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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 02, 2022
University Center (UC) – 6:00 P.M.**

Public Comment Zoom Meeting ID: 941 9891 2038

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10. NEW BUSINESS

11. ADJOURNMENT

**ASUM SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 02, 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 6:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: Senator Kuney.

*An * indicates the individuals appointed to the Senate during this meeting.*

See roll call [here](#).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve the January 26, 2022 Minutes by **Ververis-Birdinground**; UC Called

See the approved minutes [here](#).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Emma Wickum (Senate Appointee): I am one of the Senate appointees and am here to introduce myself. I am very excited to have the honor to sit with you all and I look forward to working with you all.
- b. Kevin Northey (Senate Appointee): I am a freshman majoring in Management Information Systems and minoring in Political Science. I am very excited to be here working with all of you.
- c. Ana Salyards (Senate Appointee): I am a freshman here majoring in Political Science and minoring in Environmental Studies. I know Senator Heaton very well, they are someone I look up to, and I am excited to work with all of you.
- d. Alysa Curry (Senate Appointee): I am majoring in Political Science on the pre-law track, and I hope to go to law school after undergraduate; that is one of the main reasons I joined the Senate. I am excited to be here and get to know you all.

Online Public Comment

Kat Cowley

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Hi Senators - I am submitting comment to inform you of an incredibly important community engagement opportunity. The Community Development Division of Community Planning, Development, and Innovation is hosting community listening sessions to hear from residents about their experiences, concerns, and solution ideas to inform future policy strategies to combat Housing Displacement in Missoula. Housing Displacement include households losing their housing due to external reasons such as a raise in rent, foreclosures due to unexpected expenses, and low available stock of housing. It is my belief and experience that this issue impacts college and university students in a unique way. Students are dependent on available housing to complete their education, and experiencing sudden displacement often causes students to drop out or stop out of their program. I have heard from many students experiencing this, including some who are on the verge of losing their housing or barely making rent each month, some who had to move away from Missoula and withdraw from most or all of their classes, and students who are having to forgo paying other bills (internet, phone, utilities) in order to pay high rental costs. Please consider joining the listening sessions on February 8th (12-1:30pm) or February 17 (6-7:30), or responding to the poll available on the website linked below to participate. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions or concerns! <https://www.engagemissoula.com/community-solutions-housing-displacement>

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Swearing in of Senate Appointees
 - a. Motion by **Ververis-Bowles** to appoint Alysa Curry, Kevin Northey, Ana Salyards and Emma Wickum as ASUM Senators; UC Called
 - b. *Each Senator was formally sworn-in by Advisor Reed.*
- b. Jordan Hess, Director of ASUM Transportation (*See the presentation shared [here.](#)*)
 - a. Shanti Johnson (Mountain Line): I do communications and outreach for Mountain Line. Thank you for having us.
 - b. Hess: Welcome to the new Senators- we hope you enjoy your time here and know that we are a resource if you ever want to talk about anything transportation related.
 - c. Shaver: I am very excited to hear about ASUM working more with Mountain Line in the future.
 - d. Ververis: Do you imagine this partnership causing an increase in an ASUM transportation fee or an increase in a Mill Levy? What are the next steps financially for students?
 - i. Hess: I think one of the things that is a benefit of the current transportation fee is that it is run through ASUM with our oversight. Part of the budget process will be identifying what is important to each organization and what we do not want to lose, and student control over the student fee is sacred to ASUM and something we should continue to uplift during this process. I will say that even before this process, the transportation board advanced a proposal to significantly raise the transportation fee or a few of the last budgeting cycles, and those were not accepted at varying levels, usually due to external factors about overall cost of attendance. We have long made the case that our fee pays for itself in reducing student parking expenses and it is one of the only fees that can reduce the cost of attendance by decreasing living expenses. Our fee is woefully inadequate to fulfill demand. We run on a lean structure, with bus drivers who are not paid enough in my opinion, and we have a lot of things we can do with an increased fee. We need to discover what a raised fee would look like throughout this process. Fortunately, our current fee is a great match for federal grants. This partnership opens up to more of that, especially with Mountain Line's grant writing expertise. I think we can increase fees responsibly.
 - ii. Johnson: Anything we are asking voters for property tax goes directly to running our service. If we wanted to purchase anything, we have to compete for grants, and our relationship is part of what makes us competitive. We have been putting reserves aside for years knowing

that we are out of space. The infrastructure federal funding is something we want to take advantage of moving forward.

- e. Ververis: How do you envision ASUM oversight going forward in the partnership?
 - i. Hess: That is for you to decide. I do not think we are near any BOR action at this time. We are finding a balance in tasks between us and how things look from ASUM specifically is up to you. We are always open to feedback.
- f. Heaton: Why is the number of bus stops being reduced?
 - i. Johnson: Based on the history of our ridership and the current spacing of stops, we felt that some of the stops are redundant. We can be more effective and provide short walking times among existing stops, which will save us time as we grow and traffic increases.
- g. Heaton: Is there a bus that takes students directly from UM campus to Saint Patrick's Hospital?
 - i. Hess: Yes, Routes One and Two form a loop. You can get on Route One and ride through downtown.
 - ii. Johnson: You can ride Route Eight to Community Hospital?
- h. Bell: Does paratransit cover the same ground as the current bus routes and are those rides also free?
 - i. Johnson: Paratransit serves anyone within a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile radius from a fixed route which will serve most of Missoula valley, and those rides are zero-fare.
 - ii. Hess: One of the beneficial things about this relationship is that UDASH does not provide paratransit, which is typically utilized by individuals unable to use fixed route transit. It is an extraordinary service to provide, but a much more expensive service. We have a legal obligation to provide that under the ADA, but Mountain Line provides that on our behalf so we can continue providing a consistent service.
- i. Hawes: Is there a bus station fairly close to Planned Parenthood?
 - i. Johnson: Route One, and there is a trip planner on our Mountain Line page to help you use transit to get to your destination.
- c. Elections Coordinator Hiring: Ethan Hanley
 - a. Hanley: I am the ASUM Elections coordinator and am here to answer any brief introductory questions. I will talk about my vision and more concrete plans in a future meeting. I am working on these plans and a master calendar. Email is the best way (ethan.hanley@umconnect.umt.edu) to contact me. My cellphone number is (406) 579-8708, though I ask you use my email first unless it is an emergency.

- b. Gudmundsson: Thank you for joining us again. For those of you who have not had the privilege to meet Ethan, he is one of the most brilliant policy minds I know and an extremely dedicated public servant.
- d. COVID-19
 - a. County Trends: As of yesterday, there were 155 active cases and a 287 7-day case average, which is a decline from the last report. There are currently 25 hospitalized COVID-19 patients in Missoula.
 - b. Instructional Planning Group: Senators Birdinground and Shaver attended this meeting in my absence, so I will yield to them for the report. *Birdinground-* It was mentioned that faculty were using eight hours of leave when they were realistically doing 1.5 hours of work, and members decided it would be best to email all faculty members and provide universal implementation of what leave actually is. Sarah Swager heard from multiple students that faculty are telling students that they should come to class even if they are sick or showing symptoms of COVID-19. The committee came up with more consistency when it comes to formal policy that can be added to syllabi, including how to get a Zoom recording or a lecture and how you can participate in a live Zoom session. They are looking at accommodations for students and a meeting with Deans and faculty members who have been advising students to attend class while sick. The increased workload on faculty last semester was brought up and the committee is heading efforts to allow faculty members to have mental health services provided to them more specifically. President Bodnar was supposed to send out an email about the wellbeing of everyone on campus, though I do not believe it has been sent yet, so look out for that. It was alarming to hear that, at the time of this committee meeting, there were 130 staff positions open at UM. There are concerns from the committee that there is not enough staff, and current staff are taking on large workloads and getting worn out. *Shaver-* There were a few things about how faculty were trying to think of incentives for students to come to class, but I feel like that misses the point of not attending if you are sick or showing symptoms.
 - i. VP Lock: I was alarmed to hear that and struggled to come up with the right adjective, and I am thinking psychotic. Two years into the pandemic and telling students to come to class even while exhibiting symptoms, endangering other students and putting that symptomatic student in a position of choosing between their grades and endangering other students is one of the most absurd and alarming things I have heard in that position. I hope we can make a concerted effort to express our alarm.
 - ii. Gudmundsson: I echo what Vice President Lock pointed out. It is perhaps not psychotic but extra logical. The university at large has not

made meaningful steps of getting faculty to do the right things so it is not nearly as surprising as I thought it might be. The faculty has said they should come to class to pass, and they have had limited support from the institution at large.

- iii. President Durnell: Do not go to class if you feel sick. We have a Student Resolutions Officer pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement so if faculty are trying to get you to go to class when you are sick, please contact me and we can represent you in an academic resolutions dispute.
- c. Campus Preparedness and Response Group: changed how they transition qi rooms to be quicker and better quality. Those rooms are being turned over more. UV light sanitation stations being set up in the UC 170 Mondays and Thursdays 12-2 for KN95. Dispose after twelve sanitizations.
 - i. Bell: The recreation center changed their masking advisory from required to strongly recommended. I was wondering why that changed suddenly?
 - ii. President Durnell: I was not informed of that, and I will make sure to bring it up during tomorrow's meeting.
 - iii. Hawes: I have heard this informally, but I heard that athletes are not required to wear masks in their practicing facilities and that the teams are not being held accountable. Have you heard about that?
 - iv. President Durnell: I believe there is an exemption granted for student athletes which I had advocated against. I will check to see if there are any updates about that.
 - v. Bell: I saw on the ASUM Instagram that people are concerned about the short time limit for sanitization of respirators.
 - vi. President Durnell: That is a great concern, and I will bring that up and ask how they plan to mitigate that or if they plan to increase services.
- e. Committee Reports
 - a. ASUM President's Cabinet: Senator Birdinground and Brad Hell presented on the American Indian tuition waver. The Cabinet came up with some strategies to help resolve this from the UM level to incorporate into the strategic enrollment planning committee. Kimber McKay asked Brad Hall to have the same conversation with Faculty Senate so they can be informed. ASUM is making a plan to lobby the regents to make some changes.
 - i. Birdinground: Thank you to the Executives for all your support and I enjoyed being able to present.
 - ii. VP Lock: This is a very important issue that I did not know a lot about until this week. Senator Birdinground is extraordinarily well versed

about the wrongness of that policy, so I look forward to seeing continued student advocacy there.

- b. University Assessment and Accreditation Committee: Exciting news- UM is officially an R1 research institution, which is the highest accreditation an institution can have for research status. This is a huge step for UM because we credit ourselves as a flagship research institution. We are in year six of the seven year cycle for accreditation reports, so the year six report is being written. The university is looking at equity data to work to close equity gaps and peer institutions for data benchmarking are almost chosen with similar community size, retention rates, tenured professors, state funding and otherwise. That information will see Cabinet on Friday and we will be nearly done with that accreditation cycle.
- f. Bear Necessities Grand Opening: This was a big success- please check out the press releases. Send any pictures you have to the ASUM marketing email. I encourage you all to find Kat and thank her for all of her hard work and thank you to Senator Glueckert for chairing the BNA committee. This is an exciting beginning to a new chapter of ASUM, so please offer your support.
- g. Other
 - a. None.

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Student Regent Information (MAS): Met last Sunday for a fairly uneventful meeting. We appointed our third Vice President of Internal Affairs for the year and suspended our treasurer position per the recommendation of the MAS President. One of MAS's most important duties during a non-legislative year is to guide the appointment of the next student regent by the governor. I encourage you all to apply for that if you are interested and I am sure the current student regent, Amy Sexton, would be happy to speak with you about her experiences You can find more information on the MUS website. I believe you are required to submit three letters of recommendation and one is by a student, so I would be happy to write you a recommendation letter if you would like to apply. Amy Sexton is truly a model student regent who can hopefully serve as an inspiration to you all.
 - a. Gudmundsson: I applied for the regent position last semester and the application process is dense, so if it something you are thinking about, I encourage you to look at the materials sooner rather than later. I really recommend the process.
 - b. Glueckert: Do you know when the applications are due?
 - c. VP Lock: I do not know because the website has not been updated but I believe mid-April.

- d. O'Neill: Ethan also applied for the regent position, and I am sure he would not have any issue answering questions as well.
- b. Committee Assignments
 - a. Motion by **Hawes-Heaton** to approve committee assignments; UC Called
 - i. *See the approved committee assignments [here](#).*
 - b. BM Rinck: There are vacancies on Kless Sustainability Fund where students can submit student driven projects to fund student initiatives. I sat on the committee, and it is a cool committee, and they have funding. Two student spots if you are interested.
- c. Other
 - a. Please be cognizant of how loud you are in the office because there are people working in there, although it is easy to forget. Keep that in mind.

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- a. Funding Requests
 - a. ASUM Administration STIP Request (Requested: \$1,800.00; Board Approved: \$1,800.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)
 - i. Authorship (Jolly_BF): This was a basic request that we have funded for other student groups, so we saw no reason to fund in full.
 - ii. Motion by **Bell-O'Neill** to fund the STIP request in the amount of \$1,800.00; UC Called
 - b. ASUM Bear Necessities STIP Request (Requested: \$880.00; Board Approved: \$880.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)
 - i. Authorship (Jolly_BF): Basic STIP request for a computer for the Bear Necessities agency workers. No reason to not fund it to help them do all of the work they have begun.
 - ii. Motion by **Hawes-Birdinground** to fund the STIP request in the amount of \$880.00; UC Called
 - c. Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Travel Allocation (Requested: \$1,930.00; Board Approved: \$1,890.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)
 - i. Authorship (Jolly_BF): There is a small difference due to a calculation error in the hotel charge, so we removed that difference to fund the actual amount of their request.

- ii. Gudmundsson: To BM Rinck- On the line for registration fees, I know that with previous requests we have not funded registration fees for spiritual events. Can you give context on why this is different?
- iii. BM Rinck: It might be helpful to open Fiscal Policy to Section 14.0, and Senator Ververis might have insight here.
- iv. President Durnell: I do recall the precedent though I cannot reference specific examples. I am checking Fiscal Policy now to see if that is included language.
- v. BM Rinck: The difference between this event and the previous event is that the initial event had non-members attending, hence the proselytizing component. This event is reserved for leadership of the group.
- vi. O'Neill: I think what you are referencing is 24.1 of Fiscal Policy and I believe that exception is relatively clear, so I emphasize what you just expressed.
- vii. Jolly: Last semester we chose not to fund a similar request because it had that recruiting aspect, though this is for standing group members.
- viii. President Durnell: To read Section 24.1-"ASUM, in recognizing the United States Constitution's presumption of a separation between religion and state, will not purchase sacred religious texts or tools used for proselytizing to non-members with ASUM funds, with the exception of general group promotion". Given the request and cover letter, I am inclined to fund as stated.
- ix. Williams: To BM Rinck- When it says proselytizing to non-members, is that non-members of the student group or non-members of ASUM?
- x. BM Rinck: I am inclined to say non-members of the student group, and that is interpretable, and that language can be adjusted.
- xi. President Durnell: For the purposes of this request, it might not be necessary to answer that question because the retreat is for group members specifically.
- xii. Gudmundsson: Thank you President Durnell, though I would push back because they are welcoming new students in the cover letter.
- xiii. Jolly: They are welcoming new members to attend the conference, but they are not asking ASUM to fund that. Non-members who would like to attend the conference will have to fund their own travel and fees.
- xiv. Williams: I have to agree with previous sentiments that non-members of the group or ASUM funding their own travel and fees here is outside of our jurisdiction. We are also not talking about religious texts or tools specifically as outlined in 24.1.
- xv. Motion by **President Durnell-O'Neill** to fund the travel request in the amount of \$1,890.00; UC Called; Objections Noted by Gudmundsson and Kiefer

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 - w. Chemistry Club
 - i. Motion by **Gudmundsson-O'Neill** to approve above groups; Passed by placard vote 13Y-0N-5A.
- c. Category Assignment Confirmation: Per Fiscal Policy, the Senate has to confirm the categories of which groups belong for final budgeting. Groups recognized in coming meetings will be up for confirmation at each meeting.
- a. Motion by **Ververis-Glueckert** to change Gerontology Society to be in the Student Service category; UC Called; Discussion Called by O'Neill
 - i. Authorship: Gerontology society does similar actions to Mental Health Allies, which I believe warrants them being in the same category.
 - ii. President Durnell: To Ververis- Do you have more specific examples in this case?
 - iii. BM Rinck: Gerontology society funding primarily goes to programming to serve nontraditional students in that age group, similar to what MHA does.
 - iv. Williams: To BM Rinck- Was this in discussion with the group or an observation of what the group does?
 - v. BM Rinck: Observation of what the group does.
 - vi. Williams: Are we supposed to inform groups about changes to their categories so they can appeal?

- vii. BM Rinck: There is an appeals process. Groups become aware of their categories when they sign up for lobbying. The appeals process is multi-step and I would likely entertain a motion to the Senate if the group requested a category change.
- viii. Motion passed with one abstention.
- b. Motion by **Williams-O'Neill** to approve category assignments; UC Called
 - i. *See the approved category assignments [here](#).*
- d. Final Budgeting Updates: Friday is the deadline for groups to address BOMO suggested changes with recognition if they would like to be eligible for final budgeting. I held information sessions Thursday, Friday, Sunday, and Monday evening and completed a recording for groups and have been tracking groups in attendance. I believe our count is conservatively 80-90 groups recognized, which is an improvement from last year. All things considered; we are at a fairly good spot. You all should have received an email from me regarding final allocation numbers to know roughly the total number we will be allocating, and we will be taking out non-negotiables from that number. I will have lobbying dates and category assignments completed for you all next week, so be on the lookout for that. You will also be informed of which night you must attend lobbying. Not attending lobbying is the equivalent of an unexcused absence from a Senate meeting.
 - a. Shaver: Is there a place where you can submit the recording so groups can see it that could not attend an information session?
 - b. BM Rinck: Yes, you will have to reach out to me directly because I can track if you have viewed the entire recording.
 - c. VP Lock: Is a Senator immediately eligible for impeachment for missing any part of the budgeting process?
 - d. BM Rinck: That is not true for lobbying, but it is true for category allocation meetings.
- e. Birthdays
 - a. Secretary Berna ☺
- f. Other
 - a. None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Bowles

Relations and Affairs

The Relations and Affairs Committee met on January 30th 2022, to discuss seven resolutions: Resolution Amending the Research and Creative Scholarship Fund's Name and Bylaws, Resolution Amending Article V, Section 4 of the ASUM Bylaws Generally Revising and Clarifying Counting Processes, Resolution Amending Article V, Section 5 of the ASUM

Bylaws Clarifying Suspension of Candidacy Procedures, Resolution Amending Article V, Section 6 of the ASUM Bylaws Clarifying Grievances and Election Committee's Duties, Resolution Amending Article V, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws Clarifying the Elections Calendar, Resolution Amending Article V, Section 11 of the ASUM Bylaws Generally Revising and Removing Dilatory Language for Reserved Seats, Resolution Redefining Contribution In-Kind in Article VII, Section 1 (13) of the ASUM Bylaws. The first resolution went through a bit of line level edits including adding Vicki to the send to line before being unanimously forwarded to the Senate. The second resolution went through a few line level edits before being unanimously forwarded to the Senate. The third resolution went through substantial discussion about what the definition of a candidate team would entail before being tabled for one week for the purpose of writing a clarifying resolution to be added to the appendix defining what a candidate team would entail. The fourth resolution went through minimal line level edits before being unanimously forwarded to the Senate. The fifth resolution went through next to zero line level edits and discussion before being unanimously forwarded to the Senate. The sixth resolution went through minimal line level edits and discussion, however went through two discussions one by SAL Pease about adding the law school to graduate seat to clarify since it was not a clearly stated grad program on the UM website, this was resolved by SAL Pease and Senator Ververis to add professional programs to clarify this. The second piece of discussion was about removing language in the bylaws clarifying that students vote to determine reserved seats, this is language also in our constitution and the committee thought it would be fit if it was removed and only stated there. This resolution was unanimously forwarded to the Senate. The seventh resolution went through minimal line level edits and discussion before being unanimously forwarded to the Senate.

Senator Williams

Marketing and Outreach

This week in M&O we discussed the following: Weekly tabling time: Wednesdays from 11 AM to 2 PM; Covering the Bear Necessities Grand Opening/Food Pantry 3rd Anniversary on our social media.; Revamping ASUM Instagram highlights.; Selecting a new accent color to replace teal in ASUM's brand color palette.; Creating a new template for the weekly Senate agenda and resolutions passed Instagram stories.; Resharing events and resources for Black History Month - highlight BSU?; Working with the Elections Chair to coordinate elections outreach and marketing efforts.

So far, we have received 11 applications for the open Marketing & Outreach Coordinator position. Interviews will be scheduled between February 9th and 15th, and we hope to fill the position swiftly following the completion of interviews.

- a. Ververis (Gen Ed Ad Hoc): We are now meeting weekly until we complete our model for proposal. We are redesigning the general education program at the university. We talked about some of the issues over the past semester and tried to resolve some of them, and we are coming back next week to discuss a more fleshed out model to get our meeting prepared for campus as a whole.

- a. Salyards: We had to do DEI training as a freshman, so there may be a class we can take as a general education requirement.
- b. Ververis: That was my entire fight last semester, and I am still pushing for it. I would love to get your opinions on that.
- b. McKenzie (SPA): Met Friday and we went over our goals for the semester- continuing to address the housing crisis by collaborating with the community and Bear Necessities, and we discussed addressing mental health on campus and attempting to work with Curry Health to expand their counseling services. One of the first steps of that is to try and address the school's interpretation of what students are experiencing, because they know more about faculty experiences than students at this time. There have been conversations going on with Sarah Swager to address this, so I yield to Senator Hawthorne.
 - a. Hawthorne: I spoke with Sarah about this, and I did not feel like I was getting anywhere with the conversation, so I brought it up at SPA. Madison and I are going to meet with Sarah Monday at noon to speak further, and we asked her to break down the budget for us. We also considered putting a student survey together so we can know what they are looking for, and that can be adapted into a faculty survey. The Director of Curry will also be attending this meeting.
 - b. VP Lock: There have been times when President Durnell, BM Rinck, and myself have all been in a meeting with Sarah and felt outnumbered. I am glad to hear that you and the committee have taken an interest in this because it has been an enduring concern of our administration. I found it pretty frustrating to be honest because it has been circuitous despite an evident need for expanding services for students. Where the money comes from is always the question, but the fact is, students would stand to gain from having additional resources, so I sincerely thank you and the committee for your advocacy.
 - c. President Durnell: UM partners with EAB who provides a lot of services here and they provided a lot of data that Sarah Swager provided to us, so I will forward that if needed.
- c. Williams (M&O): We have tabling every Wednesday from 11-2, so if you are available, please get in touch with me. I am working on a written sign-up sheet that we can have in the office as well. We do struggle with student engagement at tabling and are brainstorming ways to incentivize students, so having your engagement regardless of if you are scheduled for tabling is helpful.
- d. Glueckert (Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Taskforce): We are planning an event for next September in which MSUB will be hosting an MUS wide event surrounding mental health and suicide prevention, Enriching Community Mental Health and Wellbeing: The MUS Summit. The event will be held at MSU-Billings Tuesday, September 20-22. Faculty, staff, and students from across the state will be

attending. Brian Reed is on this taskforce, and I was assigned as a Student Outreach Chair and will be working with students across the state. We are working on getting student engagement across the state, including those bringing their own research and expertise forward. They also talked about having a guest speaker, but Brian Reed pointed out that having a panel might be better than having a guest speaker. Mental health distress has been seen tremendously among BIPOC students, especially at UM, so having a panel can allow these different perspectives as well. We are meeting every third Thursday and if you know of anyone interested in engaging in this in any way, please let me know.

- a. VP Lock: Did you say there is no student representation from any other campus?
- b. Glueckert: They were not in attendance at this meeting, but there are other student representatives.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB66-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 14.3.3 of ASUM Fiscal Policy to Increase Travel Rates
 - a. Authorship (Birdinground): I spoke with the Office Manager and decided to amend Fiscal Policy to clearly state the policy and increase the travel amount to \$30.00 to reflect more accurate hotel per-night fees.
 - b. Gudmundsson: I compliment the footnote in particular in how this funding has gone over the years.
 - c. Ververis: I think this is a very appropriate change, especially with dramatic increases in costs in goods and services. I encourage everyone to vote yes.
 - d. BM Rinck: I am very much in support of this change. We should consider when this should go into effect for the sake of equity.
 - e. Hawes: Personally, I advocate for this to be implemented starting in the next fiscal year because it would not be fair for us to provide more money for groups immediately than we have the rest of the year.
 - f. O'Neill: To Birdinground- How do you feel about a motion being brought to implement this at the end of the year?
 - g. Birdinground: I am friendly to that.
 - h. Motion by **Ververis** to insert a clause on L36 reading "Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this change be effective beginning August, 2022"; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - i. ***SB66-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- b. SB70-21/22: Resolution Amending the Research and Creative Scholarship Fund's Name and Bylaws

- a. Authorship (BM Rinck): The new name I am proposing is the Experiential Learning Scholarship Fund because the term research and creative scholarship lends itself to graduate students seeking funding. It is a peer scholarship available to all students at UM. Additionally, RCSF has received a promised \$25,000.00 per semester over the next approximately three years reserved for low-pay or no-pay internships. The Bylaws needed to be updated based on current workings of the committee, including the historical membership. I did this deliberately so the Senate can appoint the majority of the committee and a minority can be faculty and staff. This also officially declares the Associated Director of Experiential Learning as a co-chair of the committee.
- b. Glueckert: I think this, based on talks with Andrea Rhoades and our MOU of the fund, this is an important change, and this fund will see future resolutions.
- c. President Durnell: Is the term RCSF present anywhere in Fiscal Policy?
- d. POI (Glueckert): There is a therefore clause on L139 indicating all cases of RCSF in governing documents be replaced.
- e. Northey: To BM Rinck- You included that this encompasses low and no-pay internships, what is that threshold?
- f. BM Rinck: That is yet to be determined. We talked about setting it as anything using minimum wage so it can be adjusted. Any internship that comes out to minimum wage or is unpaid is eligible, though that is yet to be codified since that influx of money is very recent.
- g. ***SB70-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- c. SB71-21/22: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 4 of the ASUM Bylaws Generally Revising and Clarifying Counting Processes
 - a. Authorship (Glueckert): Some of the minor changes are in regard to previously passed resolutions that made some of the section language dilatory. The bigger change in this resolution is the striking of language regarding an improperly completed ballot. Senator Ververis and I were going to define improperly completed ballot, but this is not a term even used by the government when conducting elections. The definitions have to do with physical voting with a ballot, but we do not complete physical ballots for ASUM elections since 2008. Due to our technology, it is nearly impossible for a ballot to be submitted online if not completed correctly. Originally Senator Ververis and myself were going to define an improperly completed ballot because it is not a defined term within any of our governing documents but upon more research we discovered that this term is not even one that is used by the government when conducting elections. Rather spoiled and rejected ballots are the terms that are used. These definitions are provided in the resolution and If you look closely at these definitions you will see that they

- vi. Motion by **President Durnell** to amend L70 to replace “established” with “determined that any” and strike “that” after “actions”; Ruled Friendly by Authors
- b. **SB72-21/22 Passed Unanimously.**
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- e. SB73-21/22: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 7 of the ASUM Bylaws Clarifying the Elections Calendar
 - a. Authorship (Glueckert): Historically the general election has happened two weeks prior to finals week. This is due to a number of reasons, one of which is because there is never an ASUM meeting scheduled on finals week as we are all college students and the last thing we need during finals week in a Senate meeting. Additionally, the last meeting typically happened during dead week. This allows the transition of Executives and Senators to start happening prior to the end of the semester. There is already language in here that does let the date of the General election be more flexible if need be, because it is very possible in future years the Wednesday and Thursday two weeks before finals will not be possible to hold an election. But this was important to change due to the fact that prior the language gave no direction to the Elections committee other than “weeks prior to the week of final exams.” In addition, it was important to us the General Elections be outlined first in the list for the elections calendar due to the fact that all other elections events are based around the date of the election. We struck language having to do with the window lottery because now the window lottery is designated to happen under the control of the elections committee.
 - b. Motion by **Bell-O’Neill** to move comma on L53; UC Called
 - c. President Durnell: To Authors- In L85, referencing forum and debate, is there only one of each?
 - d. Glueckert: The previous resolutions indicate at least one debate or forum.
 - e. Motion by **President Durnell** to amend L85 to read “forum(s)” and “debate(s)”; Ruled Friendly by Authors
 - f. **SB73-21/22 Passed Unanimously.**
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- f. SB74-21/22: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 11 of the ASUM Bylaws Generally Revising and Removing Dilatory Language for Reserved Seats
 - a. Authorship (Glueckert): This includes general changes for capitalization and the removal of dilatory language. This also amends the graduate student seat and acknowledges that not all professional programs at UM are within the graduate school, such as law school and physical therapy programs.
 - b. Bell: To Authors- Does graduate school need to be referred to as the graduate school on L44?

- c. Ververis: We did not believe it needed to be capitalized because it is not a proper name, it is just an umbrella term for the specific graduate programs.
- d. Motion by **Bell** to strike “the” in L45 before “graduate school”; Ruled Friendly by Authors
- e. **SB74-21/22 Passed Unanimously.**
 - i. See the approved resolution [here](#).
- g. SB75-21/22: Resolution Redefining Contribution In-Kind in Article VII, Section 1 (13) of the ASUM Bylaws
 - a. Authorship (Ververis): The first change is to change contribution in-kind to in-kind contribution because that is how it is referred to in the Bylaws. We struck a lot of language regarding what it is rather than what it is not. We also put in a caveat about professional services regularly performed for compensation, which is disallowed. Otherwise, student can volunteer their time to candidates.
 - b. O’Neill: To Authors- With marketing do you also include photography?
 - c. Ververis: Yes, that is why we added the including but not limited to.
 - d. Gudmundsson: To Authors- Am I correct in understanding this in that a candidate could ask their classmates, friends, peers to work on a poster or design materials but not ask them if it is an activity their peers do professionally?
 - e. Ververis: That is correct.
 - f. Motion by **President Durnell** to strike “a portion or all of” in L50; Ruled Friendly by Authors
 - g. **SB75-21/22 Passed Unanimously.**
 - i. See the approved resolution [here](#).

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Kiefer: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 1 (12) of the ASUM Bylaws to Provide Exemptions for Students-at-Large to Become Senators; to RA
- b. Birdinground: Resolution Amending Section 14.3.1 of ASUM Fiscal Policy to Increase Travel Rates; to BF and RA
 - a. Description: Section for private vehicle gas compensation amended from \$0.15 per mile to \$0.25 per mile with regard to rising gas prices.
- c. Glueckert: Resolution Defining Candidate Team in Article VII, Section 1 of the ASUM Bylaws; to RA
- d. Kiefer: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 1 (12) of the ASUM Bylaws to Provide Exemptions for Students-At-Large Who Become Senators; to RA
- e. President Durnell: Resolution Updating and Reformatting Personnel Policy; to RA resolution updating and reformatting personnel policy; to RA
- f. President Durnell: Resolution Increasing Executive Wages; to RA

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **O'Neill-Shaver**; UC Called; Objection Noted by Gudmundsson
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm