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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 09, 2022
University Center (UC) – 6:00 P.M.**

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Zero Base Carryover: \$266,858.56
S.T.I.P.: \$247,587.21
Special Allocation: \$19,359.04
Travel Allocation: \$48,317.92
Research & Creative Scholarship: \$9,938.24
Contingency Fund: \$60,032.16
Union Emergency: \$6,000.00

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**ASUM SENATE MINUTES
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 09, 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, Curry, Glueckert, Gudmundsson, Hawes, Hawthorne, Heaton, Jolly, Kayne, Kiefer, Kuney, McKenzie, Northey, O'Neill, Salyards, Shaver, Ververis, Wickum, Williams.

See roll call here.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by **BM Rinck-Ververis** to accept track changes; UC Called

Motion to Approve the February 2, 2022 Minutes by **O'Neill-Birdinground**; UC Called

See the approved minutes [here](#).

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Adrianna Medina: I am here on behalf of the Latine Student Union. We missed the deadline for budgeting, and I contacted Jack and he gave me a lot of leeway. I think it was a quick turnaround for recognition through the Branch Center, so budgeting was quite hard for us. All of my officers, including myself, contracted COVID and our treasurer is still in the hospital. About 75% of our budget is complete and the rest should be done soon. I would like to say my goal this year was to get three Latine students from at least every college and I did that so I think you would be doing quite a disservice to not approve this appeal.
 - a. O'Neill: About how much more time do you think you will need to complete the budget?
 - b. Medina: Until Monday.
 - c. Bowles: I hope all of you recover from COVID.
- b. Jared Green: I am here representing the Student Recreation Association. We are both fairly new to leading a club and this is our first time with the budgeting process. We were unsure of how to approach it and a bit unorganized when we got back to campus. Morgan had COVID and was not able to assist me with the budget. We did submit the budget, it was just a bit late.
 - a. O'Neill: Since you are new to leadership and new to the budgeting experience, I am curious about what you would hope to change next time around so the budget is not late again?
 - b. Green: All of our leadership from last year graduated so it was a rushed process, so we would rather prepare over Winter break.
 - c. Heaton: How many days past the deadline did you submit your budget?

- d. Green: I believe two days.
 - e. President Durnell: Are there any ways we can improve our communication to make this process easier for you and other student groups in the future?
 - f. Green: I think the communication was fine, it was a personal thing for us. We were just unable to coordinate on the budget, especially because Morgan had COVID.
 - g. O'Neill: How many students are in your club?
 - h. Green: That is variable at this time. We have four to five very active members and a handful of members who attend occasionally, so we are around 15-16 members.
 - i. O'Neill: Do you have a projected number for member growth if you are successful?
 - j. Green: It is hard to say because we are not super prepared with our programming yet, but we are trying to advertise and it is already growing this Spring.
 - k. Bell: I appreciate you being here to appeal and good luck with your leadership.
- c. Reed (Previous Member of Switchback Records): I am part of the band Super Friends and I am here to inform you that on March 12 putting on a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald house. It is our band and Switchback Records as a collaboration. We want to raise \$10,000 for Ronald McDonald House and you are all invited.
- a. Hawes: Can you explain what the Ronald McDonald House does?
 - b. Reed: We have a lot of people who have to come in from different states or cities to use our hospitals, and a lot of it is when women are going through childbirth and they need a place to stay for a while, so they can provide housing for weeks or months at a time. What they do is really important, and we have had some of our people going through the system.
 - c. Jolly: Thank you for being here and supporting that cause. Additionally, the Ronald McDonald House does cases that are not need based as well. I stayed at a Ronald McDonald House after having a surgery in Ohio, and they provide housing and food. It is all volunteer based and there are branches nationwide, so it is primarily if not solely based on donations. This helps a lot of people and is a good cause to give to.
 - d. Williams: Is there an Instagram page or some other way to spread the word?
 - e. Reed: Super Friends the boyband on Instagram and Switchback Records is also posting this information.
 - f. McKenzie: I want to echo what Ronald McDonald house does. I also have family members who stayed in their facilities, so thank you for doing what you are doing. When is the event and at what time?

- to offer more accessible products but also for sustainability because of all of the plastic containers. The food zoo is limited in that regard as well in terms of what is in their food. Students would like healthier, more sustainable, and accessible options.
- a. Williams: I agree with you that it is not sufficient to have one small expensive brand available. I would also like to plug our food pantry because there are also personal hygiene products available there too.
 - b. Bowles: Thank you for bringing those concerns forward, and I echo where you can find those resources.
 - c. Curry: Are you a freshman living on campus?
 - d. Willhelmy: Yes.
 - e. Curry: I have a friend enrolled in the culinary program and the chefs in the food zoo read the comments left. I feel your sentiments and I appreciate your time today.
- g. Kailie Todd (Griz Women's Rugby Club): I am the President of Griz Women's Rugby Club, and I am very new to this process. I did not know budgeting was going on before the Monday before this last Friday, and I emailed BM Rinck for the budgeting information video, but I was unable to get it before Thursday night. I filled out the budget on Tuesday before it was due, but I had to redo everything after watching the video because I filled out the wrong form.
- a. Gudmundsson: Are there ways we can make clearer where to find the documents or that the deadlines were approaching?
 - b. Todd: I think it is because I am brand new to this. The way some emails from ASUM are formatted mean they are difficult to read sometimes so I can miss important details.
 - c. Williams: You found out on Monday budgeting was happening, and when did you reach out to BM Rinck?
 - d. Todd: The same day.
 - e. O'Neill: How many club members do you represent?
 - f. Todd: Currently fifteen.
 - g. Northey: So you did receive emails from ASUM, but you could not interpret them ?
 - h. Todd: I may have missed them, but I did not see an email about budgeting until that Monday, but that is likely my own issue.
- h. Jaia (Criminology Club): I turned in my budget form on time, but I was unable to attend the final budgeting session due to work. I became the club president this fall and picked up the club on my own. The previous president before COVID graduated and criminology club was not active for a while. I have been trying to figure out how all of this works and it is very stressful, so me and my other officers were unable to attend because of work.

- a. President Durnell: I know we sent out an online video format of the information session, so can you clarify why your group would miss that because of work?
- b. Jaya: I was confused if there were multiple budgeting sessions as far as if you emailed them out previously. The day the email got sent out I reached out to Jack and said that neither of the officers could make it and requested the zoom link, so I did watch the session, but I was told I had to appeal why I could not be present during the actual session.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Guest Speaker: Mary Kreta, Vice President of Strategic Enrollment
 - a. Kreta: I oversee admissions, financial aid, alumni, military and veteran services, and I am the Chief Enrollment Officer. I have been here for about a year and a half. Last year enrollment for first year students was up 30% and now we are looking at a 20% increase of applicants at this time on top of that. [*\[See Mary Kreta's Presentation Here\]*](#)
 - i. Williams: Does your work with enrollment overlap with admissions?
 - ii. Kreta: Yes, admissions reports to me.
 - iii. VP Lock: Is there a way to calculate how many students deferred from the 30% enrollment increase?
 - iv. Kreta: I can email you that information.
 - v. Northey: Are you involved at all with student retention?
 - vi. Kreta; I am a partner, but Sarah Swager and Brian Reed are primarily in charge of student retention.
 - vii. Curry: That 30% increase, do you have figures on what percentage was in and out of state applicants?
 - viii. Kreta: Most of them were out of state, especially from WUE students. We see slower gains in overall enrollment because classes take years to graduate, so most of our increases in enrollment are focused on freshman students.
 - b. Kreta: SEP is a university wide strategy that I am leading. Enrollment has a big impact on the university, a lot of it in terms of revenue and finances. We have people working very hard, but it is not often as clear if they are working together or as individuals, and this brings everyone together and leverages the strengths of um. When you look at universities who fundamentally changed their enrollment trajectories, it tends to be their strategies and the framework behind that is adaptable to each university. We are spending time figuring what opportunities are here at UM and figuring out how we can leverage the strengths, so all of our perspectives are discussed so we can have the strongest initiatives possible. We will never be able to control a global pandemic and

there are other things completely out of our control, but UM is a fantastic university. We need to control the things we can and support students properly while they are here and do everything on the large and small scales to support students. Part of SEP is to break down some of the internal competition and flex our strengths as a university. My entire job is to ensure that we treat students well, and by looking at what we can do better by bringing the whole university together is how we support the lifeline of the university, which is our students. ROI in my world is doing what is right for students. The plans will be revenue positive so we can reinvest in students and there are some initiatives that will not make money, because we are interested in students. We will do things because they are the right things to do. Another strategy will bring in additional revenue to support it. Enrollment encompasses the entirety of the student lifecycle. SEP looks at all of these things and asks how we can do better.

- i. Hawthorne: You talked about Brian's retention plans to the advocates, have those plans fleshed out more than they were in the fall?
 - ii. Kreta: Yes, admissions have taken over most of the tours and advocates are supporting, but I would check with Brian more directly to check the retention piece of it. If you want to give campus tours, we are paying tour guides. We had wonderful student volunteers doing it, but we were requiring so much of them. When you are working with volunteers there is an inherent lack of diversity built into it, so if you are first generation, low income, and underrepresented you are more likely to need a job in college. We want to pay students and we want a diverse student population.
 - iii. Curry: You mentioned how retention and course selection are huge in enrollment. How have recent cuts to H&S influenced those aspects of enrollment?
 - iv. Kreta: I had a meeting with the three deans of H&S and we are working with them and faculty to provide support to ensure they provide the right kinds of classes and programs and ensure they have investment in the areas that they need it. As far as how the changes with the humanities budget have impacted enrollment, in general, it is part of the reason the budget was modeled in this way is because other programs were bursting at the seams and not able to support the students they have in over and under populated majors. I want to ensure that our students are getting the appropriate experience.
- c. Kreta: Our enrollment goal does not necessarily mean the one that creates the balanced budget, but one that is right for UM. SEP focuses on creating a sustainable enrollment number rather than the traditional. There is a reason

why a lot of universities have enrollment challenges- because it is not easy. We have executive oversight, we have the steering committee and representatives across the university. We had working groups that wrote a situational analysis for what is currently happening at UM and where the opportunities are. The steering committee discussed these plans and out of that come the strategy teams which are specific action plans. One of the things that came out is communication between financial aid and student accounts as bill pay was approaching, and we are creating action plans. The strategy teams include priorities for action for UM, most of which had enrollment implications, and the other is organically coming up from around UM because you all can make action plans and present them to me. Everything we do is tied back to the data we have because if we do not hit our targets, which we will not for every single strategy, we need to be able to reallocate and establish those things ahead of time so we can be flexible. We are diversifying SEP to go after more markets than traditional high school age students. We are putting plans together to have the best performance from each section as possible. We have four phases, preparation and data analysis, we are not in strategy development and will be there until March, and in April we jump to goal development to create open enrollment projection and phase four comes in May for implementation and continuation. We have an office of strategic planning implementation so we can continue with this process. This helps frame our institutional priorities and deliver on these priorities.

- i. Wickum: Do you have any idea on how the new R1 status will affect enrollment?
- ii. Kreta: When you are looking at a college one of the things you are looking at is academic quality, which is difficult to articulate, and that provides a simple classification for academic quality. It will really depend on how we communicate it and how we talk about it.
- iii. Wickum: Do you have an idea about how you will communicate that with new students?
- iv. Kreta: The Associate Director of Enrollment Marketing and the Director of Admissions are working to incorporate it into the communication strategy.
- v. Shaver: I grew up in Missoula and I remember how in 2014 when the time article came out about sexual assault at UM and how that undermined our high points as a university. I know we have done certain things to rectify but has there been anything done further to rectify that?

- vi. Kreta: I would recommend asking Alicia Arant about that because she has done incredible work and has transformed a lot of the ways in which UM handles these issues.
- vii. Shaver: Is this being effectively advertised that we took action with solving this problem?
- viii. Kreta: The challenge we face now is that we are many years into it. We did a research report and sexual assault for incoming students across our prospective student database, it was not even in the top few considerations or concerns for incoming students. We have to balance it for students who have this residual perception that is now inaccurate but also not scaring away people who did not know about it. Talking about our proactive safety practices is one of the better tactics. Parents in general are concerned about physical and mental health safety foremost, so every university has to talk openly and freely to parents about the safety of our campus.
- ix. Bell: I know traditionally UM has been seen as the humanities school and MSU as a STEM school, so has that changed?
- x. Kreta: Yes, we are one hundred percent humanities, but we are the best place in the state to study anything in the health sciences. We are complicating the narrative and showing the depth of our institution.
- xi. Williams: I remember sometime last semester we had a report from VP Lock about new admissions materials that campus was excited about, so to give some feedback about these materials, I will say they do not seem to be of the quality that we are expecting.
- xii. Kreta: That was before my time, but I hear you and have noticed the same thing. Those materials should be improved for our incoming students.
- xiii. Ververis: What exactly would you like from all of us?
- xiv. Kreta: I want for you to know what is happening, know who I am so you can reach out to me, and so you can talk to me if you have ideas about this process.
- xv. Kiefer: What was the enrollment trend for the graduate school this year?
- xvi. Kreta: It is increasing a lot which is not a coincidence now that we see the R1 status of research at UM.
- xvii. Kiefer: What was the trend for international students at the undergraduate and graduate levels?
- xviii. Kreta: It is trending down which is true across the country. In the past five years, China started heavily investing in their own universities, so less Chinese students were leaving. Britain, Australia, and Canada saw

- the impact international students have at American universities, so they doubled down on their strategies for enrollment for international students. The last administration had a chilling effect on international travel to the states and then COVID hit.
- xix. Salyards: I liked how you laid out the phases and moving into phase 2 branding and marketing is a huge part. What is SEP doing with branding and marketing to reach non-traditional students?
- xx. Kreta: UM Online is part of the process and we have not seen SEP action plans aimed at that population of students, but faculty are looking at programs that may be better suited for this student population. Marketing and communications team is doing a brand refresh and there will be materials that will speak to that item in particular.
- xxi. Bowles: Since we are such a humanities based school and we are defunding them, how is that being addressed?
- xxii. Kreta: The budget model is adjusting where money goes based on where there are students. I see it as that we are providing the equitable experience across all areas of the university and are responding to student demand in other places. There are things recruitment and marketing can do to better support these academic programs and we are doing that. We are also looking at current programs who are putting forward how we better communicate their programs. I am being vague because they are in development, but I appreciate and hear your point. I think my job is to ensure we provide students with the info they need about whatever program they are interested in.
- xxiii. Hawes: To give some feedback about the current website- I was trying to scroll through our course catalogue and find information about academics in general, and it is not on the homepage anymore. That information does not seem as accessible or centralized as it was before, so I imagine that is something students are interested in.
- xxiv. Kreta: Please let me know where that is because we are working on search engine optimization. The page is still there and more searchable, but it sounds like it is not in the place you were looking, so I want to pass that along.
- xxv. Jolly: I met with VP Lasiter this Monday, which was the tuition payment deadline, and while we are still reliant on CyberBear, I suggest that if they send out a schoolwide email to students about tuition payments, CyberBear should not be under maintenance at that time. Also, on the website, Missoula College's website is harder to navigate in my opinion than the general UM website. How will the

- Missoula College website be folded into the new website so they can be connected into the main campus operations?
- xxvi. Kreta: It will be included in the website update. They also are working on SEO for their program.
- xxvii. O'Neill: I did my undergrad at MSU, and I am curious if there is a specific brand with the new branding you want to promote the university as and what are you trying to communicate with prospective students?
- xxviii. Kreta: You will see a presentation about it in the coming weeks and that is still in the planning stage.
- xxix. Williams: Some earlier questions pertained to specific enrollment trends for specific populations reminded me of a presentation at a recent Faculty Senate meeting, and there was discussion about trends in Native American student enrollment, can that data be shared with us?
- xxx. Kreta: Native American student enrollment is growing at UM and in no small part because of the work Brad Hall is doing by reaching out to tribal colleges and going out communities and advocating for policies that will have positive impact. It is our responsibility to do everything in our power to serve our indigenous communities.
- xxxi. Williams: I believe it was a 70% increase since 2013?
- xxxii. Kreta: It was shockingly high to the point that I double checked the numbers, as did Kelly Webster, but the enrollment of Native American students at UM is strong especially for graduate students.
- xxxiii. Curry: Regarding the intercampus switch process between UM and Missoula College, when I enrolled here, I was accidentally at Missoula College and the process of getting switched was very difficult. I was not informed about how many credits I had to drop to come here which caused me to nearly lose some of my scholarship. I am wondering how that information can be better communicated?
- xxxiv. Kreta: We have to do better about the pipeline between Missoula College and UM because the number of student transferring were lower than other states, so there is obviously a need for attention there. Some things we have done: there is a full time admissions person at Missoula College and a financial aid person based at MC. We also have to work on these transfer pathways and the application process itself. We have a lot of work to do, and the banner modernization is digitizing that relevant information as well.
- xxxv. Curry: I am a student at the DHC, and I was still technically a student there while still at Missoula College, but I was not receiving

information about the DHC, so I am curious about the communication about student enrollment in both areas?

- xxxvi. Kreta: We are going to build it into the new system and want to look at everything holistically and pulling it into the new process to implement, so we can rectify it. I apologize for your experience.
- xxxvii. Bell: I know the humanities budgeting is not based on student credit hours, so I am curious about your take because it is not necessarily helping them while they still lose their budget.
- xxxviii. Kreta: Budgets are so complicated because they include student credit hours, majors, and research expenditures. I am investing in the humanities and the way we are recruiting humanities students and targeting students who need the information, so my hope is that we continue to build the humanities. A good portion of that 30% increase is going to the humanities, so I think a great way forward is continuing to invest and support students. My response is always what we can do to support the students, and how do I do that better, and in this case we need a more financially stable environment.

b. COVID-19

- a. Country Trends: As of now we are at 242 cases and a 214 seven day average, resulting in a 33% reduction from previous numbers.
- b. Campus Preparedness Response Group: I voiced some of the questions proposed last week to Paula Short over email. With regard to the recreation center, staff still have to wear masks, but it is a recommendation otherwise because we were the only recreation center in the state requiring masks, and a student fainted while exercising. There were also multiple confrontations between staff and recreation center users trying to enforce the policy. The fresh air intake has been adjusted and machines have been moved to increase distancing. Athletes do not have to wear masks while practicing or performing.
- c. President Durnell: We got N95 respirators sent to the ASUM office so feel free to grab those and I will work with M&O to develop an outreach plan to get them out.
- d. Hawthorne: What type are they?
- e. President Durnell: They are respirators but not the standard material.
- f. Emily Tschetter: Were there communications sent out about university student employees receiving these masks?
- g. President Durnell: There are communications sent out to employers but they should be sent out to employees as well.

c. Other

- a. None.

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Sustainability Committee Discussion: When we redid the Bylaws over the summer, we made a conscious decision to keep sustainability in because it is an issue concerning student advocacy that is dear to many student's hearts. My observation over the past few years is that it is really hard to keep that committee focused and have it be goal-oriented, so compared to other ASUM committees, with the exception of Senator McKenzie's SPA committee, almost all of the ASUM committees concern the internal administration of ASUM. For example, B&F distributes funds, BOMO recognizes member organizations. With these advocacy committees, it is really hard to make sure they are a good use of Senator time. If they do not have someone running them that is particularly able to dedicate a substantial amount of time, so my question is if there is anyone who feels that way and wants to assume that responsibility, or if we should examine other options for the future of that committee. My understanding is that this is not a recent issue but has been an issue for multiple years.
 - a. Gudmundsson: It seems from an outside view that sustainability is such an integral part of the work ASUM does at large, but it is a component of many things, so I am amenable of looking at other options.
 - b. VP Lock: I share those sentiments and I think you are right to observe that without this committee, it does not inhibit ASUM's ability to participate in sustainability advocacy. Sustainability is an issue that is still within the Senate's purview and students can still write these resolutions.
 - c. President Durnell: When we were proposing these changes as a part of our platform, I was partial to cutting all of the oversight boards, but I left sustainability because Maddy Jones was the only agency who voted to keep the board but wanted to have it serve a different function. We proved to ourselves that it is defunct as a group because it is integral to us as an organization and as individuals.
 - d. Kiefer: Two years ago, I was Chair of Sustainability and I found it to be incredibly difficult but because it was similar to the Zero Waste Advisory Board because it is hard to get people to come together and ASUM already does sustainability work outside of the committee. I do think it is time to design the sustainability committee and coordinator position, so those together could be beneficial. First things that comes to my head is that if sustainability committee is not doing much and has not been able to in the past, it needs to go.
 - e. VP Lock: SPA is an outlier, but it would be really easy to see SPA go off the rails without a Chair like you Senator McKenzie, and it is hard to organize people to talk about this nebulous idea of sustainability.

- f. O'Neill: I agree that this committee is rather defunct and if we would like to commit to continuing sustainability work actionably, I would commit to it through SPA directly.
- g. Kunev: Last year with Maddy as our Sustainability Coordinator, there was not a whole lot to do, and I have been dropping the ball this semester for a number of reasons and I do not want my own inhibitions to do a disservice to the Senate body. It is a weird setup, and we did not see any resolutions and there was only so much organizing we could do and in terms of the larger campus efforts of sustainability. I think this is the perfect time to question what we are doing and take a different direction.
- h. Ververis: Are we hiring a new Sustainability Director?
 - i. President Durnell: This has been in conversation for a while and bottom line is that ASUM does not pay that position directly, but it is paid for by Sustainability, Transportation, and Kless. We are considering right now why it is housed under ASUM. The services it provides is essentially an extension of Eva Rocke's office. One of the complaints from Maddy in her outgoing paperwork is that her position did not have autonomy because she had to do things that Eva needed her to do. It is completely up in the air, so I am not sure.
- i. Ververis: Based off of that, imagining a full committee dedicated to not much, I can see it being more of an opportunity as a different thing that ASUM has not done before. Perhaps we could have individual advocacy about sustainability from ASUM from someone impassioned on this body to do that work in more of an appointed position as a Senator.
- j. POI (President Durnell): There are primarily two university committees, Kless and the Sustainable Campus Committee, and they do similar things that our committee strived to do on a greater scale and with a budget and there are four Senator spots available.
- k. VP Lock: I am bringing this up because I feel responsible for saving you all time and making sure the time you spend on ASUM is an effective way of serving student interests.
- l. McKenzie: My concern is that if we were to wipe out this committee that it would send a message to the university and students that sustainability is not important to us. However, I like the idea of other committee dedicated to advocating for interests such as sustainability, similar to the City Council Liaison position where there could be a sustainability liaison included in SPA. Providing further guidelines within the Bylaws of what SPA does may be beneficial there.
- m. Glueckert: I am in favor of cutting Sustainability Committee because having been on this body for a while, I have seen the productivity of Senate really

bolstered this year and I think partially has to do with us as a Senate but also because we have fewer committees and that has allowed Senators to focus more so on the committees they are on. In my experience through ASUM, Sustainability has done some wonderful things, but I do not think those are necessarily things that have to be done through that committee itself. Cutting the committee does not necessarily show that we do not care because there are a lot of committees we do not have but it does not mean we do not share those values. I would love to see some other position be sustained elsewhere but I think it needs to have more of a structural purpose. I think there should be continued action plans, so I think it is a good position to cut this, especially without a sustainability coordinator. We can always pursue it again in the future.

n. Kiefer: Sustainable Campus Committee it is essentially the combined heat and power committee because that is what they have primarily been talking about. I think a sustainability liaison is a wonderful idea and if we are reallocating funds from Maddy's position, it could be a good paid position for students. With liaisons in SPA, I think it would be great to tack on an accessibility liaison.

b. Committee Assignments

a. Kiefer: Kless is looking for students and I am looking for someone to be on Interview.

b. Motion by **Kiefer-O'Neill** to appoint Joselyn Jolly and Maggie bell to Interview Committee; UC Called

c. Motion by **President Durnell-Glueckert I** to add Alexandra Berna as an SAL to Strategic Enrollment Planning Committee; UC Called

d. Motion by **Heaton-Shaver** to remove Senator Heaton from DEI Academic Taskforce and replace with Senator Shaver; UC Called

e. Motion by **Birdinground-O'Neill** to remove chair La'a and Medina from DEI and add Senator Birdinground as Chair; UC Called

f. Motion by **Ververis-Kuney** to approve committee assignments; UC Called

c. Other

a. None.

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Zero Base Carryover: \$266,858.56

S.T.I.P.: \$247,587.21

Special Allocation: \$19,359.04

Travel Allocation: \$48,317.92

Research & Creative Scholarship: \$9,938.24

Contingency Fund: \$60,032.16

Union Emergency: \$6,000.00

- a. Student Group Appeals
 - a. Gudmundsson: It sounds like all groups were in contact with you, is that true for each group?
 - b. BM Rinck: Yes, that is true and some groups were waiting on the recording, and that is on me and not the groups for the timing.
 - c. Ververis: I encourage everyone to approve these appeals. I do not think we are in the business of not providing student groups the opportunity to do things on campus.
 - d. Shaver: I think they all did a good job except for one group.
 - e. Kuney: I also do not see any reason why we would not approve all of these groups and their appeals. They did not have any huge infractions and I do not think that is reason enough to not provide them the opportunity for budgeting.
 - f. O'Neill: I appreciated the accountability student leaders took. I think they were all here to take actionable steps to rectify that, so I hope we approve them all, but I hope from the student body standpoint, I hope they see a commitment to completing the work despite being busy.
 - g. Williams: So far this year it has been the main purpose of BOMO to get as many groups approved as possible so they can get funding. Our theme is to be as accommodating as possible so they can have a good student experience. I also want to address that in the public comments I consistently heard a lot of room for improvement with our outreach to new student organization leaders. There is a clear need for brainstorming how we can reach them better, and a great opportunity for collaboration between BOMO and potentially B&F, the Student Group Coordinator and otherwise. I would love to get some tangible ideas in the works for this.
 - h. BM Rinck: Outreach to student groups is always on the forefront of my mind for budgeting.
 - i. Motion by **Shaver-Ververis** to approve all appeals (Latine Student Union, Student Recreation Association, Spikeball Club, UM Birding Club, Griz Women's Rugby Club, Criminology Club); UC Called
- b. Member Organization Recognition
 - a. Japanese Student Association- Student Interest
 - b. Ski & Board Club- Student Interest
 - c. Counselors for Social Justice- Academic Honors
 - d. Wind Music Association- Music Union
 - e. American Marketing Association- Academic Honors
 - f. Chinese Student Association- Student Support
 - g. Student Veteran Organization- Student Support
 - h. Black Student Union- Student Support

- i. Motion by **Ververis-Glueckert** to approve all groups listed above; UC Called
- c. University Budget Committee Vacancy: Meets the third Wednesday of each month from 3:00-5:00 pm. Talk to VP Lock if you wish to be assigned to that committee.
- d. Final Budgeting Updates: Student group appeals are complete. We are working on Executive recommendations this weekend and I want to get those to you all Sunday or Monday evening so you have more time to review, so be on the lookout for those and think critically because they will be your framework for budgeting. Thursday at 6:00 pm will be category budgeting where we dole out funds to agencies, unions, and how much money each student group category will have to distribute. If you miss category budgeting in an unexcused fashion you are automatically up for impeachment, and I highly suggest you communicate with me.
 - a. Gudmundsson: Where will category budgeting be held?
 - b. BM Rinck: This room, UC 225.
 - c. President Durnell: If senators are requesting their budgeting materials on paper how can they do that?
 - d. BM Rinck: If you want paper budgeting materials, send me an email and cc Secretary Berna so we can figure that out.
 - e. President Durnell: I think next week will probably be one of our longer meetings. There are a lot of different but important events happening so make sure you mentally prepare for that, but it is very important to be there for that meeting as well so you can hear from agencies and unions.
 - f. BM Rinck: Public comment is agency and union lobbying next meeting to present budgets and answer questions.
- e. Food Orders
 - a. Food ordering for Thursday category budgeting.
- f. Birthdays
 - a. Secretary Berna ☺
- g. Other
 - a. None.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Bowles

Relations and Affairs

The Relations and Affairs committee met on Sunday, February 6th to discuss seven resolutions: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 5 of the ASUM Bylaws Clarifying Suspension of Candidacy Procedures, Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 1 (12) of the ASUM Bylaws to Provide Exemptions for Students-At-Large Who Become Senators, Resolution Increasing Executive Wages, Resolution Updating and Reformatting

Personnel Policy, Resolution Defining Candidate Team in Article VII, Section 1 of the ASUM Bylaws, Resolution Amending Section 14.3. of ASUM Fiscal Policy to Add sub subsection, and Resolution Amending Section 14.3.1 of ASUM Fiscal Policy to Increase Travel Rates. The first resolutions went through minimal line level edits before being forwarded to the Senate. The second resolution went through a substantial amount of line level edits including a division of the question to edit language in a whereas clause before being forwarded to the Senate. The third resolution had multiple questions from committee members about the content, and went through no edits besides assuring that the line numbers would be consecutive throughout the document before being forwarded to the Senate. The fourth resolution went through a medium amount of line level edits including a sent to line and some discussion on what Personnel Policy updates look like in resolutions before being forwarded to the Senate. The fifth resolution went through next to no line level edits aside from adding asum to the title before being forwarded to the Senate. The sixth and seventh resolution went through a fair amount of edits before being forwarded to the Board on Budget and Finance.

Chair Hanley

Elections

The Elections committee met Sunday at 5 to introduce ourselves to each other, begin the process of brainstorming engagement ideas, and discuss the calendar for the elections. During the meeting, Senator Kiefer nominated herself for the position of Vice Chair and we are asking for the senate to confirm that appointment tonight. The Elections committee will be meeting every other week prior to campaigning starting on Sundays at 5. The meeting will take place in the ASUM Conference Room and over Zoom for the time being.

- a. Ververis (Gen Ed Ad Hoc): Met yesterday and we are trying to finalize the model to present to various units on campus and deciding what to put into our presentation. One of the things Chair Sweet recommended is that we prepare sticking points that I have talked with you all about. If anyone has recommendations or thoughts, please let me know.
- b. Williams (Marketing and Outreach): The committee as usual put together a social media plan for the week. We also had a robust discussion about updating ASUM's mission and vision statements and reviewed proposed updates from ASUM employees. We also discussed ideas for improving tabling engagement, and on that note, we have tabling scheduled for next Wednesday and the following Wednesday from 11:00-2:00 pm. Please send me a note if you are available for any portion of that time. Finally, the M&O coordinator hiring committee is in the midst of interviewing four of the twelve applicants, and we should arrive at a decision by the end of next week.

- a. Ververis: If you all have seen any really cool stuff at tabling around campus, please give ideas for how we can get people to the tables to talk about elections.
- c. Motion by **Ververis-Kuney** to add Senator Kiefer to Elections Committee as Vice Chair; UC Called

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. SB76-21/22: Resolution Defining Candidate Team in Article VII, Section 1 of the ASUM Bylaws
 - a. Authorship (Glueckert): There was confusion between what a candidate team is and what a campaign team is, so we felt it was important to outline this within the Bylaws definitions.
 - b. Motion by **Heaton-ONEILL** to amend L25 to read “seats”; Ruled Friendly by Authors
 - c. O’Neill: On the of clarification between candidate team and campaign team, I am curious if there is any clear definition of a campaign manager?
 - d. POI (Glueckert): No, it is not something defined in the Bylaws, but if that interests the Senate, I am sure we can write a resolution.
 - e. O’Neill: My understanding is that when candidates sign up to run, they become responsible for those working under them as well, is that true?
 - f. VP Lock: I am not of the opinion that the position of campaign manager exists in our Bylaws.
 - g. POI (President Durnell): No, it is not defined in the Bylaws. You are responsible for your campaign, so if someone is delegated those duties, they should be responsible for it, but it is not designated in the Bylaws. I certainly do not see a need to define campaign manager by any means
 - h. President Durnell: Does “ASUM” between President and Vice President need to be included the definition?
 - i. Ververis: I do not think it is necessary.
 - j. Glueckert: I think it would be nice to look at the Bylaws to see the other instances, but I think it is nice to have it included in each case because it is a definition and I think it needs to be specific.
 - k. Kiefer: Thank you to the authors, these changes will change ASUM for years to come and I know it has been a lot of work.
 - l. **SB76-21/22 Passed Unanimously.**
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- b. SB77-21/22: Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 1 (12) of the ASUM Bylaws to Provide Exemptions for Students-At-Large Who Become Senators
 - a. Authorship (Kiefer): This is meant to fill a gap I have noticed in ASUM over multiple years where SALs become Senators and if they are on a committee

already full of Senators they will lose that seat, which does not see fair to me. This resolution is meant to provide an exemption for that. Additional seats can be removed as needed. I understand that this could probably bring up some arguments about how that looks with adding committee seats.

- b. Wickum: I want to voice my support for this bill fully because my situation is like this and if this does not pass, I do lose spots on certain committees.
- c. O'Neill: I encourage the body to vote yes on this.
- d. Glueckert: I think this is a wonderful change to be seen and recently we have had to beg people to become SALs and to become Senators at times, and I think this is a positive change sand speaks to the fact that students want to get more involved.
- e. Motion by **Heaton-O'Neill** to capitalize and bold “member” in L53; UC Called
- f. Motion by **President Durnell** to strike “ASUM” and “an” in L52; UC Called
- g. **SB77-21/22 Passed Unanimously.**
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- c. SB78-21/22: Resolution Amending Article V, Section 5 of the ASUM Bylaws Clarifying Suspension of Candidacy Procedures
 - a. Authorship (Glueckert): Changes you see are very minor in the fact that most are capitalizations and striking through dilatory language and adding candidate team in addition to this because we felt as though when there is a violation it is toward a team not an individual candidate.
 - b. President Durnell: Is third party defined in our Bylaws so we can have the correct formatting here?
 - i. Glueckert: Yes, and the capitalization is included.
 - c. O'Neill: I am fully in support of this because it is both candidates that should be held accountable for their actions and the actions of those representing them.
 - d. **SB78-21/22 Passed Unanimously.**
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- d. SB79-21/22: Resolution Updating and Reformatting Personnel Policy
 - a. President Durnell: This outlines the significance of this policy and follows the formatting template, and I included a definition section and justifications regarding “member” in personnel policy. I also include some gender inclusive language, the lack of our web developer position, changed name of M&O director; BM Rinck and I named it director, but upon actually working with the position it is more of a coordinator. The only other people with Director titles are agency directors who are classified staff with master’s degrees. Staffing positions defunct in other areas to incorporate changes with BNA. One thing in there was talking about conflicts of interests and not voting, and

- if you are an officer you are obligated to vote but can demonstrate neutrality. UM Productions is no longer there, or the legal oversight board or transportation oversight board. This also includes clarification about timecards in personnel policy.
- b. Heaton: To Author- On L105-106, do Chair and Director need to be changed to Coordinator to reflect changes in the policy?
 - i. President Durnell: No because that is the current language and the proposed language can be accepted following this resolution.
 - c. Motion by **Heaton-Kiefer** to add space between “a” and “Senate” in L85; UC Called
 - d. Bowles: This is a good resolution to follow all the string of irrelevant committees.
 - e. BM Rinck: Good job, President Durnell.
 - f. **SB79-21/22 Passed Unanimously.**
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
- e. SB80-21/22: Resolution Increasing Executive Wages
- a. Authorship (President Durnell): The obstacle to a resolution like this because although we have advocated for increases it is the timing of the resolution to avoid conflicts of interest. From personal experience it is extremely difficult to live off of this wage. This resolution is absolutely necessary, and it is not an opinion that people should earn a living wage, but it is a human right. The whereas clauses are not traditional because I am trying to show what it looks like what it can look like to pay rent on the current wage. Old economics suggests that 30% of your income going to rent is stable so I cannot imagine what would be said about this. One thing that we say often about politicians is that we shouldn't be paying them crazy wages because it is corruption. We are not really politicians, but if we fail to pay these positions a wage they can live on, then the only people who will run are those in an elite group. I hope we do not contradict ourselves and just pass this.
 - b. Shaver: Even with these increases, it is still not a livable wage, so this is a very humble increase which is definitely needed. It is almost criminal that the state of MT still has this as minimum wage, so please just vote yes and have a heart.
 - c. O'Neill: I agree, and I am grateful to see the initiative for next years executives. I will note that Article Six Section Three of the Bylaws states that if you are seeking a position with ASUM you cannot vote on wage increases so, I think that puts us in a potentially uncomfortable situation. I advise us to budget as though we can pass this in good faith and table until candidates are able to declare and abstain ethically.

- d. Ververis: I am going to take the opposing side and say that in order to justify the budget going into final budgeting, we need to have a reason to have budgeting in there. In our Bylaws you cannot be campaigning prior to April 4th, so technically nobody should be campaigning right now or seeking an office, so I think it is still appropriate for everyone to be voting on this.
 - e. VP Lock: My solution to this problem is potentially taking a blind vote.
 - f. President Durnell: I spoke earlier about some of these concerns and I think we should pass this tonight to support the budget appropriately. I think it does paint a larger issue which means there is language in our code of ethics that is still largely interpretable. Nobody can technically be seeking office right now so that is interpretable. I think we are safe to say we can vote here. I think suspending House Rules and doing an anonymous vote is appropriate. It is great to be cautious about this and I appreciate those perspectives.
 - g. BM Rinck: I think suspending House Rules is striking a middle ground here to justify our budget and making sure nobody is being ethically dubious.
 - h. Motion by **BM Rinck-Glueckert** to suspend ASUM House Rules; UC Called
 - i. ***SB80-21/22 Passed on a 17Y-0N-5A anonymous vote.***
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*
 - j. Motion by **BM Rinck-O'Neill** to reinstate ASUM House Rules; UC Called; Objection Noted by Glueckert
- f. SB81-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 14.3 of ASUM Fiscal Policy to Add Rental Vehicles and Rental Vehicle Requirements
- a. Authorship (Birdinground): Nowhere in Fiscal Policy does it mention rental vehicles, so we decided we should have a refund amount available for rental vehicles.
 - b. Motion by **Hawthorne- Kiefer** to remove extra comma in L49; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - c. Motion by **Heaton** for a slate of amendments: L29 and L40 to reflect SB66 language, L62 and L67 to reflect correct committee names; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - d. Kuney: Would this reimbursement cover something like an Uber, especially for a small group?
 - e. Birdinground: I do not see Uber as a rental vehicle, especially because you would not have that over a long period of time, but I would like to hear from BM Rinck.
 - f. BM Rinck: I think Senator Birdinground you are correct that this proposed policy may not fall under the purview of Uber, namely because the rental vehicles are to be rented through Enterprise through UM. In the past I believe groups have sought reimbursements for Ubers and otherwise, but it is not codified anywhere.

- g. Bell: What would happen in the instance that a group who would need a rental car outside of UM, say if they travel somewhere like UMPIC in Hawaii?
- h. Birdinground: I was not on the board when that problem arose. I am aware is that they were hit by local taxes and fees.
- i. POI (BM Rinck): That is the benefit of our new argument with Enterprise because it was funded despite the location.
- j. Motion by **Bell-O'Neill** to amend L40 to reflect changes per SB66; Ruled Friendly by Author
- k. President Durnell: I am not seeing anywhere where there is an established rate for funding rental vehicles, but I do not see a specific rate. I would be interested in adding language for that tonight, but I would be inclined for the author or anyone else to move for that.
- l. Gudmundsson: To BM Rinck- Ordinarily, how would ASUM fund a rental vehicle?
- m. BM Rinck: I believe we would get quotes from Enterprise and those are reflected in the justification and the online form. For example, a recent group took a trip, and we funded the quoted amount but upon receiving the receipts they were taxed for unforeseen fees not approved by the Senate. They sought reimbursement and we were unable to reimburse them in the full amount.
- n. Gudmundsson: Am I correct in understanding that ordinarily ASUM would fund a rental vehicle for a student group through a travel request?
- o. BM Rinck: You are correct.
- p. Glueckert: Looking at this I feel a bit embarrassed in B&F and R&A that we did not catch that there is not a specific rate and I think that it should be outlined and perhaps sent back to B&F.
- q. Ververis: My understanding of the intent is this is so that you can fund the rental vehicle in full, which is what is typically done with travel requests so I am not certain we need to clear rate, but this includes the allowance of excess taxes and fees, and I am not sure you can estimate that with additional language.
- r. O'Neill: I agree that this should be sent back to committee to clarify these questions.
- s. Motion by Durnell to send this resolution back to BF seconded by O'Neill; UC Called; discussion by Birdinground
 - i. President Durnell: My interest in sending this back to committee is to make it as good of a resolution as it can possibly be and I was listening to justifications about why this language alone works, I heard something different from everyone, which means the language right now is highly interpretable. Interpretation is not okay when talking

- about rates specifically, and we have been citing a specific incident, which is not necessarily appropriate.
- ii. Birdinground: Quotes can be in varying amounts, so I do not know why we are trying to set an amount rather than just funding at the quoted amount, so can someone elaborate on the intentions of this motion?
 - iii. Ververis: In sending this back to committee I am not sure what the committee is supposed to do about it without much direction from the Senate, especially since we are amending our governing documents. The committee already passed it and I am not sure what there is to add from a smaller group of people, so we should flesh it out here.
 - iv. Hawthorne: I understand the intent of this clause but just because it is clear to me now it does not mean it will be clear to another group in coming years, so I think the language needs to be revised.
 - v. O'Neill: The charge of this committee [B&F] is clear and this needs more clarification, and I think it is important we continue to hold ourselves to the highest standard. I do not think it is penalizing anyone to send it back to committee for clarification.
 - vi. Bell: To BM Rinck- Do you think it is reasonable to set some sort of baseline rate for rental vehicles despite how they vary?
 - vii. BM Rinck: It is the Senate's decision. We have rates for airfare and gas reimbursement but in the past, we have had not had rates for rentals but funded quoted amounts, so it is in the purview for Senate to decide.
 - viii. Bell: To BM Rinck- Is there any stipulation that groups cannot rent specific luxury cars for example?
 - ix. BM Rinck: They cannot rent outside of UM's deal with Enterprise, and I suspect a state organization may not rent out a car like that. I will add a point of personal frustration with the Enterprise agreement because it should be a tax exempt entity because it is a state entity and I think it is absurd that it be taxed.
 - x. *Motion withdrawn.*
 - t. BM Rinck: There is no rush in passing Fiscal Policy, whether it goes back to the board or table it now and see it next week, either way we will pass a section on rental vehicles and clarify appropriately. Let's keep that goal in mind.
 - u. Motion by **President Durnell-Bell** to amend L140 to read "rental vehicles may be funded up to the quoted amount and may be refunded in" Motion by Durnell to amend l40 to read "rental vehicles may be funded up to the quoted amount and may be refunded in"; Ruled Friendly by Author

- v. Shaver: This is a great resolution. I like the change made as well but I think we should establish a quoted amount at some point because if it is quoted for airfare as well, we should probably have it up for rental because Enterprise does have some luxurious options.
- w. Previous Question Called by **Shaver-Kuney**; Discussion Called by Williams
 - i. Williams: I think there is more discussion that needs to be had so I encourage people to vote no on this motion.
 - ii. Bowles: I also do not think previous question is wise right now because we do have more discussion.
 - iii. *Motion withdrawn.*
- x. Gudmundsson: I think we are circling the fact that within these rates we do not have a method by which we refund rentals via travel requests. I think having discussions about these rates is valuable, but I am comfortable with it in its current form because I do not know enough about our rental structure to put parameters for rates this evening that would be fair and reasonable. We have done a good job in funding travel requests, and this leaves room for us to grow into a more defined rental policy.
- y. Williams: I think the concern I have with not adding a rate is because the airfare option has a percentage of a quoted amount delineated and not exceeding a certain amount per person. I am concerned in passing this language is that it would be inequitable because it would be different for those traveling by airfare versus with a rental vehicle. Every resolution deserves the proper discussion before we make a decision.
- z. Motion by **BM Rinck-Glueckert** to add a space after the “s” on L31; Ruled Friendly by Author
 - aa. BM Rinck: I find the point quite salient that if there is not a rate here it should not be in the rates section. If we choose not to have a rate, it should exist in a different section of Fiscal Policy. If we are leaning toward including a rate I would certainly not be in favor of doing that until learning from those who deal with those rates and other travel allocation processes.
 - bb. Motion by **Ververis-O’Neill** to table SB81-21/22 for one week; UC Called
- g. SB82-21/22: Resolution Amending Section 14.2.1 of ASUM Fiscal Policy to Increase Travel Rates
 - a. Authorship (Birdinground): I spoke with Gwen [Coon] about this and want to raise the rate of gas reimbursement and we included stipulations about older and newer cars and their gas mileage, and that is why we chose \$0.20 instead of \$0.25.
 - b. O’Neill: I know student leaders have expressed a desire for this, so I encourage a yes vote.
 - c. ***SB82-21/22 Passed Unanimously.***

- i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Glueckert: Resolution Striking Article V, Section 8 of the ASUM Bylaws; to RA
 - a. Description: This strikes dilatory language per previous passed resolutions.
- b. VP Lock: Resolution Removing the Sustainability Board from the Bylaws; to RA
- c. VP Lock: Resolution Expanding Committee Seats; to RA

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **O'Neill-Hawthorne**; UC Called; Objection Noted by Gudmundsson
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 pm