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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2nd, 2022  
University Center (UC 225) – 6:00 P.M.**

**Public Comment Zoom Meeting ID: 986 1658 2767**

**Public Comment Zoom Meeting Link: <https://umontana.zoom.us/j/98616582767>**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

- a. Present:
- b. Absent (excused):

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. [October 26th, 2022](#)

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. [Online Public Comment](#)

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Confirmation of New Senators
- b. Guest Speakers
  - a. Jen Bell and Lauren Fern, Faculty President and President Elect
- c. Confirmation of the ASUM Lobbyist (Ethan Hanley)
- d. Agencies
  - a. Bear Necessities; [Can the Cats](#)
  - b. Sustainability; [Sustainability Challenge](#)
- e. Committee Updates
- f. Other
  - a. Food Zoo Pass

**6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Committee Assignments
- b. Committee Reports
  - a. Search Committee Involvement

- c. Kudos
- d. Other

## **7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Zero Base Carryover:** \$326,362.40

**S.T.I.P.:** \$255,800.35

**Special Allocation:** \$20,000

**Travel Allocation:** \$31,335

**Union Emergency:** \$6,000

- a. Funding Requests
  - a. Zero Base
    - i. Students for Life -- \$1,630
    - ii. White Water -- \$2,289
  - b. STIP
    - i. ASUM Transportation -- \$1,523
    - ii. ASUM Transportation -- \$4,101
  - c. Travel
    - i. Birding Club -- \$1,530
    - ii. Chi Alpha Travel -- \$3,000
- b. Group Recognition
  - a. The student Chapter of the Wildlife Society
- c. Birthdays
- d. Other

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. [SPA's Student Input Survey](#)
- b. [SB05-22/23 Resolution Recommending to Missoula County Commission Concerning the Status of the Rattlesnake Dams](#)

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**



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**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

- a. Present: Senator G. Balius, Senator Bell, Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cervantes, Senator Cook, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Milligan, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, President Bowles, Vice President Berna, Business Manager Jolly
- b. Absent (excused): Senator W. Balius, Senator A. Curry, Senator Merrick

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022
  - a. Motion to approve **Jolly-Birdinground**; UC

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. **Taylor, President of Birding Club:** Hi I am Taylor. I am president of the Birding Club. I know we have a funding request today. I would really appreciate it if you approved it.
  - a. **Business Manager Jolly:** [to Taylor] If at any point you would like to speak during the request, please raise your hand and I can yield time to you. [to Senators] The request is for \$1530. This amount was pending a decision from the Board on Budget and Finance. We will discuss this more later, addressing a discrepancy in gas, so that we can approve their request in the correct amount.
- b. **Noah Vanderkar, Student:** I am here to address the confirmation of the ASUM Lobbyist position. The nominee has spent half a decade serving in ASUM. He has

served as an SAL, a Senator, the Business Manager, the Vice President, the Elections Chair, Chair of Relations and Affairs, Marketing and Outreach, Board on Member Organizations and of the Budget and Finance Committee. The candidate you plan on nominating is only taking one credit at the University of Montana. He is seeking this position as a plan for backup employment. While he holds the experience necessary for the position, he forfeits the identity of a representative student. The ASUM Lobbyist, in my opinion, should not only be a student taking full time credits but should also be someone that will effectively represent not only all of you, but all of your constituents. The current candidate does not embody the qualities of diversity, change and representation. To bring the true viewpoint of our current students and our student experience to the legislature, the student that does so needs to be someone that is actually involved in campus life and embodies these qualities of a representative student. This legislative session will be one of the most monumental legislative sessions that we've seen, at least in our lifetimes. The person chosen to represent us shouldn't be taking just one credit at the University of Montana. It should be someone new, a new voice. I leave that with you as you make your votes of affirmation or dissent in the nomination process this evening.

- a. **President Bowles:** (POI) The ASUM Lobbyist does not have to be a student. As long as they have graduated in the last twelve months, they qualify to be the ASUM Lobbyist.
- b. **Senator Cook:** Do you have a candidate you would prefer?
  - i. **Noah Vanderkar:** I would prefer not to say. To President Bowles point, I know the candidate does not have to be a student. We've had non-ASUM students apply for the position. We've had non-UM students apply for the position. If this is an ASUM Lobbyist position, and they are going to our legislative body representing ASUM students and students of UM, that student should be a student. It is not a rule, but rather a pertinent observation.
- c. **Senator T. Curry:** You mentioned newness as a guiding criterion. In what way is newness better than experience?
  - i. **Noah Vanderkar:** Bringing in people with experience and the ability to bring in new viewpoints and who have the ability to bring to change is valuable. Someone with a current seat on the body or current understanding of campus life is vital to this position. There are a lot of bills going against student rights, gay rights, trans rights and funding in the legislative session this year. Someone should have the viewpoints of the students when they're representing us in that way.
- d. **Senator Cervantes:** You reiterate you would like this person to be a full-time student. The lobbyist is required to relocate to Helena. This is a full-time position. Having been a full-time student and full-time employee this would be an incredibly challenging task. Where is this dichotomy coming from and what are you looking to gain here?
  - i. **Noah Vanderkar:** The student should be a student this semester. They don't have to take credits when they are the ASUM Lobbyist. I am suggesting they should be taking full time credits the semester prior. I

am not suggesting they should be taking full time credits *while* they are the lobbyist.

- c. **Maggie Bell, Student:** I am speaking in my capacity as a student that is represented by this body. ASUM is an organization both for students and by students. The ASUM Lobbyist holds a crucial role in representing students and ASUM. ASUM should both be *by* and *for* students. The reason ASUM doesn't seek out and hire a professional lobbyist is because the lobbyist is meant to be a student, not only to represent students, but to give a student the chance to work for ASUM and gain professional experience. Ethan has been involved with ASUM for *five* years. He has a plethora of knowledge about ASUM. The legislature meets biannually so there are limited chances for students to apply for this role, however this was Ethans third opportunity to apply. Some may know I applied for this position. I want to be *very* clear that this is not out of spite for not being selected. There was another perfectly capable student who applied as a third option. All of us were equally qualified to do a great job in the legislature. I am disappointed. Ethan will do a great job, but obviously so; he has had *five* years to prepare for this. ASUM needs to evaluate their hiring opportunities and the scope of the positions themselves. The Marketing and Outreach Coordinator is traditionally a student and often a marketing student. This is a chance to further the students experience while expanding ASUM's knowledge by hiring externally. I think it is unfortunate that an ASUM elite was chosen by fellow ASUM students to serve this role, however I wish him and ASUM the best of luck in the legislative session.
  - a. **President Bowles:** (POI) The third candidate would graduate in December. This disqualified them.
    - i. **Maggie Bell:** The issue is that Ethan has had previous opportunities. Other students applying have more to gain and may not have another opportunity to apply. We need to evaluate ASUM's role in whether we are choosing students to further their experience or merely hiring to serve ASUM.
  - b. **Senator T. Curry:** This is an interesting way to consider hiring. Ultimately, it is true. Hiring from within is inherently exclusive. I was mentioned implicitly in this speech. In general, when we consider hiring policies, those who are hired from within will inherently have an upper hand. They are not necessarily taking jobs from other students; however, the practice may not promote the core values of this body. Moving forward it is something we should consider.
  - c. **Senator Hawthorne:** The ASUM Lobbyist is the most important position we hire for. We took this hiring very seriously. All of the candidates were involved in ASUM or MontPIRG. The process should be reevaluated; however, this hiring was not based on internal involvement alone.
    - i. **Maggie Bell:** When I was told I had not received the position I asked what advantages the chosen candidates had over me. They said it was their depth of knowledge in ASUM. If you have five years' experience in ASUM you will receive better opportunities. This is a similar issue in Interview Committee. This is elite picking elite. This is a big, systemic issue that is going to snowball on us really quickly. We

should reevaluate this process. We have the chance to do this in Ethan's confirmation tonight.

- d. **Senator Cervantes:** Elitism has been addressed by Senator T. Curry and Maggie Bell. Let each of us consider how we got into this position. Who we know. This body stands on elitism. We can correct this and we should.
- e. **President Bowles:** (POI) It was not merely Ethan's experience in ASUM but his prior knowledge, and experience in the legislature itself, that made him the most qualified candidate for the position,
  - i. **Maggie Bell:** We can reopen hiring process. We can get as many students involved as possible, see where that leads us and reevaluate this process. The hiring committee was Senator Hawthorne, Lou and President Bowles. Two ASUM and one Legal. With the upcoming Interview Committee resolution, we have the opportunity to have Interview Committee members sit in on these hiring processes. If Ethan is nominated, he has my full support. I hope ASUM is furthered and he does his best. I hope you can all reflect on the overarching theme tonight. This process needs to be addressed.
- f. **Business Manager Jolly:** Is your intent, Maggie and/or Noah, in speaking at public comment tonight to request our reopening of the hiring process?
  - i. **Noah Vanderkar:** I did not come on behalf of or in coordination with Maggie. I called her ten minutes ago telling her I was coming. I was talking to the former President and Senators about what was going on. I would be fully supportive of Ethan. I respect Ethan. I've worked with Ethan. I am here to express sentiments' I have heard from other colleagues. I have no correlation or connection with Maggie. I am here on my own behalf.
  - ii. **Maggie Bell:** I applied on a whim. I was not devastated. I was disappointed that the one candidate with five years of experience was chosen by other ASUM members. I would love to see the process reopened. I believe that is what would happen if the candidate were not confirmed tonight.
- g. **Senator Hawthorne:** It would be almost impossible for us to reopen this hiring process and be effective. We already have to hire a new SPA Director because our previous Director resigned. We have to start a new hiring committee. We cannot go through two more hiring process and feel prepared to effectively enter this legislative session.
  - i. **Maggie Bell:** That is your job. We were elected to hire.
  - ii. **Senator Hawthorne:** You said, yourself, that Ethan is more than capable of handling this job. I don't see why we should reopen this hiring process. I agree that this is a systemic problem, frankly, like *most things* in ASUM, but trying to fix this in hindsight would harm students.
- h. **Noah Vanderkar:** My purpose is not to have you all *not* confirm Ethan. I just wanted to start this discussion. When people are watching from home, I want them to see you are thinking about changes in the future. It doesn't have to

change right now. Whether Ethan *or someone else* serves as the ASUM Lobbyist, *((slowly))* it will be okay. Nothing is going to burn to the ground.

- i. **Maggie Bell:** I agree. I am not telling you how to vote. I wanted to bring these issues to hand. As a student, it was hard seeing opportunities given to longtime, institutionalized students in this organization over: those students that may have benefited more from them and students who had not had the opportunity to apply for the position previously.
- d. **Emma Wickum, Student:** Hi Guys. I am here as a student. Two students told me that they would like to be here over Zoom, however cannot be here at this moment, so I am going to philabuster. Let me just say, I deeply look up to Ethan. His experience in ASUM has helped me a lot. Last year I put forward a resolution amending our constitution so that each constitutional referendum or fee that was passed by a student must do so with a twelve percent turnout. *\*Ethan Hanley Enters\**
- e. **Vice President Berna:** It looks like a student is here for public comment. Thank you, Senator Wickum. Ethan, you may want to speak now.
- f. **Ethan Hanley, ASUM Lobbyist Candidate:** Hello. I am here asking you all to confirm me as the ASUM Lobbyist. I was the Elections Chair and Coordinator last year. I am a two-time previous ASUM Executive and previously served as a Senator. Last year, I nearly finished my degree. I am back to serve you as the ASUM Lobbyist. I applied to the ASUM Lobbyist position because I've always wanted to. I will be very open by telling you this is not the only lobbyist position I applied for. The other I did not get. I am hoping to get this one tonight. To clarify, you do not have to be a current student. You have to have taken six credits in the last twelve months, which I was in spring 2022. I look forward to serving in this role as I have prepared for this position. I appreciate those of you have spoken with me about ASUM culture. I hope you all confirm me tonight as the ASUM Lobbyist. I am happy to answer any questions you all have. If you have any criticisms about my process or me as a potential candidate, I encourage you to bring them forward.
  - a. **Senator Bell:** Why didn't you apply in the prior four years?
    - i. **Ethan Hanley:** In the prior two sessions I did not feel passionate about doing it. In the 2021 session I was the Business Manager which I wanted to do more than the Lobbyist. I wanted to fully commit to that.
  - b. **Senator T. Curry:** Hiring from within has been discussed as elitist. Could you speak to the division of hiring from within as compared to without, and as to why experience is important?
    - i. **Ethan Hanley:** Experience as the lobbyist is more important than in any other ASUM position. The last session had a great impact on students and the greater state of Montana. Knowing the legislature allows you to approach the legislature with an upper hand when asking legislatures to vote a certain way, particularly on bills that could harm students. You can approach legislatures and committees in better and different ways. Knowledge from ASUM has allowed me to gain context to topics the legislature will face (housing, voting, and tuition affordability). I can use the context to make alterations to bills, or persuade them to vote yes or no to bills which are necessary to improve students' lives.



- c. **Senator T. Curry:** The language we use when hiring: “elitist” and “exclusionary”, might not be accurate. This process is not unique to ASUM. We are modeled on a larger governmental framework. People who have track records within an organization and who have historically represented them better are often hired internally in order for the organization to maintain hires that will continue to do so later on. It is not fundamentally elitist, however if it’s the only way we hire it could become a problem. Hiring based on experience or time on the floor is not a fundamental wrong; its more about the language we use and the direction we approach it. I ask my fellow Senators to consider the way we have been using language and whether that actually aligns with the way we view the hiring process.
- d. **Senator Hawthorne:** There has been good discussion. We have an important position to hire for. If anyone has strong opinions on how we hire, send them to me and President Bowles. We can look at these ideas when moving forward to hire the SPA Director.
- e. **Senator Bell:** It is equally bad to put off fixing a problem as it is to fix the problem right now.
  - i. **Business Manager Jolly:** This is the next opportunity to fix the problem. This is fixing it now. This is the best way to do so. Voice your opinion before a nomination comes forward so we can efficiently rectify the situation.
- f. **Ethan Hanley:** I encourage you to confirm me. The discussion on the process of hiring is a good one and one that has been had for years. I think I have proved myself as a qualified candidate. If you have any questions, I would be more than happy to answer them.
  - i. **Business Manager Jolly:** I am excited to place my vote to confirm Ethan as the lobbyist. He will make a phenomenal lobbyist. If you applied or know the candidates that did, I encourage you to let them know about the SPA Director position. It is up the same alley of interest and passion. If you feel passionately about this cause, you should feel passionately for SPA Director as well. I encourage you all to pursue that.
- g. **Lauren O’Neil, SAL:** I am a former ASUM and ASMSU Senator and current SAL. I ((*pause*)) appreciate the idea of hiring a student. Ethan has one more credit and is still a student. The optics come off as students being disgruntled by this process. A process which has been under criticism this year. I don’t disparage that. There are marginalized populations undermined by our processes which can be interpreted as elitist. If there is a problem with this process, coming from any one person, it should be brought to the attention of the hiring committee moving forward. Anything else is frivolous. SPA Director is a perfect opportunity to address this. The candidates that were concerned should apply for SPA Director for the reasons Business Manager Jolly has outlined. If you don’t vote to confirm Ethan you will disservice the students you represent. This candidate is qualified and has the most experience. Ask Ethan questions. Be curious. If you don’t know Ethan, get to know him. Not confirming him would harm our effectiveness in the legislative session and the student body as a whole. I urge you, as a student, to vote to confirm him. Thank you.

- h. [Online Public Comment](#)
  - a. Tayli Hillyard [[Tayli.Hillyard@umt.edu](mailto:Tayli.Hillyard@umt.edu)]: Thanks to all of those who participated in the senate sustainability challenge! Whether you participated wholeheartedly or not, please report your points at the survey before Friday, Nov 4th. This will help me gather an impact statement that I can share with you all: [https://umt.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_246bIG4xyTThxb0](https://umt.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_246bIG4xyTThxb0) I will announce the winners and be in touch with them regarding their prizes. Best, Tayli Hillyard [tayli.hillyard@mso.umt.edu](mailto:tayli.hillyard@mso.umt.edu)

## 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Confirmation of New Senators
  - a. Motion to Confirm **Jolly-Witt**; UC
- b. Guest Speakers
  - a. **Jen Bell and Lauren Fern, Faculty President and President Elect:**
  - b. **Introduction [President Bell]:** I am a faculty member in the School of Physical Therapy. It is my Tenth year at The University of Montana ("UM"). I am the Faculty Chair. We work with President Bowles and Vice President Berna on all things shared governance. We also strategize for the Board of Regents ("BOR")
  - c. **Introduction [President Elect Fern]:** I am the Chair Elect. I will be the Chair next year. I spent 18 years in the math department here at UM. I have recently moved to Missoula college. I have spent 20 years at UM.
  - d. **Role of Faculty Senate [President Bell]:** We have Faculty Senate and Faculty Unions (one for the Mountain Campus and one for Missoula College Campus). We do not focus on workplace or HR. We work on academic's and curriculum, including reviewing and approving general education courses and courses offered at UM. Those all go through Faculty Senate. Every year the Chair writes a proposal on what we want to focus on the year. This happened this year before academic renewal was announced so there's a little shift of focus there. I would like to highlight our new and routine business of the Faculty Senate. I will send more in-depth details to your leadership so that you will have access to it if you are interested. We are supporting the implementation of DEI initiatives on campus. We work with the Office of Provost as it relates to academics and curriculum. We want to incorporate DEI into our syllabus and classroom. We are reviewing and supporting emerging initiatives to support students. We have an Adhawk Committee looking at general education program as a whole. We want to modernize, make more user friendly, easier to navigate and make legible our general equation program. This is a multi-year initiative. We are looking at what the high impact classroom practices are: Elevate U, internships, and anything the connects the classroom to a real-world experience and preparation. We want to embed those into the classroom and curriculum. With the Provosts Office, we are looking at educational degree and non-degree seekers. We want to maintain the fidelity of micro credentials and certificates. Whether you are a

degree or non-degree seeking student, a worker looking to reskill or upskill we want you to come out with a product that furthers your career and experience. We also have the Priorities for Action with strategic plans. Faculty and our Faculty Senate should be embedded in those plans for our Priorities for Action. We want to be the most military friendly campus in the US. How, as faculty, can we support military affiliated students and connect them to the right resources? We want veterans to get credit for the work and learning they've done in the military.

- e. **Senator T. Curry:** We don't look a lot at the curriculum as much as student interest and concern. How can we support you?
- i. **President Bell:** We are focusing on funding in the classroom. This is a place where there is a ton of overlap. Classroom resources apply to both students and staff. How can we get better funding? We want to increase state allocation toward the University system. Anytime you see an issue impacting you in the classroom, it helps us to know about it. It helps us advocate for you. We can be in our bubble sometimes. We want to know what you need to feel more successful inside or outside the classroom that will improve your success and performance.
  - ii. **President Elect Fern:** Communication is key. The points of interest and concerns indirectly concern the faculty. These factors are correlated. We want to teach by looking at students holistically. Anything that affects the student experience affects the way they engage with their academics. Positives and negatives. Communicating these to us is very helpful. There are opportunities to work together. We want to know your experiences and grievances. Keeping that line of communication open is super important.
  - iii. **President Bell:** There is a lot of overlap and collaboration within and pertaining to our Taskforce which is a part of a national institute looking to increase resources on campus. We've heard from students, textbooks are expensive. You don't buy textbooks. You buy them late. This Taskforce allows a way for everyone to have resources the first day they show up. This way you can be successful. We want to collaborate to help you on the things that you need most
- f. **Senator Bell:** I had a professor on Faculty Senate and he said that the Senate discussed a "mountain day" where students would get the day off. Is this something still being discussed?
- i. **President Bell:** Last spring we passed a resolution to support this "mountain day". In the Mansfield archives you can find photos of the old Aber Day which was a massive party on campus. We might not get back to that right away. We might call it Aber Day or Mountain Day. This could be a way for groups to connect with the community. It would also serve as a mental health day. We talked about involving Partners with Place. The administration wants to make it work but it's challenging on their end because they have to be in class a certain number of days. We hope that it comes to fruition

- g. **Business Manager Jolly:** Thank you for the work you and Faculty Senate are doing to make this a veteran friendly University. Veterans are a large population of our students and they often don't attend college or don't attend college right out of high school.
  - i. **President Bell:** Pat Beckwith is the head of military and veterans' services on campus. 14% of UM students are military affiliated. This is important work.
- h. **Vice President Berna:** Thank you for presenting and all you do outside of this room. There is a lot of nuances to being faculty member. I appreciate your focus on each aspect of the student success model. It's a lot of work. Thank you.
- i. **Senator Cook:** MT has the highest Veteran rate in its population. Secondly, I once took a class from Lauren Fern, a math class. I am a journalism student. It was very accessible and Lauren does a tremendous job to make a difficult topic easier. Other math teachers have told me how Lauren was an inspiration to them.
  - i. **President Bell:** I am so excited to partner with her this year and see her become Chair next year. She brings a deep experience and personal connection in and out of the classroom. She is an awesome asset to our Senate and to the students.
- j. **Senator Redearth:** I am a Missoula College student. [To President Elect Fern] If you know Scott, he is my math teacher. I didn't have to buy a textbook. Everything was online. I don't think there are other field besides the math program. I would love to see this in other departments
  - i. **President Elect Fern:** Since I've moved to Missoula College, all the math classes and statistic class are Open Education Resources ("OER"). So, students don't pay for textbooks or online access. Additionally, I came into some money and was able to buy calculators which are available for checkout each semester for any student taking a course at Missoula College. Any leftover is available to UM students as well. Student access and equity are important to me. I have a role in the Office of Student Success as the Student Success Coordinator for General Education Mathematics. We have a new placement system. If any of you have issues with any math classes or advising questions, my door is always open. It's important to me that students are placed appropriately. I love math courses but students often do not want to take more than they need. I love advising as well so feel welcome to direct students to me in that capacity as well.
- k. **President Bowles:** (POI) [Open Education Resources](#) refers to a resolution we passed last year. I encourage you to go look at it. It allows students to know the cost of textbooks they'd have to buy.
- l. **Senator Miglin:** When does the President Elect's term begin?
  - i. **President Bell:** We begin a new term on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is so the current Chair can go through the May BOR. This OER conversation is important. You passed your resolution so we passed ours. Your actions push ours to move the needle. So, keep doing it.

- m. **Senator Redearth:** As student Senators, what is our most important thing to look and listen for at BOR.
  - i. **President Bell:** We are looking at the legislative session and how it might infringe on OCHE and BOR jurisdiction. In the last legislative session, four bills wanted to do that. We have our version of Montana Associated Students (“MAS”). We signed onto the state because of those bills because of the constitutional violation. Funding is another thing. I am hoping to see an increase to fund MUS and how student tuition might change. Some of the Unions has made some changes that hope to be passed in the legislative budget process, including increasing pay for staff. These people should be paid appropriately on par with the cost of living. Most of our offices are understaffed.
- n. **Senator Birdinground:** In two weeks, the Governor will send out their budget and kick off the legislative process. What we’ve heard is that the majority of what UM’s asking is in Governor's budget. MSU asked for more because they asked for a new Egalitarian College. They were denied. This money will probably come to us.
  - i. **President Bell:** We encourage you to make public comment at BOR. Speaking on how increasing funding to the University system impacts your experience as students is very helpful.
- c. Confirmation of the ASUM Lobbyist (Ethan Hanley)
  - a. **President Bowles:** It is inappropriate to address the internal hiring process as we confirm the lobbyist because a number of people have been hired internally; it is convenient we are doing this with the lobbyist. All processes are internal. Senator Hawthorne and I were on the hiring committee because we will interact with the lobbyist the most. If you want to criticize the process, I suggest that you do so outside of the confirmation of this lobbyist. I suggest you should have done it a week or two ago. I want to confirm this lobbyist or move on. There is not a sufficient amount of time to hire a lobbyist before the end of Winter Break. That would be disappointing. Please state reasons other than our internal hiring process as a reason for voting to not confirm this lobbyist.
  - b. **Senator Bell:** I will not be voting to confirm this nominee because when I saw the position open, I knew this position would go to Ethan. Ethan, during the last legislature, was the Business Manager. This is a systemic problem. Shame on this body for pushing this back so far. None of us were aware of this process other than those applications had opened and closed. The administration of ASUM should have accounted for the dissent to confirm a lobbyist. Given the compounding systemic issues, I do not feel comfortable voting to confirm this lobbyist.
  - c. **President Bowles:** (POI) I have mentioned the lobbyist position at every meeting since prior to applications opening.
  - d. **Vice President Berna:** (POI) This is a larger conversation that is important to be had. I will not voice my opinion as there are compelling arguments on both sides. Feel free to discuss this with me after. Additionally, please know you can talk about the hiring process. Nothing prevents you from doing so.

- e. **Business Manager Jolly:** We have been asked to consider the privilege that the suggested lobbyist had in being hired to this role. If we are looking at our privilege, many of you advantage from that privilege. Your previous experience was a valid campaign to run on.
- f. **Business Manager Jolly:** If Senator Bell would yield to a question, regarding your comment on how much the body knew of the lobbyist hiring process, what do you think could have been done, by us, to clarify this process to you?
  - i. **Senator Bell:** I understand you can't disclose names or amounts. The position wasn't advertised to groups outside of ASUM or MontPIRG. This position could have been opened earlier and marketed to more diverse groups. There are hundreds of political science majors.
  - ii. **Business Manager Jolly:** Out of the ASUM Lobbyist, MAS Lobbyist and MSU Lobbyist, the ASUM Lobbyist is the only Lobbyist that has been hired. This lobbyist hiring has been done more efficiently and quicker than other agencies at this legislative session. The members of Interview Committee did this very efficiently to get us a qualified member. I chaired a hiring process and it's hard to criticize the inner workings of a hiring committee until you undertake this same role.
- g. **Senator Cook:** I do not know the qualifications; I do not know the applicants. However, in my experience in MontPIRG, I lost the Treasurer position to Ethan because he had the knowledge to do a better job than I could. Ethan has been a student for five years now. He has done his time and has experience. He will do the best job.
- h. **Senator Birdinground:** The interview process is not an easy one. There are other things going on. Hiring and firing is only one part of President Bowles job.
- i. **Senator Bell:** If President Bowles would yield to a question, if you did not feel comfortable appointing a lobbyist based on the applications what would you have done?
  - i. **President Bowles:** If the committee did not decide on one person, we would have addressed it and reopened the process or asked for more materials from the applicants.
- j. **Senator Bell:** I would like to point out the hypocrisy in how this was the quickest process, and yet we don't have time to reopen it.
- k. **Senator Gibbs:** I am a graduate student in my fifth year. This is my first year in a student representative position. I applied to be a Senator two years ago and was not appointed for the position. In that interview meeting, they decided I did not get the position. The conversation addressed process concerns. I was struck as to how my merits as a candidate and representation were effectively sidelined in the appointment process because the body was preoccupied with addressing process concerns. The decision was whether to appoint or not appoint two Senators. Only two individuals had these process concerns. I don't want to put Ethan in that position. In this moment, considering this appointment, we should pass or not, this candidate, on their merits.
- l. **Senator Hawthorne:** I will be voting to confirm Ethan tonight. One of many reasons Ethan was picked was because of his knowledge of ASUM, OCHE

and the legislature. The lobbyist works with a lot of different organizations and it helps to have experiences with these groups beforehand. These hiring concerns are valid but we can hash everything else out later.

- m. **Business Manager Jolly:** I would like to ask you all a rhetorical question. If you have hiring process concerns address them with President Bowles. Otherwise, the only relevant question is: Does Ethan Hanley, the qualified candidate sitting in the back of the room, represent the concerns you want brought forward at the legislature and do you think he can do so appropriately. I think he will do an excellent job and his potential performance is all we should discuss tonight.
- n. **President Bowles:** I wanted to address the concerns with the Bylaws. I am not opposed to discussing the internal hiring processes. But not tonight. Talk to me any other time.
- o. **Senator Birdinground:** The legislative process starts in two weeks. If we don't confirm a lobbyist tonight, when will we? We can't know. We should not delay this confirmation.
- p. **Senator Wickum:** I support Ethan Hanley.
- q. Motion to confirm Ethan Hanley **Wickum-Hawthorne**
  - i. **Roll Call Vote**
    - 1. Yes: Senator G. Balius, Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Cervantes, Senator Burcham, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Milligan, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, Vice President Berna, Business Manager Jolly
    - 2. Abstain: Senator Bell
- r. **Senator Bell:** If President Bowles would yield, who writes job description?
  - i. **President Bowles:** Every party that had previous stake. For example, SPA Director was sent to Senator Cook, Senator Hawthorne and Gwen. I had a meeting with them on how they want to interact with the new SPA Director.
- s. **Senator Redearth:** If Ethan Hanley would stand for a question, your background of experience and qualifications for this position is unquestionable. My concern is how are you qualified or going to address the housing issues and freshmen experience? How are you going to make sure those with less experience, or different experience from you, are heard?
  - i. **ASUM Lobbyist Hanley:** I would like to engage with these issues via multiple facets. Some are out of my hands; I do not engage or organize students. I would uplift those voices by speaking with legislatures and allowing them the avenues to speak about bills that they are interested in. I could walk them through that process. They have goals to get students engaged. The values of student being taken into account will be, in part, critical to the lobbying efforts especially in survey turnouts. I would be happy to assist in efforts. It is a quick pace and intense environment, but any student with questions can email me. I am happy

to talk to students who want to get involved and can help facilitate those interactions. If they want to become a lobbyist, in the next or future session, then hopefully, I can help them be qualified and ready by the next session.

- t. **President Bowles:** This decision was not easy or taken lightly.
- u. **Vice President Berna:** Ethan is admirable and knowledgeable. Ethan will answer any question you give him.
- v. **Business Manager Jolly:** Ethans fingerprints are all over this organization. Look at his previous work. Reach out to him.

Recess at 7:21 pm

Reconvene at 7:29 pm

d. Agencies

- a. Bear Necessities; [Can the Cats](#): Click this link to volunteer at the Eastern Washington Football Game next weekend.
- b. Sustainability; [Sustainability Challenge](#): The Sustainability challenge is now over. If you participated put in your information at the link in the Agenda. This is how Tayli will decide who wins.

e. Other

- a. Food Zoo Pass: Come see me if you want a food zoo pass
- b. BOR: Today is the deadline for BOR. Tell me now if you would like to go and you haven't yet.

## 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Committee Assignments

- a. **Senator Cook:** In regards to Senator Cervantes demotion from Vice Chair of DEI, I believe we should confirm the Committee Assignments as they read without discussions related to inquiries last week. If she had wanted to respond she would have been in attendance. We should trust our Executives who have made a compromising adjustment to the Committee Assignments. We should move on to business more pertinent to the Senate. I urge us to end discussion there and pass Committee Assignments.
- b. Motion to add Senator Bell to the Campus Rec. Committee **Jolly-Burcham**; UC.
- c. **Senator T. Curry:** I agree that the details should remain confidential, however everything we do should be questioned. We shouldn't take this lightly and do it because we trust the Executives. Rather, we should do it if we think it is right.
  - i. Motion to Approve **Cook-Jolly**; UC DC
    - 1. **Senator Cook (authorship):** Unless it is unrelated to the DEI Committee no further discussion would be beneficial.
    - 2. **Senator T. Curry (authorship):** I do not think we are unified. We should have a roll call vote.



3. **Senator Gibbs (authorship):** I don't feel comfortable demoting someone for reasons I do not understand and I do not understand.
4. **Senator Hawthorne (authorship):** If an Executive would yield, as there a reason Senator Cervantes was demoted in one committee and not any another?
  - a. **Business Manager Jolly:** Senator Cervantes' voice is valuable, which is why she is on the DEI Committee as a Senator. We did not want to demote her from multiple roles.
5. **Senator Birdinground:** (POI) It takes 2/3 majority to demote a Vice Chair.
6. **Senator Cervantes:** I have been an ineffective communicator in my capacity as Vice Chair. This is apparent to this committee. This is the best decision that can be made for the committee moving forward.

**ii. Roll Call Vote:**

1. Yes: Senator G. Balius, Senator Bell, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cook, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Milligan, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Willson, President Bowles, Business Manager Jolly
2. Abstain: Senator Miglin, Senator Cervantes, Senator T. Curry, Senator Birdinground

**b. Committee Reports**

**a. Search Committee Involvement:**

- i. Search Committee for the Vice Provost of Educational Initiatives and Innovation: their position will include fields of learning and online learning. If you have questions about the role, please get in touch with me.
- ii. Search Committee for the Vice President of People and Culture: this is a new position under President Seth Bodner. This is a big, overwhelming role to support HR. They would work to improve management, employee culture, and work environment improvement.

**c. Kudos**

- a. Kudos to Interview Committee. I am working on a Resolution with Senator Bell and Senator Wickum to change the Interview Committee structure. They have had valuable conversation and involvement.

**d. Other**

**7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Status of the Accounts**

**Zero Base Carryover:** \$326,362.40

**S.T.I.P.:** \$255,800.35

**Special Allocation:** \$20,000  
**Travel Allocation:** \$31,335  
**Union Emergency:** \$6,000

a. Funding Requests

a. Zero Base

i. Students for Life – \$1,630

1. **Business Manager Jolly:** (POI) Zero Base Budgets are motioned for approval by line item. Zero Base is for student groups who did not go through Final Budgeting the prior year.
2. **Senator Cervantes:** If Business Manager Jolly would yield, why is there is no dollar amount under contracted services?
3. **Business Manager Jolly:** Each group can choose what line they would like to request under. Each group meets with the Business Manager (me). The group doesn't want us to offer them funding that they don't need or don't anticipate needing.
4. Motion to approve each Line Item
  - a. Line Item 62202 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC
  - b. Line Item 62204 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC
  - c. Line Item 62210 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC
  - d. Line Item 62214 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC
  - e. Line Item 62817 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC
5. Motion to approve Zero Base Budget in the amount of \$1,630 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC

ii. White Water Rafters – \$2,289

1. **Senator Bell:** You might wonder why they need so much money for shirts. So did we. It turns out, they are getting really nice shirts for their alumni.
2. **Business Manager Jolly:** They use these shirts for fundraising. The amount of t-shirts accounts for the huge following of alumni, their Faculty Advisor and their club members.
3. Motion to approve each Line Item
  - a. Line item 62204 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC
  - b. Line item 62280 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC
  - c. Line item 62528 **Bell-Witt;** UC
  - d. Line item 62881 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC
4. Motion to approve Zero Base Budget in the amount \$2,289 **Bell-Birdinground;** UC

b. STIP

i. ASUM Transportation – \$1,523

1. **Business Manager Jolly:** (POI) This is for a laptop. Usually, STIP requires the applicant to provide 3 quotes, however Dell and Apple cannot be purchased from third parties as per the University's contract.
2. **Roll Call Vote** motioned by **Bell-Birdinground**

- a. Yes: Senator G. Balias, Senator Bell, Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cervantes, Senator Cook, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Milligan, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, President Bowles, Vice President Berna
  - ii. ASUM Transportation – \$4,101
    - 1. **Roll Call Vote** motioned by **Salyards-Witt**
      - a. Yes: Senator G. Balias, Senator Bell, Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cervantes, Senator Cook, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Milligan, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, President Bowles, Vice President Berna
- c. Travel
  - i. Birding Club – \$1,530
    - 1. **Business Manager Jolly:** The Board on Budget and Finance asked the group about more specific gas numbers. The suggested amount should be \$2,561.
    - 2. Motion to approve in the amount of \$1,530 **Burcham-Witt;**  
UC
  - ii. Chi Alpha Travel – \$3,000
    - 1. **Business Manager Jolly:** The Board on Budget and Finance asked the group about more specific gas numbers. The suggested amount should be \$3,894.
    - 2. **Senator Bell:** I would like to remind everyone to be careful as we approve these because we can't always fund every trip. There is a lot of money in the accounts now, but we need to be aware that we can run out of money.
    - 3. **Business Manager Jolly:** (POI) Funding Requests are up to the amount. If they spend less, the money is put back into the account. They cannot spend more. A good rule of thumb is if you approve the dollar amount you should assume they will spend all of it.
    - 4. **Senator Hawthorne:** (POI) We can fund religious registration fees. It is a practice of the body to not do that. There is no binding reason cannot fund religious registration fees.
    - 5. **Business Manager Jolly:** It is a practice of the body. It is not a necessary practice. If we fund registration fees, we should fund all registration fees.
    - 6. Roll Call Vote motioned by **Bell-Birdinground**

- a. Yes: Senator G. Balius, Senator Bell, Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cervantes, Senator Cook, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Milligan, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, President Bowles, Vice President Berna
  - b. Group Recognition
    - a. The Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society
      - i. **Business Manager Jolly:** (POI) This group submitted a while ago and have been good to go. I did not want them to have to wait. I would do the same for any other student group in the same position.
      - ii. Motion to recognize **Birdinground-Hawthorne;** UC
  - c. Birthdays
    - a. **Business Manager Jolly:** [To Senator Bouchard and Senator Redearth] I will bring your presents to the office. Come get them from me. [To New Senators] Send me your birthdays. If your birthday does not fall within the academic year, pick a day that does.
  - d. Other
    - a. Experiential Learning Scholarship Fund (“ELSF”): ELSF will have two sessions next semester. Each cycle has almost \$50,000. \$38,000 comes from the Washington fund from the College of Education and must go to undergraduate students doing research internships. That leaves a small amount of money to disburse over the larger pool.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Academic Standards and Curriculum Review – Senator Wickum:** At our last meeting I mentioned that students have to pay for certificates. Troy and Paul Lasiter are trying to find funding elsewhere for certificates.
- b. **Student Orientation – Senator Hawthorne:** This committee is dissipating because there is no longer a need.
- c. **The Diversity Advisory Council (“DAC”) – Senator Birdinground:** We touched base on our priorities. Multiple points were brought up during this meeting including a head count for the University on its students. Senator Cervantes discussed that we should do that with faculty. However, faculty are protected in ways students are not. We discussed The Military and Veteran Services Offices. University has to do more for DEI. We discussed the allocation of a budget to fund and secure DEI initiatives. Lina Old Person called out Paul Lasiter. In the five to seven years in DAC, no person in the administration has been able to identify what amount of money is allocated to DEI programs and initiatives. Getting those numbers is important. Contact me or Senator Cervantes with questions.
  - a. **Senator Burcham:** Paul Lasiter and I talked about the degree fee as a solution for the fee of certificates. This would be a one-time, small fee students pay with their

tuition and fees. It would dissolve certificate fees and should be implemented in the next year or two.

- d. **Vice President Berna: (POI)** You are welcome to update the body on how your Mentor-Mentee Pairings are going at this time.
- e. **Senator Burcham/Paul Lasiter, Vice President for Operations and Finance:** Vice President Lasiter sees all the money. If you have any questions about money or the budget send them to me and I can communicate them to Vice President Lasiter.
- f. **Subcommittee of International Alumni – Senator Milligan:** This subcommittee is charged with contacting alumni in Missoula and internationally. If you want to attend a meeting or have questions reach out to me.
- g. **Senator T. Curry/Adrian Smith, Director of the UC:** Director Smith and I discussed ways in which the University are or are not supporting Diversity/ BIPOC groups on campus. Auxiliary groups like Adams Center or the UC pay a huge chunk of rent to exist on campus. These locations serving the University are paying the University to be here. These places that foster community and give them spaces aren't being supported financially. We need to have conversations outside of mentor/mentees about the way the University is using their money because it reveals the values of the Universities in the way they have not supported those groups.
- h. **Senator Bell/Seth Bodner, President of the University of Montana:** President Bodner and I discussed the impact on students in their third or fourth year who didn't get the on-campus experience during freshman and sophomore years. If you have ideas on how to help connect off campus students to the campus community before they graduate, please get in touch with me.
- i. **Equitable Education – Senator Witt:** The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX is coming up. We have a tree dedication this Friday at noon. I encourage you all to come.
- j. **President Bowles: (POI)** Auxiliaries are the hardest to fund. The University will not fund them. Appreciate them.
- k. **Equitable Education – Senator Bell:** Please come to the event on Friday. It will be at noon. There will be refreshments. Show your support.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### a. [SPA's Student Input Survey](#)

- a. **Senator Hawthorne:** I will yield to SAL Crist at any time. If anyone has questions SAL Crist is an excellent resource. Just so everyone knows, amendments will be tracked and made post-meeting because it is in Qualtrics. The survey addresses and gathers student priorities so that the lobbyist has something to focus on in the legislature. The Student Political Action Committee came up with and revised these questions from last session. We included questions about campus life, environment and anything else concerning students that may be addressed in the legislature. Questions are on a scale of strongly agree to strongly disagree. I don't know is also an option. There is no neutral option. This was a compromise to prevent answers that are not informative while still allowing students to state they don't know if they don't have enough information to answer towards one side or another. Some students are swayed to one political view or another and that can be illustrated

in the way they answer the survey questions. We considered a scale from very important to not important at all. We decided this wouldn't tell us whether students approved or disapproved a certain issue. The survey will go out the week before, of and after thanksgiving break. We want 1200 students to take this survey. The legislature will use any reason to discredit the student opinion and that starts with this survey. The SPA Committee has put so much work into this survey. I would be making a mistake not to shout out SAL Laura Crist. She worked with her professors, is getting us IRB approval, and drafted the whole Qualtrics. She is doing an excellent job.

- b. **SAL Laura Crist:** Our goal is to get as much student voice as possible. We are asking about housing, classes, internet access, diversity education, abortion rights, gun control and state legislative services. After the survey there will be a "follow-up thank you survey" which is a short four question survey asking if they would like to stay informed and stay in connection with our committee. We are hoping to give the contact list, from that survey, to our Director and Lobbyist Hanley so we can be prepared for the session and represent our students the best that we can.
- c. **President Bowles:** [To SPA Committee members] Voice your input. You put a lot of work into this survey. It is important as it sets the into motion how we represent students during the legislative session.
- d. **Senator Cervantes:** Firstly, neutral option is a valuable option to include. Secondly, can we get access to the QR code?
- e. **Business Manager Jolly:** Is this survey anonymous?
  - i. **SAL Laura Crist:** This survey is anonymous. There is no identification required to take it. There is some demographic information at the end but we cannot track who took the survey. They will get a thank you survey where they can opt in, however they do not have to. Therefore, it is completely anonymous unless they want to stay in contact with us. Research shows that neutral option does not provide valuable data. Multiple professors and Kat Cowley advised us to opt with an "I don't know" option instead.
- f. **Business Manager Jolly:** [To Senators] As you share this survey market that it is anonymous. These are big issues that students may feel more comfortable answering knowing their responses are kept confidential.
- g. **Senator Cook:** The SPA Committee has worked diligently on this survey for weeks. It is a compromise, but it is in great form.
- h. **Senator Bell:** I have a few concerns. I understand surveys are important. This survey looks challenging to take. The format is easy to get lost in. I wonder why the questions are in the order they are. How many questions are required to submit the survey? Some questions might not apply to all students.
  - i. **SAL Laura Crist:** We decided on the matrix form to allow students to give us more information. It allows us to add more questions. Maybe telling students that it is in matrix form will make them more amenable to responding. It only takes five to seven minutes to take. The order of the questions is randomized so even if students don't answer every question, we can still gain enough information from the ones they do.

- i. **Senator T. Curry:** I like that this survey can be utilized by the Senate as well as the Lobbyist. This survey is for any kind of student. It addresses everything from medical licensing to environmental rights. We chose to make it a little bit longer because it is more encompassing. The last question asks about political engagement to help us understand how informed or engaged the students who take it are. If students are nonpolitical but strongly opinionated that can provide us valuable data on an, often underrepresented, student voice. We wanted to optimize the utility and legitimacy of the survey through a statistical lens.
  - i. **SAL Crist:** Gaining IRB approval and making sure we gain enough student voices will put the survey in the best position to do the best in the legislature. It has the ability to influence policy for future students. Getting a high enough turnout will give us statistical significance. I'll perform a regression analysis that can be presented to BOR, the legislative body and campus leadership to give us more clout.
- j. **Senator Hawthorne:** Some have dissented against the length and format of the survey. We formatted it this way because it would be shorter. Students don't have to click through pages. There are a lot of things that could be on the chopping block in the spring. Perhaps students won't care about every question or topic in the survey. However, we decided we would rather have the data and not need it than not have it and need it. If you have concerns about anything on this survey, please say something. It goes to the body for a reason. Voice your concerns now so we can make changes before the survey goes out to students. New senators, I would love to hear from you as well.
- k. **Vice President Berna:** Can we let students know, in the introductory paragraph, that they don't need to complete the entire survey?
  - i. **SAL Crist:** We wanted to keep the beginning short. I would like to follow up with a research professor to see what the science says. I am hesitant to jump to any one conclusion because I don't want everyone to answer only one question.
- l. **Senator Redearth:** Are there other events or tasks that could help students engage with the survey to get a larger turnout?
  - i. **Marketing and Outreach Coordinator T. Curry:** The success of the survey depends on students taking it. We will plaster the QR code everywhere. We will use President Bowles access to the campus wide email to push to all students email boxes with reminders so they have multiple chances to take it. There are, as always, opportunities to table and engage with students that way. I would like to rep this in classes and discuss it that way.
  - ii. **Senator Hawthorne:** [To Senators] Ask your professor to do a class rep ahead of time. It takes a few seconds to talk about it or five minutes to have students take it. I will be obnoxious. Please market this because it matters.
- m. **Senator Cook:** We could issue a Kaiman ad, a KGBA ad, and MontPIRG can help with this.

- n. **Senator Miglin:** Q10 on page 12 asks to identify genders. This could be asked in a more inclusive way.
  - i. **Senator Hawthorne:** We felt that “transgender” was awkward and not necessarily helpful. We can’t list every gender. There are enough options given that, hopefully, include all genders.
  - ii. **SAL Crist:** It is important to have the data in case there is a large group of people representing as a certain gender with a common interest.
  - iii. **Senator T. Curry:** In having conversations with those outside of the gender binary, anyone who does represent as transgender or nonbinary don’t like referring to themselves as a “transgender man or woman”. By leaving out transgender, we allow them to identify with their gender without historically outing their gender journey.
- o. **Senator Milligan:** This survey doesn’t provide enough information and could be too interpretive. Q6 on page 8 is vague. This is just one example.
  - i. **Senator Hawthorne:** These questions are intentionally vague. We want to know what students think generally. We don’t need to know specific nuances of opinions. We hope they might look things up as well.
  - ii. **SAL Crist:** We want to know what students think. We don’t have the power to give specific number values or demands. We just want to know what students want changed and what direction they want that change to move in. Students may look at those questions differently. I appreciate all of your perspectives.
- p. **President Bowles:** The SPA Committee processes the results. The Senate will be up to date on the lobbyist’s priorities. We can reevaluate as we go.
- q. **Motion to Call Previous Question Bell-Cervantes**
  - i. Yes: Senator G. Balius, Senator Bell, Senator Cervantes, Senator Cook, Senator Gibbs, Senator Johnson, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith
  - ii. No: Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator T. Curry, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Miglin, Senator Milligan, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, President Bowles, Business Manager Jolly
  - iii. **Motion Fails**
- r. **Senator Miglin:** I understand why we shouldn’t include “transgender”. However, biological sex doesn’t have to apply. There could be a choose all option. We could also change “male” and “female” to “man” and “woman”.
- s. **Motion to amend Miglin-T. Curry; UC DC**
  - i. **Business Manager Jolly:** This committee had a lot of work put into this survey and made the decisions they did with good reasoning. I would vote no because we have a smaller understanding than members of the SPA Committee.
  - ii. **Senator T. Curry:** Language matters. Gender identity conversations matter. Small nuances make a big difference. This distinction highlights that male and female refer to biological sex rather than gender. Beckett of Lambda Alliance discussed this with us during our



Allies orientation training. We want communities taking this to feel included by the language.

- iii. **Senator Salyards:** This language matters. It can contribute to the security students feel when taking. It can help them feel better represented.
- iv. **Senator Johnson:** I think transgender is a better amendment to this.
  - 1. **Business Manager Jolly:** I will vote no. The language suggested does not change the connotations. I sat in on the committee meeting where this was decided after a lengthy conversation. This survey is not directed at these groups. This survey is directed at every student, not just smaller populations within it. Vote for the 10,000 students on campus, not just for minority students.
- v. **Senator Cook:** As the question is worded “man” and “woman” would better answer the question than “male” and “female”. The question refers to gender, not biological sex.
- vi. **President Bowles:** I prefer the language “woman” to “female”. Being called “female” is sexist. Thank everyone for being so kind in this conversation. You don’t have to ask the committees permission for amendments. They can be made on the floor the same as to a resolution.
- vii. **Senator Hawthorne:** If this motion makes people feel better, I am happy to support it. I would like to make SAL Crist’s life easier by not changing the structure of this questions.
- viii. **Senator Birdinground:** Adding a box where students can type their gender identity as they choose to represent themselves would solve this issue.
  - 1. **SAL Crist:** I can add a box. I may also have to add another page. If an “other” option is okay that is better because more responses dilute our statistics in our regression.
- ix. **Senator Burcham:** There is an “other” option. Writing that in would be accessible. Some would prefer “male” and “female”. We cannot make everyone happy.
- x. **Senator Miglin:** I believe seeing man and woman rather than male and female will be significant
- xi. **Senator Wickum:** SAL Crist, what would be the easiest option for you: changing the word choice, making it multiple choice or adding that box?
  - 1. **SAL Crist:** I can make it multiple choice with a select all that apply. They can pick however many boxes they want. However, lumping people into groups is important. We have to categorize them to make it more significant data so if they can only pick one that is better. A switch from male to female to man and woman is a nonissue. I can add more bullets if we need that. It is more difficult to add a box to type into. I would

also prefer choosing only one box because it makes analytics easier.

- xii. **Senator Hawthorne:** We need a statistically sound survey to hold up to the legislature.
- xiii. **Senator Witt:** What if instead of other, the box said “Gender non-conforming/non-binary”.
- xiv. **Senator Cervantes:** It is difficult to label us as “other” but it happens for a reason. This survey needs to be statistically sound. The legislature will laugh at us if we make this change. The language “male” and “female” is more than appropriate.
- xv. **Senator T. Curry:** I will advocate for this change. Balancing statistical significance with gender issues is effectual in this amendment. Writing in a gender will dilute the statistics. It is important to have those options but we need a strong survey as well. Third gender is common term used in human rights network. This language is backed up by other institutions. This amendment should pass.
- xvi. **Senator Redearth:** We are representing the University. I would rather be laughed in the face by the legislature in Helena than the population of students we represent here.
- xvii. **Business Manager Jolly:** We represent all of the UM satellite campuses including one in Dillon, Montana. We represent all of them. Vote to represent them. Senator Cervantes addressed how the legislature will favor the current language. Changing this carries no weight if it won't be taken seriously. Language that makes you more comfortable will not serve this student body or the students you represent.

**1. Previous Question Bell-Cervantes;**

- a. Yes: Senator G. Balias, Senator Bell, Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cervantes, Senator Cook, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Milligan, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, President Bowles, Business Manager Jolly

**b. Previous Question Passes**

**2. Roll Call Vote on amendment**

- a. Yes: Senator G. Balias, Senator Bouchard, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, President Bowles
- b. No: Senator Birdinground, Senator Burcham, Senator Cervantes, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Milligan, Business Manager Jolly, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson,

- c. Abstain: Senator Bell, Senator Cook,
    - d. Amendment Passes
- xviii. **Senator Birdinground:** We put a lot of work into this survey. Please approve it.
- xix. **Call Previous Question on SPA Survey Bell-Witt;**
  - 1. Roll Call Vote to Call Previous Question:
    - a. Yes: Senator G. Balias, Senator Bell, Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Cervantes, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, President Bowles
    - b. No: Senator Burcham, Senator Milligan, Business Manager Jolly
  - c. **Previous Question Passes**
- xx. **Roll Call Vote to Approve SPA Survey**
  - 1. Yes: Senator G. Balias, Senator Bell, Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cook, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Milligan, Senator Redearth, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, President Bowles, Business Manager Jolly
  - 2. No: Senator Cervantes,
  - 3. **SPA Survey Passes**
- b. [SB05-22/23 Resolution Recommending to Missoula County Commission Concerning the Status of the Rattlesnake Dams](#)
  - a. **Authorship** (Mckenna French given by Senator Cervantes): I worked on this resolution with Mckenna who wrote an authorship. The following reads: Hello, my name is Mckenna French, and it is my deepest apologies that I could not be here to speak in person about the Rattlesnake Resolution. However, I would love to talk about what this means to me. I started working on this paper last summer for a class called Wilderness Policy and Packing, where we were tasked with creating a policy for an environmental issue dealing with Wilderness areas. As a Missoulian, I found it imperative to discuss an area that is important to me, so I chose to write about the Rattlesnake dams and removing or restoring them to save the threatened native Montana Bull Trout.
  - b. Located next to Missoula, Montana, the Rattlesnake National Recreation Area and Wilderness was established by Congress in 1980. The Rattlesnake is home to beautiful mountain lakes and creeks with a long history of native fish, specifically bull trout. The Rattlesnake Recreation Area and Wilderness is an important area of land to Montanans, and we have a deep respect for the animals and fish that reside in those areas.
  - c. Before the Rattlesnake was recognized as a National Wilderness area, ten dams were created as the main water supply to Missoula in the early 1900s. In

1983, the dams stopped being the city's main water supply as Missoula switched to an underground aquifer. Since then, the dams have gone unused and are creating severe habitat issues for the native bull trout, especially as climate change worsens. The dams in the Rattlesnake must be dealt with now to ensure that the threatened native bull trout can thrive. At the bare minimum, the dams need to be addressed as they are depleting and eroding the areas around them. As creek temperatures rise due to climate change and the water levels remain low due to the dams, the native bull trout is at risk. It is essential to attack this issue immediately to ensure that the bull trout has a healthy habitat. My recommendation to address this critical issue is to rehabilitate Big Lake, Sanders Lake, and Glacier Lake dams and remove the rest. This will help preserve the ecosystem and help the water levels remain high immediately and for years to come. As Montanans, it is important to recognize the duty we have to protect native species; it is detrimental that we vote to pass this resolution in respect for Montana and its beauty. “Former Congressman Pat Williams called it ‘America’s best backyard.’” (Chaney). And I hope we can keep it that way by preserving the Wilderness’s history and protecting the native fish. As seeing native wildlife has a “very important influence on wilderness experiences” (Roggenbuck).

- d. **Senator Cervantes:** The environmental impact to the bull trout and water source is significant. We should consider the impacts of climate change.
- e. Motion on L6 to add “ASUM” before “Senator”; on L65 to delete a space;  
**Wickum-Bell; UC**
- f. **President Bowles:** It is not often we see Missoula Community Resolutions. (POI) We cannot rule amendments friendly because both authors are not present.
- g. Motion to spell 8 “eight” on L76 **Bowles-Birdinground; UC**
- h. **Business Manager Jolly:** What is the cost of this project?
  - i. **Senator Cervantes:** The city has taken action for this project and are accommodating to these changes.
- i. **Business Manager Jolly:** I love outdoor recreation and trout species. However, I do not want to tell agencies, parties, or citizens how to spend their money. I lean towards voting no because there are other things our tax money can go to. I agree with the intent but I do not want to tell parties how to spend their money.
- j. Motion to spell Lake Pend d’Orielle correctly **Hawthorne-Birdinground; UC**
- k. **Vice President Berna:** (POI) The track changes were approved by RA Committee after their meeting.
- l. **President Bowles:** (POI) It is not your responsibility to find funding for your resolutions.
- m. **President Bowles:** I think it is the city’s job is to budget for this. Asking for this is reasonable and shows a display of ASUM’s recognition of community issues.
- n. **Senator Cervantes:** Putting our personal belief aside, the city will put money toward this eventually. Otherwise, they will have to do damage control and spend more money later on.

- o. **Business Manager Jolly:** Bull trout do not pay taxes in Missoula County. I am voting to not have to spend my tax dollars on the bull trout. I am entitled to my beliefs. Vote for it if you are comfortable with your tax dollars being spent on it. I am voting no.
- p. **Senator Birdinground:** There are 32 whereas clauses for one therefore clause. These clauses go towards a dam's rehabilitation. I don't think we have jurisdiction over this issue. I will be voting no.
- q. **Senator Burcham:** Consider who this is being sent to. This is not our jurisdiction. I love the fish. I love to fish. We would encourage them to do this but we don't oversee this. We don't have the jurisdiction to tell what the local government can do with their money,
- r. **Senator Bouchard:** This is a community issue and the University is a part of that community. This issue is important in Missoula. We may not have jurisdiction, it's still their call, but we can vote just to show support.
- s. Motion to L68 delete brackets L71 and 72 delete brackets L91 delete the "and" **Miglin-**
  - i. **Senator Cervantes:** Brackets around the [not only] were added by RA
  - ii. **Hawthorne:** I think we should leave the brackets or delete the clause entirely
  - iii. **Senator Gibbs:** Brackets offset the clause. The correct grammar is parentheses or commas.
  - iv. **Senator Wickum:** (POI) Brackets were removed in RA
    - 1. **Vice President Berna:** \*Brackets removal motion ruled dilatory\*
- t. **Senator Cervantes:** We are an advocacy group. The power to encourage and recommend is the only power we have. This is a vessel for advocacy. We're simply students. We have no legal jurisdiction and we would not be here if not for advocacy. We have no real power. We should accept it. All we do is support and advocate for the students. Vote for your constituents.
- u. Motion to add space between the ";" and in L91 **Wickum-Cervantes;** UC
- v. **Senator Bell:** we have no jurisdiction over anything, even things on campus. We are just suggesting, representing the student body. We voice what students of ASUM and general students want. Everything we do is based on student suggestion and advocacy.
- w. **President Bowles:** The city of Missoula, campus, and University respect the duty you are doing because you all are serving your peers and community. We contribute to the community. Students contribute money, work, and value. Your voices do matter.
- x. **Senator Redearth:** Since we are advocates, we should use that "power" to advocate.
- y. Motion to add "/are" after "were" on L15 **Johnson-Bell;** UC
- z. **Business Manager Jolly:** I am voting no for my constituents. How many of you pay property taxes in the rattlesnake district where these dams are located? \*none\* These are not your tax dollars. It is not your place to spend their money.
- aa. **Motion to Call Previous Question Birdinground-Bowles**

- i. Roll Call Vote on Previous Question
  - 1. Yes: Senator G. Balius, Senator Bell, Senator Birdinground, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cervantes, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Milligan, Senator Redearth, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson
  - 2. No: Senator Cook,
  - 3. Abstain: Senator Salyards, Senator Smith,
  - 4. Previous Question Passes

**bb. Roll Call Vote on SB05**

- i. Yes: Senator G. Balius, Senator Bell, Senator Bouchard, Senator Cervantes, Senator T. Curry, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Johnson, Senator Miglin, Senator Redearth, Senator Wickum
- ii. No: Senator Birdinground, Senator Burcham, Senator Gibbs, Senator Milligan, Senator Witt, Senator Wilson, Business Manager Jolly
- iii. Abstain: Senator Smith, Senator Cook
- iv. SB05 Passes

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn **Hawthorne-Wickum**; UC

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 pm