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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19, 2022  
University Center (UC) – 6:00 P.M.**

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

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## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

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**ASUM SENATE MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 19, 2022  
University Center (UC) 225 – 6:00 P.M.**

To view a Zoom recording of this meeting, please click [here](#).

## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 pm

## **2. ROLL CALL**

Present: President Durnell, Vice President Lock, Business Manager Rinck; Senators Bell, Birdinground, Bowles, Glueckert, Gudmundsson, Hawes, Hawthorne, Heaton, Jolly, Kayne, Kiefer\*, Kuney, McKenzie, O'Neill, Shaver, Ververis, Williams.

Unexcused: Senator La'a

*\*Excused tardy.\**

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

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to Approve the December 8, 2021 Minutes by **Ververis-Birdinground**; UC Called

*See the approved December 8, 2021 minutes [here](#).*

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Elani Borhegyi: I have public comment relating to SB59. I am an environmental science and sustainability major here at UM, a Student-At-Large, President of the Climate Response Club, and the Treasurer of LAMBDA. I began drafting the climate emergency declaration, SB59, in October of 2021. I came upon the initial draft after drawing much inspiration from Vice President Lock's divestment resolution. I continued to expand the resolution and put my draft up for revision, and that is when my co-author Adrianna Medina came in. They wrote several clauses of the resolution and helped extensively in the revision process. From there, we met with others to edit the resolution and get it to RA where it was further edited and forwarded to the Senate. So why a climate emergency declaration? Why bother with a declaration that does not outline specific action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? There are several reasons why I wrote the resolution you will be voting on today. First, it is extremely important that we, as a governing body at the University of Montana, commit ourselves to taking climate change and climate action seriously. As stated in the resolution, a climate emergency is a situation in which urgent action is required to help or reduce climate change and avoid potentially irreversible climate damage resulting from it. A climate emergency declaration is defined as an action taken by governments and scientists to acknowledge that humanity is in a climate emergency. By passing a climate emergency declaration, we are bringing to light the seriousness of the climate crisis and acknowledging the effects it will have on humanity, and especially on us as students. Since attending UM, this is the warmest winter I have experienced. My hometown near Boston is usually under a foot of snow, but for the first time in twenty years, there is no snow to begin the new year. Montana is plagued by the effects of climate change, from melting glacier to wildfires to avalanches, but more importantly, the climate emergency declaration declares the need for climate action. Montana is a treasure trove for climate action. We can sequester carbon in our planes, replenish biodiversity in our forests, improve our watersheds, and improve our

vast public lands. We have an abundance of traditional knowledge from Indigenous Americans that hold the key to many of the challenges that climate change poses, and our own university is one of the top researchers on climate change in the world. The second reason we need to pass this resolution is the precedent it sets for future action. A climate emergency declaration establishes the longstanding need for climate action beyond the years Senators spend at this university. This means that future ASUM bodies will be guided by the climate emergency declaration and will be committing themselves to taking climate action as part of ASUM's mission. Passing a climate emergency declaration is a non-negotiable and undying promise we make to future generations that we will carry out urgent action to the best of our ability to prevent the worst of climate change. Passing a climate emergency declaration opens up ASUM for stronger, more bold climate action for all time, and will compel larger entities such as the University of Montana to also commit themselves to climate action. The third reason we must pass this is that climate change is a part of our future. Though young generations such as ours did not necessarily cause climate change, it is a part of our future that we cannot idly accept. We have to show that we are taking it seriously and that we care about this issue deeply, as we are the ones that will inherit this planet. I am very proud of the work we have done. Getting this resolution to where it is today has not been easy. A climate emergency declaration in its purest form would be passed as quickly as possible to emphasize the urgent nature of the issue. After all, it is an emergency, and an immediate and endangering issue. This resolution has not been passed in such a manner. It has been changed numerous times to improve tone, to be more concise, and to capture a specific scope. Furthermore, action has been far from immediate. It has been three months since first working on this. That being said, I wholeheartedly believe the time this resolution has spent being extensively revised by RA and many others, has ultimately made for a better resolution and one I am proud to present to the Senate today. I am very grateful to RA and others for guiding me and working to get this resolution on the Senate floor at the beginning of a new semester. This resolution has challenged and will continue to challenge ASUM and the University of Montana. This resolution is the first that I know of to include pronouns and a land acknowledgment and has attempted to take a hard stance on holding UM accountable for climate action or a lack thereof. It is also the first resolution I know of to include a list of stakeholders, which is about 9,000 students short because we are all stakeholders in such a resolution. We all have say in climate action and in a climate emergency. This plan is also extensively researched and aims to get at the intersectionality of climate change and the effects it has on underserved and underrepresented groups. At the end of the day, I believe in ASUM Senators, and that you all are logical people with a desire to do right by us students. That is why I know this resolution will pass unanimously tonight. The science is clear on every level, and the logic put forth in this resolution is infallible. I have faith that

you will all listen to the students and the facts to cast a vote for a better tomorrow. When you all unanimously pass this resolution, you are unanimously declaring a hope for a better world. Thank you very much.

- b. Dr. Sara Rinfret (Chair of the Department of Public Administration and Policy at UM): We are launching an undergraduate certificate in public policy and there are four classes involved in it. We have done a lot of market research and we want to make sure you have the skills needed. We wanted to make sure we provide opportunities for our students. This is applicable across disciplines. If you have questions, you can email me or Professor Ben Hamman.
  - a. President Durnell: Every time this conversation comes to the Senate, I am obliged to provide a testament to how much the non-profit administration minor has improved my life and this certificate is very exciting. This is a huge advantage to students and all of you. To put a certificate to the name of your work is a great opportunity. I highly endorse this as an opportunity for all of you.
  - b. Hawthorne: Is the leadership and nonprofit class the same as the one offered this spring?
  - c. Rinfret: Yes, it is.
- c. Emily Tschetter: I am taking over as the ASUM reporter for the Kaimin this semester and I am excited to get started.
- d. Tammy Ravas (Head of Information and User Services at UM Mansfield Library): I would like to introduce Michael Hazelton who is going to be the point person for ASUM this semester, and he comes to us with ten years of experience in libraries and we are very excited to have him on board. I would like to respond to the resolution passed in November regarding the Mansfield library hours. Thank you for passing that resolution. We really appreciate it and I want to say that the interim library dean and leadership team read your resolution and speaking for myself I listened to the meeting where the resolution was discussed, and we read the online public comment that precipitated. The points brought up and the public comment were very clear in that you place a high value of the Mansfield library public spaces. This spring semester, unfortunately, we will continue to only be open until midnight namely due to the pandemic. The library does not have the appropriate redundancy of staff or student employees to safely stay open until 2am. It is also because of historical usage data because we have very few people coming in after midnight. We will be utilizing another means of collecting information on library building use. The entry gates will collect data on who comes in and we are using a method of floor occupancy to measure the hourly number of patrons on different levels that will help us in the future with making decisions about services. The library will continue to monitor this data and we would like to hear more general student feedback. Fall semester 2022 would be the earliest return to the pre-pandemic hours. We take your feedback very

seriously and want to hear your feedback. The easiest way for you to reach us is the chat with a librarian and email with a librarian section on our websites. You can call us at the reference desk as well 4062436866. I am happy to accept any of your questions and comments.

- a. Vice President Lock: Thank you for coming to public comment and heeding student concerns and feedback. Michael it is great to meet you and have you here.
- b. Williams: I want to express my gratitude for you coming in to directly respond to that resolution. It is not uncommon for students to feel they put their perspectives out and they go into the void, so I appreciate you attending.

## 5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. COVID-19
  - a. County Trends: As of January 18, 537 new cases were reported. There is a lapse of reporting some days, so that number is a compilation of today and yesterday. There is a 174 case 7-day average. In Missoula County, 72% of the eligible population is vaccinated, which is a growth of 6%. The Omicron variant is highly transmissible. There are noticeably less severe health implications for vaccinated individuals.
  - b. IPG: Classes will look the same this Spring in terms of mitigation, and they will try different spacing measures. More faculty opted to run Zoom courses since last semester in anticipation for this surge event.
  - c. CPRG: I was not impressed by the reporting by this group. The student body is supposed to know this information and I will try to get more information out of them; my impression is that they are exhausted as we are. We are going to get through this together as a team. OCHE has reclaimed that authority to move classes to Zoom, so if that happens it would be on a MUS wide basis. You are always encouraged to express your opinion to those folks if you feel inclined. About the discussion about the peak: there is no way to measure that right now. I did try to get KN95 masks for Senators, but I was told they are reserved for student employees. I advocated that we are student employees, but they did not agree, so I will look into purchasing these masks in a different way
    - i. Ververis: Who said we could not get a supply of the masks?
    - ii. President Durnell: Chuck Emmett oversees that, and I believe he consulted with CRT. To my knowledge they had a large amount of those masks, but they are being requested strongly to faculty and staff. I will make sure those are accessible to all of you one way or another.
    - iii. Hawthorne: How do student employees go about getting a KN95?

- iv. Pres Durnell: I think there was something on the staff information and I can give anyone who needs it that contact information.
- v. Gudmundsson: About class size and spacing- all of my classes seem to be twice as full as they were before. Was there any discussion on that?
- vi. President Durnell: Spacing was a big topic of discussion last semester and it did not go a lot of places. UM was trying to deviate from some of the county's more restrictive requirements about seating, so there is not a lot of opportunity for faculty to move seating. It is set knowledge by staff so they can report to the county, but UM found it was an inefficient way to report, though the county policy requires it.
- vii. Bell: What are the barriers for professors choosing to be remote? A professor told me today that they would choose to be remote if they could.
- viii. President Durnell: The faculty has been wanting more flexibility and Nathan Lindsay had this as a goal. That would have had to be a decision made before December. It would have been an earlier deadline, but I think it was made more flexible.
- ix. Shaver: In wake of the HSS updating COVID reporting policy where hospitals no longer have to report accurate numbers, do we know if those numbers have been reported by MT hospitals?
- x. President Durnell: That info should be on the county website so long as hospitals have been providing them. That is something I can check for next meeting.

b. Committee Reports

- a. Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee: It is in the second phase of planning the strategy development and action plan phase. They gave us enrollment improvement projections and budgetary needs and some of the barriers we have to consider- including banner modernization, website updates, reducing admission barriers, improving graduate student distribution, international study, and equitable distribution of funding. The ones we want to move forward with will go to the new office of strategic planning implementation. They are going to sharpen some of these and assist with the implementation. There are paid administrators responsible for carrying out these strategies.
- b. Campus Lighting Committee: The project is positively concluded, and they received full funding as we endorsed. Thank you to Senator Bowles for co-authoring the resolution and helping me speak to Paul Lasiter. The work you all did secured millions of dollars for a very important initiative. I am removing myself from this committee now, so if you are interested in serving on it, let Vice President Lock know.



- c. University Leadership Council: This semester, we are projected to hit close to budget which is profound. We are almost at a neutral zone this year- which is huge for UM. A lot of it has to do with enrollment planning, and we are up a 5% enrollment increase this semester, which is especially significant for spring. We discussed Banner modernization and the DEI plan and its reporting mechanisms. For DEI, I am sent every priority that ASUM is accountable for, and I report to them what we have achieved and what we will be doing, including anti-bias trainings and new asks that I feel UM is capable of.
- c. New Logo
  - a. Our logo is now in official university font. We will continue using paper items with the new logo so they do not go to waste.
- d. Open Education Resources Progress
  - a. There is great progress here, especially because of Kimber McKay of Faculty Senate. She was inspired by the talk at the BOR, and Faculty Senate has added OER as part of their Spring agenda.
- e. Office Hours
  - a. I would prefer to do all office hours by appointment- I will publish this information on the website as well. You can also come in if I am available.
- f. Other
  - a. None.

## 6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. International Council Committee Report
  - a. We met in early December and Dave Kuntz spoke about international affairs. UM had reconsidered the way it allows students to travel to CDC Level 4 countries, which is something that MSU does not allow right now. As of that time, UM was planning on sending 40 students abroad this semester. I do not know if any of that has changed as the pandemic has developed, but I will follow up with the committee.
- b. H/S Dean Search Committee Update
  - a. We are making a lot of progress and are currently revising questions to ask for interviews. That committee is made up of very competent individuals who want the best for that college, and it is a privilege to work with them.
    - i. Bowles: Do you have an idea on the timeline for hiring?
    - ii. VP Lock: Over the next semester we should have someone hired I imagine.
- c. SB60-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 20.0 of Fiscal Policy to Clarify the Short-Term Investment Pool
  - a. Authorship (BM Rinck): This was crafted in pursuant to the December 8 meeting where we tabled a STIP request on behalf of ASUM administration

because it was under \$150 and not clearly defined in STIP how ASUM can purchase outside of student groups. This resolution looks like it is striking a lot, but it is mostly reorganizing section 20 into three sections- general requirements of STIP that do not apply to either student groups or administration, the second is for student groups, and the third section outlines how ASUM has purchased through STIP in the past, which is something we have acted on in precedent but was not codified in Fiscal Policy. This reflects how business has been done and nicely reorganizes the section.

- b. Authorship (Glueckert): We want to make sure we are following policy and as Gwen has pointed out things like this were funded through STIP, but this codifies it into the section going forward. I thought this was an important change to make sure we are following the policies we are preaching about.
- c. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to amend L83 and L93 to replace student groups with member organizations; ruled friendly by authors
- d. Motion by **Ververis** to amend L99 to read “ASUM Administration and Agencies”; Ruled Friendly by Authors
- e. Williams: I think this is a great way for committees like M&O that have expenses to fund them since there is not really another way to do so.
- f. BM Rinck: Passing this is necessary in order to approve the existing funding request.
- g. Motion by **Gudmundsson-O’Neill** to add L120 funding for “request for unforeseen”; UC Called
- h. ***SB60-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***
  - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*

## 7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

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### a. Funding Requests

- a. Marketing & Outreach Committee STIP Request (Requested Amount: \$100.00; Board Approved: \$100.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).)*
- b. President Durnell: I compiled this request and worked with our office manager to fund our expenses through the ASUM administration account, so

this request does not need to be discussed further given the changes made earlier to Fiscal Policy.

- c. Motion by **President Durnell-Williams** to table the request indefinitely; UC Called
- b. Final Budgeting
  - a. If you are in the office and want to use time to talk about final budgeting, I can walk you through that presentation individually. The upcoming deadline is that by the coming Monday, student groups will have had to completed their recognition files.
- c. Office Hours
  - a. I am in the office all the time so you can come and see me. I will have a couple of office hours through the week but those are mostly for student groups meetings, but you are welcome to schedule a time to meet with me.
- d. Birthdays
  - a. Secretary Berna ☺
  - b. Senator La'a ☺
  - c. Senator Williams ☺
- e. Other
  - a. None.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Senator Bowles

#### Relations and Affairs

The Relations and Affairs committee met on Sunday January 16th at 12:00 pm to discuss four resolutions: Resolution Amending the Definition of Campaigning in Article VII, S.1 (9) of the ASUM Bylaws, Resolution Amending Article IV S.6 of ASUM Bylaws, Resolution Amending Article V S.3 of ASUM Bylaws Generally Restructuring, Removing Dilatory Sections and Clarifying Elections Processes, and Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency. The first resolution went through minimum line level edits and discussion before being forwarded to the Senate. The second resolution went through minimum line level edits and a few questions and discussion about the use of 'immediately' with elections forwarding candidates to the Kaimin and what immediately meant, and VP assigning members of elections committee and that process, was forwarded unanimously. The third resolution went through next to no line level edits and discussion before being forwarded to the Senate. The fourth resolution went through a fair amount of line level edits, and some clarifying on pronouns, the titles, as well as amendments to the appendix before being forwarded to the Senate.

- a. Ververis (Gen Ed Ad Hoc): Met yesterday and discussed plan for campus outreach to various colleges to gain insight from faculty and staff. In addition to them coming to

speak to us, I suggested they have an open meeting on campus so any student can come ask questions. We also spoke about some of the changes to the current draft format.

- b. Williams (M&O): We mostly discussed website updates. If you are on the ASUM website and find anything that needs to be updated, email the M&O Director and cc me, and we will make sure that gets done. We are also discussing details for an ASUM email newsletter. We will be starting Senator Sundays again, and we spoke about including SALs and agency members. We are also brainstorming about how to increase student engagement with elections, including pizza slices for those who have votes, improving debates, and revamping the associated platforms.
- c. McKenzie (SPA): Met over break to discuss what was going on with controversy surrounding the MontPIRG Campus Organizer. We met to discuss how SPA should go forward because of our involvement with MontPIRG. As far as I know we are not doing anything going forward because they are hiring a new organizer. The committee is going to be meeting again biweekly and work to address the housing crisis in Missoula and create a presentation to bring to city council and/or the mayor.
  - a. Gudmundsson: MontPIRG leadership met frequently and as of early January, Nevin Graves is no longer employed with us. All of that was sorted out early January.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. SB56-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 6 of the ASUM Bylaws
  - a. Authorship (Glueckert): I just want to start out talking about elections in general before we dive into the next few weeks where we will be extensively looking over a plethora of resolutions regarding ASUM elections. Senator Ververis and myself started out the school year with the intention of looking over our elections processes and amending the bylaws pretty extensively. This has been a big passion project for myself as ASUM elections have a long history of being dirty, cutthroat, and all around messy. Starting in September through winter break, Senator Ververis and I spent countless hours looking at and amending everything to do with elections in our bylaws. I really hope that the senate takes into consideration the changes we have worked so hard on. I myself have had the experience being on elections committee, running both a write-in and a regular campaign for senate, as well as have worked within a campaign team for executive candidates. This resolution updates the bylaws in regard to the duties of the Elections committee. It was really important to Senator Ververis and I that Elections was an easier process for candidates to run. Article V (Elections in the bylaws) is currently extensive and confusing, one way to simplify Article V is to move some of the language to Article IV

Section 6. This helps ensure that we are clarifying what elections committee is in charge of versus what we are expecting candidates to know.

- b. Some of the bigger changes within this resolution include: On line 68: Making the chair a senator or an SAL (and I actually have friendly language to amend this more to clarify that any ASUM fee paying member may sit as chair). Because the elections chair is a paid position, and this section has language that no one on the committee may be seeking an elected position we saw no reason to exclude senators from the hiring pool. Additionally, the President has authority to hire this position and I will let President Durnell expand of that in this discussion if he wishes. Line 91-94: Making candidates aware of relevant University policies. Candidates are required to attend information sessions in order to run for an election position. In Article V there is a lot of language about specific university policies, and it often is reiterated within different sections making it dilatory. Additionally, university policies are subject to change. This section puts the responsibility of knowing these policies and making candidates aware of these policies on the committee. Line 96-106: Shows changes regarding the Kaimin. Because we do not have control over what the Kaimin publishes, we wanted to amend this language to talk about what we do have the ability over. The way it was worded previously created a requirement to publish when they do not actually have a requirement to publish. Additionally, these sections about the Kaimin lived within Article V but we felt it was more appropriate to move it to Article IV Section 6 in order to task the Elections committee with informing the Kaimin of this election information. Line 108-112: Contact with the UC for the Window lottery. The window lottery within Article V of the elections bylaws was one of the most extensive, unnecessary, and confusing sections we had to amend, I believe it took up almost a page and a half of space in Article V. Senator Ververis and I wanted to amend this language so that the process of the window lottery was put onto elections committee rather than on candidates. We believe this language captures the original intent of what the window lottery is supposed to do but in a much more simplified version. Other changes were made to remove unnecessary language and to amend language, so it is uniform with the rest of Article VI. With that I yield to any questions and will yield to my co-author Senator Ververis.
- c. Authorship (Ververis): The whole point of our passion project for elections is to make it easier for candidates and this is a great first step in removing confusing language. I think this accomplishes our big goal of accessibility.
- d. President Durnell: In the past it was a Senator appointed by the Vice President to Elections chair and it is now a hired position due to the work of the role. Language regarding the that chair is now housed under personnel policy and

hiring protocol is my authority, and I can create a hiring committee as well. Since it is a hired position and is in personnel policy, it has to be open to all ASUM members to prevent exclusivity.

- e. President Durnell: As a personal statement for someone who has gone through elections as a candidate, it was very stressful, and it does not have to be. We suffered through this language which guides the entire elections process. What used to be many pages long is now being greatly reduced and clarified and there will finally be very clear language for candidates in the future. This can reduce grievances and make our elections process something for us to celebrate instead of fight over. I deeply respect the work of the authors.
- f. O'Neill: To President Durnell- Where are we at in the hiring process for the Elections Chair?
- g. President Durnell: I have accepted three finalists, one finalist withdrew so I accepted another and they withdrew. Now there are two finalists.
- h. O'Neill: To Glueckert-Moving forward in this process, once we have a chair and committee form, will you be friendly collaborating with the chair on the writing of future resolutions?
- i. Glueckert: I would be open to hearing their opinions. Speaking for myself, I feel a bit protective over some of these things, but when the chair is hired, I want to take in their experience that they may have with elections. I am not unwilling to hear people with different opinions.
- j. Ververis: I align with Senator Glueckert's thoughts. Most of the work is already done on these resolutions. It is also the prerogative of the Senate to set our Bylaws. The feedback is welcomed but it is the Senate's prerogative to make these decisions.
- k. Motion by **Glueckert** to amend L68 to read "The Chair shall be a hired position to be filled by any Member.;" Ruled Friendly by Authors
  - l. ***SB56-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***
    - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- b. **SB57-21/22: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 3 of the ASUM Bylaws Generally Restructuring, Removing Dilatory Sections, and Clarifying Elections Procedures**
  - a. Authorship (Glueckert): This is the first resolution we are proposing for Article V (the article regarding elections) in the Bylaws. It looks like many of these changes are significant because there is a lot of newly added language and language being cut but really a majority of this restructuring, removing dilatory language, and clarifying elections processes for General, Primary, and Special Elections. Previously there was only language in the bylaws talking about the GE and a section for SE but there was not much clarification of the circumstances these were to be held. The two notable changes are: Line 114:

In regard to the staffing of polling stations. Previously, only senators not running or affiliated with candidate campaigns could staff polling stations but adding in officers gives the ability for the Executives to also help staff these polling stations. Line 120-122 and 129-135: It clarifies how many Executive candidates or candidate teams may advance to the GE. Within Article V there was confusing language about the number that could advance, in one part it talked about 2 candidates/candidate teams and in another section, it stated that three could. As someone who has served on the elections committee when 3 executive teams were running for President/VP I am really in favor of only having two teams/candidates advance to the GE because it makes it simpler for both the election committee and the student body to have less candidates/candidate teams to have to research and vote on. With that I yield to any questions and will yield to my co-author Senator Ververis.

- b. Authorship (Ververis): This falls in line with more accessibility and more clear language. Only two candidate teams in the primary makes things more competitive and clearer to the student body.
  - c. Kuney: To Authors- In Section 8 of Article 5, do you plan on revising that language as well?
  - d. Glueckert: We have completely redone the Elections Bylaws, including Article 5, and we are proposing resolutions in an ordered way. Section 8 will come soon.
  - e. Motion by **Ververis** to italicize L71-149; Ruled Friendly by Authors
  - f. ***SB57-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***
    - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- c. SB58-21/22: Resolution Amending the Definition of Campaigning in Article VII, Section 1 (9) ASUM Bylaws
- a. Authorship (Glueckert): The definition of campaigning has not been updated in sometime and we wanted to make it more encompassing of what campaigning actually looks like in the time period we are living in now especially with the increasing number of candidates using electronic means to campaign due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, in an effort to simplify our bylaws more we removed what we felt was unnecessary language. I don't expect this to be a contentious resolution, but I yield to any questions regarding this resolution, with that I yield to my co-author Senator Ververis.
  - b. Gudmundsson: The ambiguity this resolution addresses took up a great deal of our time during elections last year. Our Bylaws at the time were not reflective of the realities of a modern world especially given the pandemic, so I appreciate the thoughtful definition here.

- c. Motion by **President Durnell** to add comma after person in L27; Ruled Friendly by Authors
- d. ***SB58-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***
  - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- d. SB59-21/22: Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency
  - a. Vice President Lock: This will be a respectful discussion. I am grateful for the authorship given during public comment and I will yield to President Durnell to give an authorship if you would like.
  - b. President Durnell: I have no authorship provided that could surpass what was given during public comment.
  - c. Motion by **Bowles-Gudmundsson** to add three individuals to the stakeholders list as requested by the author; UC Called
  - d. O'Neill: This body has and will tonight give this resolution the time it deserves, and I will propose now that we dispatch SB-59 immediately following discussion tonight – not because this body does not care about the ongoing Climate Crisis our planet is experiencing, as we have passed legislation this year encompassing ecologically-friendly forms of travel, divestment in fossil fuels, and beyond, but because it has deviated grossly from and disrespected our processes, and could even in large parts be considered dilatory. Rather than requesting it be ruled dilatory from the start of this discussion, this body is allowing discussion on the matter, as we should, especially as we claim to be a body that values transparency in the work we accomplish as we collaborate with one another and the campus community as a whole. I think that this resolution has brought to our attention some matters which members are already committing working hours to and new ideas which we may wish to discuss further, rather than setting precedent based on hasty conversation over the course of this meeting. Fundamentally, this resolution diverges heavily from our Relations and Affairs Committee's processes, and not out of want by this committee, but due to heavy negative social pressures to expedite this Resolution to the floor. I would compel this body not to buckle to the pressures of social capital, as if this Resolution were introduced by another member of the body, it likely would be voted down tonight, if it had even made its way out of committee. I am severely disappointed by the pattern of behavior that has been exhibited in order to pressure this Resolution to the floor, rather than being receptive to the spirit of collaboration ASUM requires in order to accomplish meaningful, impactful work. This body is given the opportunity now to consider whether we should – on the basis of this pressure – force a land acknowledgment and to deviate from our own authorship precedents. While I applaud the intent behind these ideas, I think they fundamentally ignore on-going work, and force us to



consider language that embodies one non-collaborative view. A member of this body will be introducing a Resolution written in collaboration with Doctor Beaumont Hill and our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee on a land acknowledgement that I hope this body will consider and approve, knowing that unlike this resolution, it will have seen the DEI committee for further consideration on the values and language we would like to implement. As we learned from Dr. Beaumont Hill within the past week, land acknowledgements are not designed to be place holders or to virtue signal to the reader – but evolving bodies of work that require careful and meaningful consideration, intended to evolve over time with each visitation. Ideally, by shaping precedent through its own resolution, this upcoming resolution will begin a tradition of meaningful consideration of whose land we currently operate upon, and to ensure our work doesn't simply begin and end at our words. I would say similar things of the precedent that would be shaped by including pronouns unnecessarily in the title of authorship – not because the profoundly impactful nature of including pronouns and utilizing correct ones, but because it sidesteps the necessary steps of resolution-writing this body requires and relies upon. Words and phrases such as “SAL”, “Author”, “Senator” and “Student” are all gender neutral, and intended in our authorship titles as such. None of the other resolutions we are seeing tonight include pronouns, and to my knowledge, our resolutions never have. While this is a useful suggestion to bring to this body, it should be robustly considered by the body for future implementation and use without this Resolution's dilatory content. Ultimately, I encourage this body to support the messaging and intent in different ways than simply approving this resolution. Rather, we've been introduced to a wealth of opportunities for professional development and institutional growth for this body while recognizing and improving the work that members of this organization are currently developing, which we should take advantage of, and for which I thank the author for. However, this resolution should be tabled indefinitely for these reasons, and I intend on so-moving following a robust conversation on the matter.

- e. Birdinground: We have all read this resolution and there are huge chunks of this resolution that should have been ruled dilatory. There has been meeting after meeting to fix this and to help the author understand our procedures. Yet this bill has some discrepancies. For one this bill has a land acknowledgment and a number of DEI whereas and therefore clauses so why did this not see the DEI Committee. We don't include land acknowledgments on resolutions, nor do we include pronouns. To continue the level of Equity that this body has set we should not include these on this resolution. To be frank if anyone else wrote this bill with the same language it wouldn't leave committee. Now to

speak on the issue of certain people being cancelled because of their vote. Don't get me wrong you have full power to talk to the representatives you elected and or appointed and you have the option if you don't agree with a member of this Senate to actually run to be on this Senate, but there is under no notion that members of this senate will be "cancelled" because of their decision on this bill. To my colleagues in the Senate, we should move to table this indefinitely so that a few of my colleagues are not socially pressured to vote against their values.

- f. Jolly: I agree with previous sentiments, but I would like to explain why we should vote against it. Some parts disagree with my value system but are not a reason why I would vote against it. I recognize the harms of climate change and I see the action currently of UM and the current actions are contradicting this bill given that they are already occurring, and this feels like it undermines them because this does not provide actionable steps.
- g. McKenzie: This is difficult for me because my thesis is on the impact of climate crises on individuals with disabilities. Reading this and wholeheartedly believing we are in a climate emergency and trying to formulate my own encouragement for people to vote yes on climate, I am taken off guard and it is devastating having to do this work. Maybe someone can provide more transparency and clarification of why we should table this because I would like more information before voting.
  - i. Bowles: This resolution as first seen by RA in early November. When the committee saw this resolution, it needed a substantial amount of work done to it. It was tabled once and we saw it again, and it was tabled again until after the break. We saw it again this past Sunday. Once a resolution has been seen and tabled twice by RA it can be killed in committee if not forwarded to the senate. The committee saw it was fit enough to be forwarded. It is extremely difficult for students to understand or write resolutions just because of what we know institutionally as senators versus what students know.
- h. Motion by **Birdinground-Kiefer** to strike Adrianna Medina from the authorship line; UC Called; Discussion Called by Williams; Objection Noted by Kuney
  - i. Birdinground: In speaking with Adrianna about this, it became quite clear that it felt as though being a member of a BIPOC community and the inclusive excellence student coordinator that they were being used inappropriately due to their position and were quote on quote "the only good author" to author this resolution. They expressed to me they do not want to be a part of it anymore.

- ii. Glueckert: I think I will abstain from this motion because Adrianna is not here. A similar thing was done in RA where the SAL was not there, and their pronouns were added, and I abstained from that because I was not comfortable voting on that when the person was not in the room. I would have preferred they came forward and talked about this because I do not feel comfortable making the change without them here.
- iii. Bell: I do not want to discredit the work of the authors. I think it was a good initiative and I encourage the involvement and care for whatso gin on in campus and the overall motivation of the bill. I think this could be another good reason to table it even for a week so we could hear from Adrianna specifically.
- iv. Gudmundsson: To Birdinground- Is this motion based on a conversation you had with the author in question specifically?
- v. Birdinground: Yes, it is.
- vi. Hawes: I wanted to say as a member of RA that the changes with the title were based on a conversation with a person in question in real time. I understand discomfort voting on this, but this body is continuously committed to democratic representation and there has been a lot of work put into this resolution. I wanted to state that so there is not any confusion or doubt that people are not committed to honoring the intent of this resolution.
- vii. Amendment adopted by a **10Y-0N-8A** placard vote.
- i. Kiefer: As an environmental studies grad student studying environmental racism, I find declarations of climate emergency to be fine, but they are a largely symbolic tool. Governments across the world have declared emergencies but generally continue business as usual. I do agree that this should have been sent to the DEI committee. I sympathize with the authors because I understand how difficult and intimidating it can be to come to ASUM and interact with processes you are not familiar with. I am not particularly leaning one way or another on this and will likely abstain. Climate emergency declarations are nice but very symbolic and I do not think this will make a huge difference in the long term. I want to address that if people feel like they will be cancelled depending on their vote- I do not think people should feel ashamed about how they are voting. I also understand from my experience teaching climate change and watching students experience anxiety and hopelessness, these topics are not easy, but shame is incredibly ineffective. We should not be shamed for our votes.
- j. Vice President Lock: I would be disappointed to learn that anyone would compromise their values based off of social pressures in ASUM.

- k. McKenzie: I want to echo the sentiments especially when it comes to declaring climate emergencies. For whatever reason depending on the result of voting, I would like to offer to the authors that if they want to work on anything with SPA or Senate at large, please come speak to us.
- l. Hawthorne: Morally, I wholeheartedly agree with this. With the events of last semester, including feelings around the administration saying a lot of pretty things and not doing a lot to back it up, this might be our version of saying pretty things and not being able to back it up. I do not want us to develop that reputation.
- m. Gudmundsson: I saw an earlier draft of this resolution and I thoroughly complement RA about their work on this because it is vastly different now. As many have said, it does not pass standard for this body. It is not formatted or drafted appropriately. It uses inflammatory phrasing and in general uses a number of lengthy whereas clauses to justify two statements that can be summarized as “we need to do something”. It is difficult for me to find substance in this resolution that merits five pages. I would be willing to pass a resolution in the future to declare a climate emergency, but I take issue with the presentation, the forcing through RA and despite the dedicated work of the committee, it is not comparable legislation to the standard we have set.
- n. Glueckert: I have largely held off from this conversation due to being on RA and I wanted to hear from the Senate before speaking. I want to thank Elani for bringing this forward because it is not often we see students bring forward resolutions, and it is great to see the student body connecting with us as a Senate. I have done a lot of work on this resolution. When we met in November the first time we saw this I asked the author how the resolution was different from Vice President Lock’s resolution and the answer I got is that it was more general and creates a tool for future action. Though I support divestment and initiatives to address climate change, I feel this is a dilatory resolution. I felt it needed to be passed to the Senate, but I think I will probably be voting no on this because I think it is dilatory and there is not a lot of action we are asking for in the therefore clauses. I support students bringing resolutions forward and I support everything this resolution has to do with, but I think this is dilatory.
- o. Hawes: Like many members of this body, I am passionate about taking action against climate change. I think the sentiments of this initiative are important and should continue to be a conversation. I would be voting yes on this if it was naming concrete steps to action but I feel this resolution in its nature is largely performative, so I do not feel comfortable voting on it or supporting it. We have had a lot of conversation saying we do not want to be performative. I do not want to endorse empty promises and I am concerned that that is what

this would essentially be. Action is being taken at different levels of UM to do specific things for climate change. I will note that I also take issue with including a land acknowledgment in this because as has been discussed, they should carry a ton of weight, instead of being included to fill space or be an empty gesture. I feel that it is an empty gesture in this context. It is not taking action to progress the right interests of Indigenous people. I will probably be voting no, and I am saddened by that because I do not want students to be discouraged from bringing resolutions to this body.

- p. Kuney: To the author, in my personal experience, what I have seen from you is some of the most passionate and incredible activism for the betterment of students. Whatever happens with this bill, I hope it does not discourage you from that activism.
- q. Motion by **O’Neill-Birdinground** to table SB59-21/22 indefinitely; UC Called; Discussion Called by Hawes; Objection Noted by Kuney
  - i. O’Neill: I think that due to the issues this body has expressed in discussion, this resolution poses a lot of interesting and wholeheartedly good ideas that we can professionally develop. I do not think this needs to go to a vote right now. The qualms individuals have with voting no would ideally be void in this case and I think that is the most diplomatic path forward tonight.
  - ii. Hawes: I wanted to let everyone get the chance to hear Senator O’Neill’s reasoning, which I agree with. I wanted to leave it open for anyone to discuss.
  - iii. Hawthorne: Before we wrap up what we do with this bill, I am looking at this list of stakeholders, and I think if you have people close to you to discuss this with, you should have that conversation about why we tabled it if you are comfortable doing so. I would hate for them to be discouraged by us tabling this.
  - iv. Jolly: While I would likely be voting against this bill in another circumstance, I want to voice my support for tabling it. There are several students on this campus who would be discouraged if we voted it down, so I think tabling is more appropriate.
  - v. *Motion passed via placard vote: 13Y-0N-6A. SB59-21/22 is indefinitely tabled.*
    - 1. *The most recent version of SB59-21/22 may be viewed [here](#).*

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Glueckert: Resolution Redefining Third-Party in Article VII, Section 1 (39) of the ASUM Bylaws; to RA

- b. Glueckert: Resolution Redefining Write-In in Article VII, Section 1 (42) of the ASUM Bylaws; to RA
- c. Glueckert: Resolution Amending Article I, Section 2 of the ASUM Bylaws to Enforce Transitions of Executives as an Executive Duty; to RA
- d. Bowles: Resolution Advocating for Improved Resident Assistant Working Conditions
  - a. Authorship: I began writing this resolution when a current RA, Alex Crisp, expressed their concerns. There are multiple issues about working hours, mental health conditions, and other concerns outlined in the language.
- e. BM Rinck: Resolution Striking Article 4 Section 4 (3) (c) of the ASUM Bylaws
  - a. Authorship: There are conflicting dates in this section for the submission of certain student groups forms, and this would amend that to be the later date, so student groups have more time to prepare and submit their forms needed to make them eligible for final budgeting.
- f. Ververis: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 10 of the ASUM Bylaws Generally Revising and Clarifying Election Rules for Referenda and Fees; to RA
- g. Ververis: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 1 of the ASUM Bylaws Clarifying Eligibility for Candidates and Write-In; to RA
- h. Ververis: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 2 of the ASUM Bylaws Generally Revising and Clarifying Campaigning Processes; to RA
- i. Birdinground: Resolution Amending Section 14.3.3 of Fiscal Policy to Increase Travel Rates; to B&F and RA
  - a. Authorship: This ups the reimbursement rate from \$20 to \$30 in the current language based on previous discussions of hotel rate reimbursement for student group travel.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **Shaver-Williams**; UC Called
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm