of allowing the group to grow because I think we are holding an interesting precedent, some of which is for the reasons that we do not value the student group. I think there is validity in the contingencies we have provided but as student group I think they have failed to meet the standard based off of complaints before. I encourage everyone to keep in mind that this is not because we do not value them. I think they are capable of change and are valuable, but I am cautious of precedent we will be setting tonight.
- viii. Birdinground: I will be voting no. I will give chances but if it prolongs that they no longer get that opportunity. It was failure of previous administrations to participate in that, but we have the opportunity to set a precedent that this is not acceptable. I believe Resonate has been afforded opportunities in the past but to not be acted upon with all of those files does not uphold to me.
- ix. Ververis: I am thankful for the pointing out of the failures of previous admin for acting on formal complaints. I do think we should stay as close to our bylaws as we can which is giving warnings making sanctions and then deciding on recognition following that process.
- x. Kiefer: I will be voting no on this. I think the issue of masking in particular makes people more hesitant to bring down sanctions. I think there are other sources of support they can draw from as they go forward. I think after this decision we need to have a resolution to clarify this procedure in the Bylaws.

- xi. Kuney: I understand where the no votes are coming from. I have seen other individuals on campus being very unresponsive to the obvious university covid policies. This is a tough one
- xii. Bowles: According to our Bylaws, it says that we should not accept them as a student group if they do not meet the student code of conduct, which they have not directly followed. The ability for BOMO to give this warning are contingent on whether they are not a student group or not.
- xiii. Bell: The masking thing is an issue across campus. I do not think it is necessarily fair enough for us to enforce this so strictly in a singular group when it is a campus wide issue. I think they deserve a chance to redeem themselves.
- xiv. VP Lock: I do not agree with sitting on the floor and criticizing past administrations. We are our own group, and they are not here to justify themselves. I am not super sympathetic to the idea that Resonate has received enough warnings because this is the first time, they receive a formal warning for this. I do not think it is fair to not recognize when they have not received a warning and procedure for us. The question of recognition comes down to us and I do not think it is fair without us having told them the standards pursuant to their compliance.
- xv. Kuney: To BM Rinck- In past years when Resonate has been recognized, did they participate in final budgeting?
- xvi. BM Rinck; they only benefit from the meeting space privilege, and they have not had a budget or sought funding
- xvii. President Durnell: I will be voting in favor of recognition. I really want to make sure that some of the things said are validated because they are true. They were warned so many times and it would be ignorant to say that they were not warned. I do not think this body is one that wants to be malicious in our approach which is why we are practicing grace. As far as the conversation about the governing documents, if we followed them flat out, they would not be recognized today. I think we are looking at this in a futuristic perspective and I think that is a standard we have to hold ourselves to. I am happy that the prior amendment happened because as we go forward that period of sanctions will encourage them to change their behavior.
- xviii. Hawes: I think I will vote yes because I did not know before that they do not seek a budget from us. Given that the meeting spaces is part of the sanction, I think this is an effective probationary period that will show them what will happen if they are not recognized. This shows

that we care to help make student groups work. I will be quick to vote yes on derecognition if they fail to comply.

- xix. Resonate conditionally recognized on a 13Y-3N-0A vote [Resonate Recognition]

- d. Birthdays
 - a. Senator Bowles ☺
 - b. Secretary Berna ☺
- e. Other
 - a. None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Bowles

Relations and Affairs

The Relations and Affairs Committee met on Sunday, November 21st, 2021 to discuss two resolutions: Resolution Amending the Student Group Risk Mitigation Plan and Reflecting the Revisions in the ASUM Bylaws and Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency. The first resolution went through minimal questions and line level edits, most of it concerning formatting corrections, and questions about why the form and why the bulky language. It overall went through minimal discussion and amendments, the largest one putting the risk mitigation language form that we currently use as an appendix since it was confusing, bulky and took up too much of the document. This made it so there were two appendixes, one showing the old language and one showing the new language. This resolution passed unanimously to be forwarded to BOMO. The second resolution went through quite a bit, it went through another round of line level edits, before moving into other edits such as clarifying who should be on the 'send to line' of the resolution and why it was important that the people it was sent to were pertinent to the resolution. It went into discussion about the relevance of having the Montana constitution, as well as other informational or whereas clauses that call upon the state of Montana for various reasons, the ultimate decision being about how it's not common in general but also when we are not in a legislative year to send things to anything other than OCHE, BOR, or UM, etc. There was also a split in a therefore clause, making it into two separate ones, which just clarified the clause as a whole. It eventually was tabled until the beginning of next semester, where it should be seen at the first RA meeting of spring semester.

- a. Kiefer (Provost Finalist): There was a candidate that opted out of the finalist spot and were filled with an alternate. There are three women, one woman of color, and two men of color as finalists. Each candidate holds an open forum on campus, and I highly encourage you to attend and provide feedback. These are held on the 2nd, 6th, 9th and 13th from 2:00-3:00 pm in the UC Theater or on Zoom.
- b. Kiefer (GPSA): Discussed changes to TA/RA pay raise. For TAs funded through the grad school, their wages are going to be raised by \$1000 per semester and anyone

- centrally funded are not going to get a raise at the moment. The library is planning to dedicate a study space particularly for graduate students. The grad school has officially decided to get rid of the GRE which costs \$205 each time you take it. There are hundreds of U.S. institutions that have started to do away with the GRE and this plays into the DEI initiatives. Standardized tests give advantage to those with access and wealth. We can start admitting more students based on a holistic review of them as a person. Departments can petition to have the GRE induced in their programs, but they have six months to do so, but it seems everyone is done with it. GradCon is March 4. The next GPSA meeting is in January to work on social media programs.
- c. Jolly (Provost Search): I was the advocate selected to give the campus tour and the candidate had a very nice experience and she was a delight. I am confident that she would add a lot to campus. Paul Lasiter also had very positive things to say about her.
 - a. Birdinground: To Kiefer- For Provost Search committee, would you take a statement from students?
 - b. Kiefer: Yes, and I am happy to pass on that information.
 - d. Ververis (Gen Ed Ad Hoc Working Group): We were tasked with talking about what a DEI core class would look like. We discussed other colleges and how their core looks. We talked about Stanford and how they have the unique opportunity of having a trimester so that you work your way through 101-103 classes, and you have the option through these seminar type classes to have DEI information literacy and other items in the final portion. One of the things I brought up was that I thought the committees should be deciding what topics are important to the university and leaving the specifics of how things go to a different group of faculty. We talked about the potential pathways we have within a new model in gen ed and some of the logistical issues and possible benefits.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None to be discussed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. BM Rinck: Resolution Amending Article 4 Section 4(6) of the ASUM Bylaws; to RA
 - a. Description: Amends the process we just spoke about to refer to academic month instead of “month”.
- b. Heaton: Resolution Amending ASUM Core Values; to RA
 - a. Description: Co-authored by Senator Glueckert. Amends core values to better reflect the work currently being done and which will be done by the body.
- c. VP Lock: Resolution Amending Section 9.0 of Fiscal Policy; to RA
 - a. Description: Amends for the defunct oversight boards and addresses the assignment of categories to the BM instead of the VP.

- d. VP Lock: Resolution Endorsing the Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority; to RA
 - a. Description: Co-authored by Senator Glueckert.
- e. VP Lock: Resolution Demanding that the Name of the Empire Builder Amtrac be Changed; to RA
 - a. Gudmundsson: I would suggest you send that to President Biden.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **Hawes-Birdinground**
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 9:59 pm; Objection Noted by Gudmundsson