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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9th, 2022
University Center (UC225) – 6:00 P.M.**

Public Comment Zoom Meeting ID: 995 2000 8959

Public Comment Zoom Meeting Link: <https://umontana.zoom.us/j/99520008959>

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2. ROLL CALL

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

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- a. [November 2nd, 2022](#)
- b.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Guest Speakers
 - a. Taylor Curry, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator ([Presentation Link](#))
- b. Agency Updates
 - a. Can the Cats
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 - ii. The Food Pantry needs volunteers on the following dates from 12:50pm – 2:00pm.
- c. Other
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- b. Senate Morale
- c. Winter Retreat
- d. Kudos
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- b. Absent (Excused): Senator Birdinground; Senator A. Curry; Senator Merrick; Senator Miglin; and Senator Wilson.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. [November 2nd, 2022](#)
- b. Motion to approve **Jolly-Witt**; UC

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. **Tayli Hillyard, ASUM Sustainability Engagement Coordinator:** Hello everyone. I would like to thank you all for your participation in the ASUM Sustainability challenge and announce the winners. In third place is Senator Salyards, in second place is Senator Birdinground, and in first place is Senator Taylor Curry. You will get an email with the link to the excel where you can choose your prizes. I would love to have a student wide sustainability challenge. A month felt like a long time. Secondly, you are all invited to the Commuter Challenge on Training Wheels. You'll sign up on Way to Go Missoula and you'll log all of your sustainable trips for that week. Winners win various. This will take place, next week, the 14th – 18th. Just log your trips and check Instagram and the website. Thank you!
- b. **Business Manager Jolly:** I would like you to introduce you to Brain Fulton as the new ASUM Student Group Coordinator. If anyone has questions for him please reach out to him
- c. **Brian Fulton, ASUM Student Group Coordinator:** My office hours are MWF from noon to four. I am changing this Fridays to Thursday from nine to one. I

was a Senator in 2019-2022 and 2020-2021. I was the Vice President of the Dawson Community College and a former member of MAS. If you have questions about my end of things regarding funding and organizations, please reach out. Asum.sgc@mso.umt.edu.

- d. **Taylor Curry, Student of the University of Montana:** Hello Senate. My name is Taylor Curry and I am speaking to you today as a Student of The University of Montana. The content of my comment is in reference to the way in which ASUM approaches advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community. During the November 2nd meeting, the Senate discussed an amendment to the Student Input Survey that would change the optics for the question “Please identify your gender”. It involved replacing “male” and “female” (sex terms) for “man” and “woman” (gender terms). The author of the amendment expressed that the change was suggested in order to align with the simple definition and grammatical usages of the words, but conversation on the floor soon revealed that the Senate was divided in terms of how it would like to represent students, especially its marginalized communities.
- e. I would like this public comment to be revealing and passionate, not accusatory or demeaning. In the heat of the moment, it can be difficult to understand the depth of the danger some comments on the floor were. I’ve pulled a few direct quotes from the meeting recording so we can hear again how deep the problem ran. “I don’t think changing the words to what I interpret as identical words does literally anything”. “Vote for ten thousand students, not a minority population”. “Put your political beliefs aside, for the purpose of the legislature male and female is more than appropriate”.
- f. These statements and the entire conversation against the gender appropriate language serve the purpose: to restrict the core values of advocacy, inclusivity and community to the majority population, to argue against the correct use of gender-affirming vocabulary, and to justify the systemic disregard for our most vulnerable population.
- g. A common argument against my analysis involves saying that that’s not what you meant, or those aren’t the exact words you used. But, if your idea rests on the precise choice of a few words, and you can no longer support it when put differently, then you probably don’t mean what you think you mean. I can assure you from talking with other LGBT students that every person who spoke against the amendment last Wednesday advances some form of erasure.
- h. The amendment was about using the right words, but the discussion showed that even the simplest point of advocacy couldn’t be achieved easily by the body. There were 9 yes votes and 8 no.
 - i. **Senator Salyards:** As Senators we might not understand how this change can affect people. Please put yourself in those people’s shoes. I am doing my best to understand it. Listening to what members of communities know best will help.
 - ii. **Senator Redearth:** I don’t understand what everyone wants, but I always have to be learning. That goes for everyone here.

- iii. **Senator Bell:** Thank you for bringing it back to the body. I hope that voted no and made those comments are made aware of how we can do better as a body
- iv. **Vice President Berna** – Thank you for bringing this forward. He suggested we all go through Ally Training or something similar. When you see a problem like Taylor did, bring it forward.
- v. **Senator Cervantes:** Thank you for your comment. I made insensitive comments without really realizing the harm I was doing. Now that it has been brought to my attention it is something I can actively work on. Being a minority, I know what it is like to not be accurately represented by a body like this. Empathy is what I lack and what I need.
- i. **Taylor Curry:** I appreciate this conversation. I'll distribute this comment in some way so that it can be read afterwards as well.
- j. **Tristan Redearth, Student:** Today I address you as a student with much to learn and making do with the experiences and resources I do have. The position of a Senator outlines duties and responsibilities to the body. It does not outline the things individuals do; the most exciting things undertaken outside of Senate. It does not outline how we, as students and Senators will pull on the proverbial mast toward a common cause. I recently went to Philadelphia, PA and stood in the halls in which our Declaration were signed. Our very nation was built on uncertainties. People, not always likeminded, but like hearted, find certainties in each other In light of recent events, I encourage us to reflect on our uncertainties as students and Senators. Do not give in to the easy state of defeatism. Let us be sure and certain of our combined capabilities.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Guest Speakers
 - a. **Taylor Curry, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator** ([Presentation Link](#)): This presentation overviews the marketing and image directions I would like to take ASUM in. I view the position as a point person for how ASUM branding, image and commentary is done. It is someone who can consolidate and streamline information about ASUM to students and broader communities. The content of this information comes from you, the executives and the Marketing and Outreach Committee. It is important for me, as a student as a Senator and as the coordinator to keep these roles separate as some are paid and some are not. I have edited ran different newsletters and social media pages for groups on campus like the Franke GLI and Study Abroad program. I saw a lack in direction in our Marketing and Outreach which I am excited about invigorating. I have outlined five tenants: casual postings and outreach, being open (informal communication methods), inclusive in who we are communicating information to, cohesive in branding across platforms, and making it modern. We can phase out email news lettering and invigorating social medias by starting the Tik Tok page and making our Instagram more approachable.

- b. Initiatives: I would like to get Senator input through a forum or a spot in the meeting to get feedback from Senators. I want to make sure our media is relevant. I would like to do a meeting digest involving putting into laymen terms what we'll discuss during the meeting and then a debrief afterwards of how it went. I would like to emphasize our public comment. It is the most direct way for students to communicate with us. I want to hear your feedback at this point.
- i. **Senator Cook:** We discussed this in committee, but will we update our website?
 1. **Coordinator T. Curry:** You can find information on our website. It has the information if you do some digging but I want to make the digging less difficult. We should go in and decide what parts are and aren't necessary.
 - ii. **Senator Salyards:** I like that we're ditching the newsletter. What is the alternative?
 1. **Coordinator T. Curry:** Newsletters don't reach folks it's supposed to. Meeting digest is that replacement. This will more easily streamline the information.
 - iii. **Vice President Berna:** I like these ideas and am glad that we are trying to get the information to folks.
 - iv. **Senator Wickum:** It is amazing to work with you. A student told me that they saw your Instagram story about voting and it helped them vote. It is helping students to actually do the thing. A student told me they saw the ASUM story on voting and it helped them vote. So, it is HELPING students actually do the thing.
 - v. **Senator Cook:** Logistically, are posters something that is effective?
 1. **Coordinator T. Curry:** I am happy to help with anything marketing. Putting up posters is a little regressive. It is not modern. It needs to have a purpose uniting with a specific push. For example, QR codes are a great reason to poster.
 - vi. **Senator Smith:** Are these meeting open to the public?
 1. **Coordinator T. Curry:** Yes, definitely. We need to market that more. Being in the room is important but being able to understand what we're doing is also important.
 - vii. **Senator Cook:** I think a physical median is important to getting word out. So many people don't follow social media. Senator Redearth learned of our organization from a poster.
 1. **Coordinator T. Curry:** Posters will have to stay for the sake of making sure our information is marketed to many different groups and demographics, not just those using technology.
 - viii. **Senator Redearth:** Bringing people into this space can feel formal and intimidating. Do we have plans for an informal setting?
 1. **Coordinator T. Curry:** I love the idea. That's what tabling does. Senator A. Curry enforced tabling, but it is usually four or five Senators who table. We need to all commit time and resource to this informal setting.

- ix. **Senator Wickum** – Do you think it would be good to have the committees also in the digest?
 - 1. **Coordinator T. Curry:** Cannot give an answer right now because we don't want to give too much information about the inner workings. Some committees are meant to stay confidential.
 - x. **Senator Redearth:** It would be nice to have something to draw students in more to the tabling element.
 - 1. **Coordinator T. Curry:** Getting students to engage with tabling is huge. A whiteboard is getting there. We need something to bring people to the table and meetings.
- b. Agency Updates
- a. ASUM Bear Necessities; Can the Cats IS HAPPENING OF COURSE. Kat and Bear Necessities need about 3 more volunteers for the Eastern Washington game this weekend. The times are November 12th from 12:30pm-2:00pm or 3:00pm. Volunteers would help collect food donations at the Griz game against Eastern Washington.
 - i. **Senator Cook** – I will volunteer!!
 - ii. **Senator Wickum:** (POI) You can sign up on Sign Up Genius which was on last meetings Senate Materials. You can also email Kenzie Carter
 - b. Food Pantry needs volunteers after Can the Cats. The dates are from 12:50pm – 2:00pm on November 28th, 30th and December 5th, 7th, 12th, and 14th.
- c. Other
- a. Food Zoo Passes: If you're hungry, I have passes. If you are interested, please let me know!
 - b. The Student Input Survey: The Survey is up and live! They did a lot of work to get it up. Taking it takes 5 minutes. Senate Hawthorne and Wickum have QR Codes to give them to students.
 - i. **Senator Hawthorn** – I have ten QR codes on hand. It is easiest to give students QR Codes and have them do it!
 - ii. Motion by **Gibbs – Cervantes** for 5-minute recess. Discussion by Salyards.
 - 1. **Gibbs (Authorship):** I would like to do the survey
 - 2. **Senator Salyards:** If Senator Hawthorne would yield, can we do class raps?
 - a. **Senator Hawthorne:** Please do a Class rap. If we can get 40 people to take the survey, we can hit 1200.
 - 3. **Senator T. Curry:** I heard that the M&O Coordinator will send you a thing about how to do class raps. **laughter**

Recess at 6:42

Reconvene at 6:47.

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

a. Senator Alysa Curry's Resignation (Read by Vice President Berna):

- a. Hello Fellow Senators, I am sad I could not be here with you all tonight to deliver this news but I decided it best to stay home off the roads. As I'm sure most of you know, I have resigned as a senator. This was not an easy decision to make. It ultimately came down to my mental health and general position within this senate. It became increasingly impossible to function passionately within a senate body I felt unsupported in. I knew it would not be sustainable for me to have to beg individuals to show up for tabling, committee meetings, and constantly preach cooperation in a body that places their personal values over the good of the students. I am incredibly disappointed in the discussion that occurred last week surrounding gendered language in the SPA survey. Inclusivity on the basis of language is the smallest thing we can do to advocate and represent ALL students. We are NOT here to appease the old people in the state legislature. We are here to advocate for students regardless of gender identity. Using appropriate gender-based language is the least you can all do to be wholly representative. Alysa resigned later today. I ask that you reflect on what she said and think about what we do and what she did here. I would appreciate if you do that.
- b. That being said, I don't want this message to come off as a "final attack" or me shaking my finger at you all. I do really appreciate each and every single one of you and admire your individual talents. I hope this experience gives you all a chance to reflect on yourself and your position within this senate. I know VP Berna is the one reading this letter, but I want to extend my largest thanks to her. Her unwavering support, kindness, and dedication to this body is extremely admirable. She puts the students and the well-being of this body before herself, I know I could not last a day in her shoes and still operate with such grace and dignity. On a final note, you guys have the potential to do such amazing things and I know you all will. I will be rooting for you every step of the way. Please don't be afraid to ever reach out to me via email or text. My number is (406)564-0613. With peace and love, Ex-Senator Alysa Curry.
 - i. **Senator Bell:** I am devastated that this came to the point that she felt she had to resign. I know one of her biggest struggles was tabling. If you can't table, you shouldn't be here in this room. I think that we've become more self-centered and need to. She had really big shoes to fill. We need to think about why we're in this room, who we're serving and what we're here to do.
 - ii. **Senator T. Curry:** The engagement that we have with Senators and students has a lot more of an effect than you realize. We are all people. We are all Senators. Anyone who needs should take a break or voice their concerns.

b. Committee Assignments

- a. Senator Cervantes requested to be removed from the DEI Committee. I conversed with the Chair, Senator Birdinground, and we decided to recommend Senator Witt to be the Vice Chair as the DEI Committee.
 - i. Motion to approve **Salyards – Burchum**
- b. If you are a new Senator, I will be in contact about new connections.

- i. **Senator T. Curry:** Will we be removing Senator A. Curry?
 - 1. **Vice President Berna:** I will be removing the, later. I had not had the chance to do so during this meeting.
- ii. Motion to approve Committee Assignments Jolly-Burcham; UC
- c. Senate Morale: It is a difficult time of year. You are all are busy. If you need support in any way, you know where to find me. If you need time or space, I don't want anyone to sacrifice your mental or physical wellbeing.
- d. Winter Retreat: We will have a winter retreat! I will meet with Gwen. Hopefully it won't be in Missoula. I will send out information and a timeline. Please be on the lookout for information as I get into planning it.
- e. Kudos: Kudos to Gwen. She is available and willing to talk. She loves crushed ice. If you ever feel like doing something nice, go get her ice from the market. She is one of the most stable, helpful and kind people I have ever had the pleasure of working with.

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- b. Motion to approve **Milligan-Bell**; Move into Roll Call Vote
 - a. Yes: Senator G. Balias, Senator W. Balias, Senator Bell, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cervantes, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Milligan, Senator Salyards, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, President Bowles, Vice President Berna
 - b. Abstain: Senator Johnson, Senator Redearth
 - c. 17-0-2
- c. There are only ten groups still pending on Griz Hub. I have been in getting contact with those who have been tabled.
- d. Birthdays - no birthdays ☹️ I have Senator Bouchard's present if you would like to get it after the meeting.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **R&A – Senator Wickum:** RA met to see the Resolution you will see tonight. There were minimal line level edits and a little bit of discussion on one of the clauses.
- b. **BMAC – Senator Redearth:** Today BMAC met for the first time and formed an Agenda for the spring. We discussed bringing essayists to Missoula College, getting Offices to those who need them and discussed net neutrality. We will keep you updated.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. [SB06-22/23: Resolution Generally Amending Article IV of the Bylaws](#)
- b. Vice President passes her Chairship to Business Manager Jolly
- c. **Senator Bell (Authorship):** I wrote this Resolution to make unspoken rules outlined clearly in the Bylaws. We had decided to overhaul Interview’s Bylaws.
- d. **Senator Wickum (Authorship):** Senator Bell and I collaborated on this to make the Bylaws accessible and transparent.
- e. **Vice President Berna (Authorship):** Firstly, thank you to Senator Bell and Senator Wickum for starting this initiative.
- f. **Senator T. Curry:** I’ve discussed my issues with Interview Committee. It’s strengths lie in the part that maintains some transparency while balancing confidentiality. I like the idea about the recycling folks are consistently making sure there are lots of different voices. I am glad that so many voices were considered in the authoring. This seems strong and collaborative.
- g. Line 11 - Capitalize B in “bylaws”; L143 – Spell out Students-At-Large; **Friendly**
- h. Line 7 – change “Alysa Curry” to read “Student”; **Friendly**
- i. Line 114 – place an “an” before “effort”; **Friendly**
- j. Line 205 and Section 11 – bold sections to match formatting; **Friendly**
- k. Motion to Remove Senator Alysa Curry from the Send to Line; **Friendly**
- l. Motion to remove the dash in “Swan-Adams”; **Friendly**
- m. **Senator Cook:** Senator Miglin asked me to request clarify on whether Committee Chair’s reporting to the President were meant to be public?
 - a. **Senator Wickum:** Senator Miglin initially wanted to clarify that this report was confidential within the internal members. He wanted the Senate to discuss this clause.
- n. L139-145 Italicize; **Friendly**
- o. **Senator Cook:** If there is a new Senator applicant, would we begin a new cycle?
 - a. **Vice President Berna:** Yes.
- p. **Roll Call Vote on SB06**
 - a. Yes: Senator G. Balius, Senator W. Balius, Senator Bell, Senator Bouchard, Senator Burcham, Senator Cervantes, Senator Cook, Senator T. Curry, Senator Gibbs, Senator Hawthorne, Senator Milligan, Senator Salyards, Senator Redearth, Senator Smith, Senator Wickum, Senator Witt, Senator Johnson, President Bowles, Vice President Berna,
 - b. Passes Unanimously 19-0-0

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Vice President Berna:** I am proposing a Resolution Commending Vickie Rectenwald. Vickie has been doing several jobs and deserves recognition. 😊

11. ADJOURNMENT

Salyards – Jolly UC

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 pm