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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2022
Zoom – 9:30 A.M.**

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**ASUM SENATE MINUTES
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2022
Zoom – 9:30 A.M.**

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 9:35 am

2. ROLL CALL

Present: President Durnell, Business Manager Rinck; Senators Bell, Bowles, Curry, Glueckert, Gudmundsson, Hawthorne, Heaton, Jolly, Kayne, Kiefer, Kuney, McKenzie, Northey, O'Neill, Salyards, Ververis Wickum.

Excused: Senators Birdinground, Hawes, Shaver*, Williams*.

**Senator Shaver voted via proxy (Senator Gudmundsson); Senator Williams voted via proxy (Senator Bowles).*

See roll call [here](#).

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Canyon Lock: I am here to talk about what has transpired and offer some of my opinions on it. I want to emphasize that we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the public commenters at the meetings for the past two weeks. I think the worst thing that can result from this is that internal ASUM drama overshadows something awful on campus. I need to thank those who offered me support over the last week, and I am grateful for those people. It means a lot to have a bit of community because it has been hard. I obviously urge you guys to pass the bill you are reaffirming regarding Clayton Looney. It is an important position for you to take decisively and loudly. I also do not think that passing it today should make you feel that you should have not passed it on Wednesday. Speaking a bit on the meeting Wednesday; as I am proud of all of you for passing that resolution, I admit toward a bit of pride that I made the suggestion for us to proceed as we did. I have heard people throw around the word "manipulation" regarding that vote, and almost more than anything in this circus, I take the most issue with that argument. I ask how you would feel if your elected representative voted a certain way and then said they are manipulated, and I would wonder why they sought office if they are so flimsy in their convictions. I am not sure how I can be perceived as this person who can cause people to vote a certain way, I made a suggestion that I would have made as a Senator. The one place I will admit clear fault is that I was not impartial, but I suppose there are some things I feel so strongly about that I am not able to be impartial. I cannot control how you all vote and you voted four times to hold the special session. You then voted unanimously to spend house rules and nearly unanimously to approve the bill. Any person could have said they had concern with the process, or you could have voted no or abstained. Noah did whisper to me while I was suggesting that we could not do this, and I said cattily "I can but I will", so Noah knew there were concerns but did not raise them. If you felt pressure due to the public commenters there, welcome to the democratic process because they had good reason to be there and to push you. People have complained that we did not adhere to the governing documents, but it was a creative solution. I made a deliberate effort to uphold the governing documents because the

principal charge in the constitution is for ASUM to advocate for the general welfare of the students and that predicates all further actions. The oath of office does not say anything about your relationship with these pieces of paper but it does say you will defend the rights and privileges of the students of UM, and I think it is a right of students to not be subject to racism by a professor, and our actions Wednesday reflect that oath. I point you to personnel policy which stipulates that the vice president is directly accountable to students, and that is how I feel I acted. There is a clear divergence in values between those who agree with me and those who vehemently disagree and are livid with me. The divergence in values is that you either have more reverence for student government rules than condemning racism and hatred in an expedient and bold way. I will condemn racism and hate at every turn, and I will never need 24 hrs to think about it in advance. This dogmatic reverence for what the governing documents stand for is a bit dishonest. We funded Birding Club by interpreting fiscal policy and were told later that could not happen, so we make mistakes all the time. I do not see why things had to be such a big deal because we could hold the session after regardless. I have heard whispers that I would be impeached which would be crazy, but I am not convinced that the Senate would impeach me, and even then, I find it very unlikely that enough students on campus would care enough about this issue to vote. I did consider staying on because of spite, but I am not doing that. These documents are rules you set for yourselves, and you should interpret for yourselves. I do not know who put it in your ear that your opinion is null, but I do not know how the opinion of 23 students who condemn racism can be considered null. It does not mean we did not have the opinion we had on Wednesday night just because there is legal nuance requiring additional access. After this is reaffirmed, I encourage you all to ask people if they would vote the same way they could if they could go back in time. I would ask them if they would vote the same way and if the answer is yes, then I would commend you. If the answer is no, I would say it is a shame that you are so infirm in your values and convictions. I ran a campaign saying I would advocate for BIPOC students in a bold way, and I have done so and am paying the price for doing so. If you cannot tell I am resigning and I am at odds with my dearest friends in a way I have been wrestling with, and I have been slandered to ten thousand students, which was a surreal and bad feeling. I think there will be long term ramifications with this series of events being tied to my name in the future and it has tested my mental health. I can say with unwavering certainty that I would say the exact same words to you all that I suggest we do as followed on Wednesday night. There is not a soul on earth or a series of events that can cause me to betray that unwavering value. I am choosing to resign, and I am sorry to those of you who told me not to. I do not have the strength to persist in such a difficult environment. There are huge strains in my relationship with many of you and in a professional sense, those strains are irreparable. I am going to make double the wage

- at a job with half of the drama and ridiculousness. And with the exception of a few of you, I do not feel any ill will. And even those of you who feel that I did wrong strongly, please contact me in a few months so we can revisit our relationship. To those who have said kind words I thank you and I am happy to speak with you. I do sincerely wish you the best and thank you for the work you have done serving students. Your passions have been truly inspiring, and I will give a special shoutout to Madison because the COVID stuff has been so substantial. I will also say a prayer for whoever is selected as my replacement. I have told a few of you that I have a preference, but I will not weigh in on that. In conclusion, thank you all for your attention and good luck to you all.
- b. Brian Reed: I know this has been a challenging past couple days and I want to say that my door is always open if you would like to chat about this and related issues. I am here for you all.
 - c. Soazing Le Bihan: I know there is a lot of frustration on both sides. I want to say as well that you guys are doing important work for UM, and you should keep that in mind. I am in no position to tell you what to think or to do but I want to give you an external point of view. Externally, it looked like there was a plea from your constituents to take immediate action and there was a choice to make between telling them to hold on so we do it later, or you can say we hear you and do it immediately. VP Lock decided to go for the latter and tried to find a way to make it happen within the constraints of the Constitution. Telling them to wait would have been awful and it turns out that VP Lock made a mistake because there is public open meeting law, and you needed to provide 24 hrs notice. Externally it seems VP Lock responded to a plea and made a mistake. I find it surprising that some people think there is a manipulative power grabbing action, and I think that if former VP Lock had been power grabbing, he would not have tried to find a way to make the action legal. As far as I could hear, there was no forcing of voting, and everyone voted four times. If the extraordinary claim is that there is an instance of power grabbing, that calls for extraordinary evidence, and I did not see it that night. I think it came from a good place and a good heart and it was a mistake, and I am not understanding why a mistake regarding the rules is causing all of this drama. Faculty Senate and ASCRC make mistakes all the time, especially regarding rules. Interestingly on Monday I will teach a class on the philosophy of law on the debate between formalism (an autonomous system of law where every decision needs to be enclosed in that system) and realism which says any decision concerning the law is embedded in society and judgement, and this conversation is related to those systems.
 - d. Brian Reed: I have given a lot of thought to this. The way I think about this is that the rules, thinking about the utility of them, and I think everything that everyone did was towards a good faith and with pureness of heart. I think the bylaws and the constitution are the content that you have with your community and the 24hr notice

- provides community ability to participate in the democratic process. I think at least the 24hr notice, the ability to have a comment is there to protect the community from an ASUM senate creating rules in the dark that do not involve the community.
- e. Bekah Redinger: Thank you to all of the senators who have shown their true colors last week, and I thank you if your true colors are showing up for students. If you know me, you know I love rules. The unfortunate thing when you have spent a year or so doing DEI work and learning about it is that you learn a lot of rules are intended to disadvantage black and people of color. That is the case of the university and ASUM rules so in this case when you are upholding rules in that setting, the end result is going to be disadvantage BIPOC people. You cannot function well like that in a system that is so broken, and your job is to make the best of that, and I think this time it did not work as well as it needed to. A lot of people at public comment on Wednesday are not here and that is because this is exhausting and awful. That is part of the oppression that rules like this are going to further. The fact that BIPOC students are going to be continuously burnt out and won't be able to say their peace in contribution to UM democracy. Thank you for doing this work and for continuing to have it move forward. Unfortunately, it has been a difficult couple of days.

Online Public Comment

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The Dance Club is so honored and blessed to hear that you have accepted our Travel Allocation Funding Request. Traveling this year to the American College Dance Association has not only been one of the most exciting things to happen to us since the pandemic, but it is such an amazing opportunity for us as a whole group. ACDA has constantly been something where students walk away from with so much knowledge and so many incredible experiences to look back on. Getting to take such a large group of students is a blessing. Getting to take classes from professionals, learning new skills, and looking at new ways to view the art that is dance. Getting to collaborate and dance alongside so many other amazing individuals from all across the Northwest and continuing to be inspired and grow through what they have to share to us. Also, allowing ourselves to represent the University of Montana and showcase the beautiful art that we are making here and how much our passion has grown for dance in Missoula. This trip provides students with so much knowledge and allows us to hold these new ideas with us throughout our entire dancing careers. An experience that truly fills our hearts to the brim and gives our souls so much nourishment. This is something like no other and not a lot of humans can experience it, so we are always acknowledging how grateful we are for those that allow us to go and those that help us in going. It is really hard to describe in words

how much this trip means to us and how much it provides us physically, mentally, and emotionally. This funding would assist immensely in our travels and making them easier as we embark and prepare for our journey to Oregon. Thank you so much for considering our request, we appreciate you all!

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Good evening senators, My name is Wyatt Nielsen, and I am the President of the Wildlife Society. I wanted to speak about our trip President's Day weekend to Yellowstone National Park for which we requested travel allocation funding. Since we have already made the trip, I am able to tell you all for certain the value of the experience for our club members. We spent two full days in the park, and in that time we were able to watch the Junction Butte pack of wolves both mornings while their behavior and history was described by wolf researcher Rick McIntyre. This experience was facilitated directly the spotting scopes we rented for our club members, which we obtained at a steep discount due to bulk ordering and our status as a University group. We also met with 4 different biologists that work in and around the park, each who described their careers in detail and answered questions. Our members were able to peek into a possible career path and gained understanding of how a study might work in the context of a national park. The funds requested for accommodations made this possible not only because we stayed right next to the park, but because the place we stayed is owned by a world renowned biologist who specializes in tracking. He shared his collection of tracks and bones and gave us a few pointers for our own use. This trip used the vast majority of our student generated funds, but you can see the value of the experiences this money allowed. If we were funded, I know it would only help make more experiences like this happen for our members, who were able to enjoy their first overnight trip in two years. Thank you all for your time.

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The Society of American Foresters, Student Chapter, also known as UMSAF, is requesting funds to cover some of the costs of travel to the Montana SAF State Conference in Helena, MT held April 21-23, 2022. Alexios Smith, Samantha Westfahl, Mason Kleinheksel, Craig Garfield, Christian Ceraso, Lauren SaintPierre, Jared Fossek, Jared Schmidt, Kylie Calvary, and Koson Verkler will attend the Annual SAF State Conference on April 21-23, 2022. Every year the State Conference is hosted by one of the Montana chapters: Missoula, Flathead, and East. This year, 2022, the East chapter will be hosting in Helena, MT. The theme of this year's meeting is "Exploring Human

and Ecosystem Response to Wildfire.” The presentations and discussions will be focused on the historical scale of wildfire in Montana, post-fire ecology, wildfire impacts on wildlife habitat, and more! There will be presentations from stewards of the DNRC, forestry specialists, and forestry professors from University of Montana and Montana State University. On the last day, April 23, there will be an immersive field trip to physically view and understand information and knowledge provided by presentations earlier in the conference. Hands-on experience is one of the best ways for students to comprehend learning material. This conference is an integral space for students to connect with professionals in the forestry world and gain deeper understanding of concepts that the classroom setting may not provide. The registration fee is \$75/student and lodging will be hotel rooms. Being college students, finances are extremely important for decision making. We have approached the Missoula SAF Chapter seeking some support covering this cost, but are seeking funding from ASUM to cover this cost as well. We thank you for your consideration.

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I urge ASUM to take action against the racist actions and words of Clayton Looney. He does not represent my values as a student, and he should not represent the values of the university. Inaction in this arena is equal to support for all intents and purposes. In order for UM to have the inclusive environment they parade on banners to rope in new students, they should at least reopen the Title IX investigation against Clayton Looney, a man who currently represents the university. His presence is frankly embarrassing, and creates a hostile environment to BIPOC students specifically. Let's demonstrate that we learned from the Rob Smith experience and act decisively.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Brief Explanation of Business: We would not be calling this meeting if what had happened Wednesday was valid enough to roll forward. For one reason, we must be law abiding and follow our policies- not to the bitter end, but in this case those policies were not interpretable. We are here today to make sure we respond to student concerns urgently and conduct the rest of our business while being law abiding while doing so. Two scenarios I thought of; if Wednesday night we had sent that resolution out and there were mistakes made in the way we spoke about Clayton and we did not give proper notice, that could easily result in a slander lawsuit against ASUM, and I do not think we would be fruitful in those endeavors. We operate alongside those rules to be transparent and fair to the public. We could have done the same process and a future ASUM body could have followed that precedent for a terrible initiative, and have it pushed out so quickly, and that is also why we follow policies and rules. I

- do not want to focus on the semantics, but I will say in my past three years on ASUM I have amended the governing documents countless times and at any time if you are upset with our procedures as I have been countless times, the response should be to propose a resolution and reform those policies to better serve students. It should never be breaking the law and endorsing that the law be broken in other instances. Reach out to me because I have been looking into the governing documents and we can discuss potential changes. For new business today, RA requests that they be sent by Monday at noon so they can meet Tuesday and forward resolutions to the Senate. I appreciate all of your flexibility and strength throughout this time.
- b. Motion by **Glueckert-Kiefer** to reconsider the agenda to immediately consider SB89-21/22; UC Called
 - a. SB89-21/22: Resolution Calling for the Immediate Resignation of Clayton Looney
 - a. Authorship (O'Neill): I still hope that everyone votes in support of this. I am grateful for the level of commitment that has been exhibited in the process and the wake of getting this resolution voted on and doing it in a way that reflects our governing documents and the law. This resolution is calling for the resignation and is not calling for termination, so I hope the one no vote from last week reconsiders their vote because this acknowledges Clayton Looney's right to say atrocious things, but he is not free from the consequences of those actions. I hope moving forward from this resolution we can reevaluate our internal policies and change things so they are more reflective of our culture and for us to be reminded of why we are here and that this work deeply impacts our peers.
 - b. Authorship (Hawthorne): Thanks for moving this up. I am happy to see this pass in a way that is valid because it is clear Clayton is a danger to BIPOC students and we would be hypocritical to call for Rob Smith's resignation and not Clayton's.
 - c. Authorship (Bell): I think this is the bare minimum ASUM can do for BIPOC students and students across campus. It would be absolutely hypocritical for us to not pass this and I am appalled that this is at the expense of the resignation of our VP; we should be focusing on the primary issue.
 - d. Authorship (Kiefer): Clayton Looney is a racist and should be off of this campus.
 - e. Motion by **Kiefer** for a slate of amendments: L119 amend to read "Whereas, Discriminatory biases endorse harmful and destructive beliefs toward the protected class and contribute..." and adding individuals to the send to line-Murray Pierce, Director of Multicultural Affairs, Sarah Swager, Vice Provost for Student Success, Brian Reed, Associate Vice Provost for Student Success, Salena Beaumont Hill, Director of Inclusive Excellence; Ruled Friendly by Authors

- f. Gudmundsson: I appreciate the way former VP lock put it this morning that I am happy to pass this resolution as many times as we have to. People like this have no place on this campus.
- g. Motion by **Gudmundsson** to change signature line to read “Noah Durnell, Interim Chair of the Senate”; Ruled Friendly by Authors
- h. Motion by **Hawthorne** to spell author name correctly; Ruled Friendly by Authors
- i. Heaton: I said this Wednesday and I will say it until my face turns red. If you are not committed to being anti-racist, you need to resign from this body.
- j. Jolly: I know again this will be an unpopular opinion, but freedom of speech should be pushed to the highest account on this campus. I am in no way voting to protect Clayton Looney, but I am voting to protect freedom of speech that protects all of us to say things that others may disagree with. I hope you consider the ramifications that this vote is not just to call for his resignation but that it impacts freedom of speech on campus.
- k. Kayne: There are a lot of people just like me out there that are confused about this definition of racism, and I have been reeducated in a sense and I think maybe we should have a whereas clause that defines what we are talking about when we talk about racism. There is something bigger going on here and maybe I have a long way to go to understand, but maybe we should have a clause including the definition of racism.
- l. Bowles: I want to say now that we have all had an opportunity to look at this resolution appropriately, and I know we are all meeting on a Sunday to look over it one more time, that is okay if that mean Clayton leaves. I am so proud of the Senators and SAs would put in a lot of work to make this resolution as strong as possible to put forward to administration. I hope Clayton resigns immediately and I hope that this and the effort we are putting in today speaks a lot to him in how far we are willing to go to stand up to someone like him and put forth an actionable resolution that we see today. I encourage everyone who might decide that they want to vote against this resolution to speak up and perhaps give solid logic as to why there is a reason to besides the belief that we are hurting people because of the possible passing of this resolution. If we go with that argument, Clayton has hurt a lot of people in doing what he did and what he continues to do.
- m. Kiefer: This is not an issue of freedom of speech, and I wish that phrase would stop getting thrown around. When we dealt with rob smith we dealt with communications off campus, which is what we see now, and we agreed that it was beyond the bounds of free speech. this is the type of rhetoric that gets people killed and enables white supremacy and enables borderline white supremacist students. We are not destroying freedom of speech on this

campus with this resolution. I consider what he said beyond the point of free speech and into hate speech. This is not an issue of free speech; it is an issue of racism. I do not think we need to include a clause defining racism because I spoke with Ajaycia and other BIPOC students on Friday to discuss each clause and ensure they felt the language was appropriate, and I would not like to see additional changes that Ajaysia has not approved of.

- n. Curry: Hate speech is not free speech. Speech that makes individuals feel unwelcome and unsafe is not free speech. His actions are racist and the first amendment does not protect individuals who pose a clear and present danger to others. I think the passing of this bill is completely necessary for that ideal.
- o. O'Neill: I was called by the Daily Montanan about this, and I was asked if there was a place for Clayton Looney on this campus because the authors article is white and was not yet educated, so it is important that we can hold each other accountable to constantly learning. This is a lifelong charge and is truly a lifetime of unlearning internalized racism, someone like clayton looney has no regard for that and I do not think it is unreasonable to ask for consequences of his own volition.
- p. McKenzie: I encourage you all to vote yes on this. I have heard comments about this not being a workplace issue, but I encourage you to consider the fact that when you walk into the doors of Senate or go to class or wherever it is you may go, you do not check your beliefs at the door. I think it is not a valid argument to say it is not a workplace issue. I encourage you all to remember all of that public comment that happened where students said they felt unsafe and did not feel heard. I do not think there is just one clayton looney and I feel we need to move forward with this and continue helping students feel safe on campus and change the system from within because it is a system institutionalized system that promote racism. I encourage everyone to think about that and know that it does not stop here and fix the problem; it may send a message, but we cannot just stop here.
- q. President Durnell: I appreciate the sentiments toward this resolution and we undoubtedly need to vote yes on this. There are so many other things the senate is obliged to do after this. I will be helping to organize a protest if that is warranted and fund it on ASUM's behalf. I will be making a statement about this in the coming hours. I spoke with the union faculty association, and they are having some breakthrough about how severe this situation is and they have decided to create a working group between faculty and students regarding the collective bargaining agreement. I also proposed listening sessions with all faculty governing bodies so they can welcome student comments so they can hear what we are hearing. We will also continue to clarify and reform our procedures. We want to make sure everything is

clarified and as welcoming as possible. I am charging our elections coordinator with making a diligent effort to diversify the Senate body, so we are looking to address that too. If you have anything else to propose to sustain these efforts, please let me know, because we owe that to the student body. Thank you all for your efforts here.

- r. ***SB89-21/22 Passed 19Y-IN-0A.***
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*

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 - i. Authorship (B&F_Glueckert): They asked for \$10,000 for food and if we funded this in full it would have been 69% of our current special allocation amount. Kyiyo did not go through the budgeting process last year and the sponsorships were spotty due to COVID and not knowing how many people would show up. They understood that this was a large ask and we had a great conversation, and the amount funded feeds the volunteer and the leadership. We considered this in terms of how much of this would go to the students attending and the group is looking to go through a Zero Base request, so it is likely they will receive further funding.
 - ii. Motion by **President Durnell-Glueckert** to fund in the board approved amount; UC Called
- b. Backcountry Hunters & Anglers Travel Allocation (Requested: \$1,103.79; Board Approved: \$1,104.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)
 - i. Authorship (B&F_Glueckert): This event happened yesterday to attend the inaugural brawl of the wild against MSU with 25 students attending. This included car reimbursement, lodging, and bait for students. Everything was calculated correctly so we decided to fund in full.

- ii. Motion by **Ververis-O'Neill** in the board approved amount; UC Called
- c. UM Athletic Trainers Student Association Travel Allocation (Requested: \$5,394.00; Board Approved: \$5,394.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)
 - i. Authorship (B&F_Glueckert): UMATSA requested to attend an annual meeting with 20 students attending, and this included fuel, lodging, and registration fees. Everything was calculated correctly so we saw no reason to not fund in full.
 - ii. President Durnell: It seems a lot of the groups were funded liberally, so were most of the groups funded within the bounds of fiscal policy at the maximum number we could?
 - iii. Glueckert: We went into this considering the amount we were able to spend and we went about this so as long as things were calculated correctly, we were funding in full and seemed to have emergency funds available if groups were to request later on.
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 - i. Authorship (BF_Glueckert): This is for a leadership conference for three students attending and this is for car reimbursement and lodging. Everything was calculated correctly, and we saw no reason to not fund in full.
 - ii. Motion by **President Durnell-Jolly** to fund in the board approved amount; UC Called
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- i. Authorship (BF_Glueckert): This is for attending a conference in Sacramento and covers flight, Uber, and registration fees. Everything was calculated correctly and we opted to fund in full.
 - ii. Motion by **Gudmundsson-O'Neill** to approve in the board funded amount; Passed with one abstention
- g. Intersarsity Christian Fellowship Travel Allocation (Requested: \$2,035.00; Board Approved: \$2,035.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)
 - i. Authorship (BF_Glueckert): This is for a spring break service project in Tacoma with around 15 student attending. This is for car reimbursement, lodging, and renters insurance required for lodging. Everything was calculated correctly, and we opted to fund in full
 - ii. Motion by **Ververis-Gudmundsson** to fund in the board approved amount; UC Called
- h. Wildlife Society Travel Allocation (Requested: \$2,124.80; Board Approved: \$2,215.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)
 - i. Authorship (BF_Glueckert): This is to travel to Yellowstone with 16 students attending, this is for car reimbursement, lodging, and scope rentals. Everything was calculated correctly so we opted to fund in full.
 - ii. Motion by **Jolly-Gudmundsson** to fund in the board approved amount; UC Called
- i. Society of American Foresters Travel Allocation (Requested: \$753.00; Board Approved: \$753.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)
 - i. Authorship (BF_Glueckert): This is for attending the MT SAF state conference in Helena with 10 student attending. This is for car reimbursement, lodging, and registration fees. Everything was calculated correctly, and we opted to fund in full.
 - ii. Motion by **Jolly-O'Neill** to fund in the board approved amount; UC Called
- j. Model United Nations Travel Allocation (Requested: \$1,266.00; Board Approved: \$1,266.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)
 - i. Authorship (BF_Glueckert): This is for subway passes, Uber, and lodging beyond the conference.
 - ii. Motion by **Jolly-Hawthorne** to fund in the board approved amount; *Passed with IN-2A.*
- k. Hypatia Society Travel Allocation (Requested: \$286.20; Board Approved: \$287.00) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).*)

- i. Authorship (BF_Glueckert): travel to the Museum of the Rockies with 10 students attending. This is for car reimbursement and entrance fees. Calculated correctly opted to fund in full.
 - ii. Motion by **Jolly-Hawthorne** to fund in the board approved amount; Passed UC with 1A
 1. UTOPIA/UMPIC Travel Allocation (Requested: \$1,852.70; Board Approved: \$1,852.70) (*See the request [here](#) and the associated cover letter [here](#).)*
 - i. Authorship (BF_Glueckert): Request to travel to Las Vegas to collaborate with another student group with 8 students attending. This is for rental vehicles, gas and lodging. Everything was calculated correctly and opted to fund in full.
 - ii. President Durnell: Is this for upcoming travel or reimbursement for previous travel?
 - iii. Glueckert: Upcoming travel.
 - iv. Motion by **Jolly-Hawthorne** to fund in the board approved amount; UC Called
 - b. Member Organization Recognition
 - a. Circle-K International (???)
 - b. Griz Catholic (Student Interest)
 - i. Motion by **Glueckert-President Durnell** to recognize Circle-K as student support and recognize both; UC Called
 - c. Final Budgeting Updates: Student lobbying was finished last week, and we will try to do category allocation boards in the coming two weeks while we schedule.
 - d. Other
 - a. This was a really hard meeting for me, and it was hard to go through normal business as if everything was normal. I am going to continue to do the duties of BM to the best of my ability, but this is an incredibly difficult time as I walk a fine line between personal friendship and professional obligations, and it is impossible to do in a way that makes everyone happy. I am doing my best and am trying to figure this out.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senator Williams Marketing and Outreach

New M&O Coordinator!

On Sunday, we welcomed our new Marketing & Outreach Coordinator, Teddy Jumpp. Teddy started off the week by introducing himself on our Instagram. Throughout the rest of the week, he will be resharing our N95 and UV sanitizing station posts, reposting student group events as needed, posting a picture of senators tabling, and sharing our agenda and resolutions passed for the week. Other topics of discussion included

scheduling a meeting with Lou to discuss marketing ASUM Legal Services, purchasing a cardboard cutout of Monte to put out during tabling, and collaborating with the Davidson Honors College to takeover each other's social media accounts. Any Senators interested in doing a takeover of the DHC's Instagram on behalf of ASUM can reach out to asum.marketing@umontana.edu or cassandra2.williams@umontana.edu.

Senator Sundays

We will be reconvening Senator Sundays starting this week, so anyone who has not yet been featured on our Instagram is invited to fill out this form.

Upcoming Student Group Social Media Takeover

This weekend, the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers student group will be taking over ASUM's Instagram to showcase their ice fishing competition against MSU.

Tabling

We will begin making N95 masks available at our table to help get them out to people on campus.

We have reserved a whiteboard to post a question for students to respond to while we are tabling. This week's question is "If you could be President Bodnar for a week, what would you do to improve the University?" Please stop by our table this Wednesday to add your response! Also, if you have ideas for future questions (fun or practical) that we can ask students, please add them to the Google spreadsheet below (second tab on the bottom).

Finally, we are testing out the following Google spreadsheet for tabling sign-ups in order to streamline the process.

Senator Bowles Relations and Affairs

The Relations and Affairs Committee met on Sunday, February 20th, 2022 to discuss 6 resolutions: Resolution Calling for the Removal of the University Area Parking District, Resolution, Resolution Urging the University of Montana's Office of Equal Opportunity and Title IX Reopen an Investigation into Clayton Looney, and The Immediate Resignation of Clayton Looney, Resolution Increasing Hours for Executives during Non-Academic Month, Resolution Adding ASUM Bear Necessities Agency to Personnel Policy, Resolution Generally Amending Article VI of the Bylaws, Resolution Establishing an Anti-Racism Statement on the ASUM Website. The first resolution went through questions and discussion concerning why this is the only district of its kind in Missoula, and the implications of this bill. It was forwarded to the Senate due to the curiosity surrounding the authors answers to questions, and larger discussion that could happen on the floor. The second resolution went through extensive line level edits, and amendments, as well as questions surrounding why it was originally being sent to the chairs of two committees instead of the committees themselves; this was resolved when the R&A committee decided it should be sent to both due to the content of the topic and

resolution. Some clauses of the resolution were amended to change instances of ‘his child’ to a broader and general ‘child’ due to concerns from one of the committee members. There was also discussion on committee minutes being sent to Clayton, and concerns were brought up from experience on recent topics similar to this one. This resolution was forwarded to DEI and Equitable Education. The third resolution went through minimal line level edits before being forwarded to the Senate. The fourth resolution was tabled due to time. The fifth resolution was tabled indefinitely due to discussion that it was dilatory seeing as SAL/Secretary Berna can make these edits without a resolution but appreciated the authors thoroughness. The sixth resolution went through lots of line level edits and discussion surrounding the language about a DEI statement on ASUM’s website, it was decided that that discussion should be left to DEI and was forwarded appropriately.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- b. SB87-21/22: Resolution Increasing Hours for Executives During Non-Academic Months
 - a. Authorship (President Durnell): ASUM executives are required to request hours during non-academic months but in many situations, the non-academic months are the opportunities executives have to executive their platform build relationships with admin and many other duties that fall specifically within non-academic months that require equitable opportunity. Any good executive team will welcome additional work for the VP and BM to achieve their ends. There was very easily more than the capped work and the BM and VP should be considered at the same caliber for pay. I am proposing this outside of final budgeting because I would like to fund this from contingency funds from the dissolved UM productions. This allows for more of the budgeted amount to go toward student groups.
 - b. Motion by **Bowles-President Durnell** to suspend House Rules; UC Called
 - c. President Durnell: We can technically call for unanimous on this resolution because HR is suspended but the Bylaws are still intact especially regarding the Code of Ethics. I suggest we vote anonymously through the chat.
 - d. **SB87-21/22 Approved on an anonymous 14Y-0N-4A vote.**
 - i. See the approved resolution [here](#).
 - e. Motion by **Glueckert-Gudmundsson** to reinstate House Rules; UC Called
- c. SB88-21/22: Resolution Calling for the Removal of the University Area Parking District
 - a. Authorship (Bell): A community member brought this up and was the sole advocate for it in the parking district. He felt the parking district is overbearing on the university district as a whole. This resolution asks the city council to bring the parking district to a vote. Naturally we should support what will help um students and we know parking is a long time issue. We

passed SB36 regarding parking and highlighted similar issues. Currently 4,769 spaces on campus including handicap, quick stop, reserve, and hourly pay. That is accompanied by 10,000 students. About 20 years ago there was a parking garage proposal for next to the Adams Center estimated to cost 30 million but that was shut down. As for concerns of residents of the area- looking at zoning requirements, each household is required to have 1-2 off-street parking spaces. To obtain a license in the parking district, you can apply for a register vehicle at a house and have two visitor parking permits. It is peculiar that these guest spots are not to be used for those intending to walk to UM. There is presumably little support around the issue because around 50% of the area is rented houses so the turnover rate is high for obtaining permits. The parking commission said this is the first area to be cut from patrolling when they are short on officers. As a cost benefit analysis, there are 32 blocks with approx. 1000 spaces and this would benefit the university because it would be open for students. When parking is a biggest concern, it is not patrolled because it is during sporting events and often after 5pm.

- b. *Track changes made friendly by the author.*
- c. Glueckert: I commend Senator Bell for writing this. I think this is a great initiative and myself and Senator Ververis are advocates for parking on campus. I will say that I am going to be voting no on this and my reasoning is that myself as a student who has been on this campus my sixth year now, there have been 3-4 yrs. I have lived in the UM district and had to use this parking, and the only reason I am able to access my house is because of this parking district. I am of the voice of students living in the parking district that this benefits however I am not ignorant to the fact that this would probably be great for university students as a whole. I really love the intention of this and regardless of this changing in the future I think it would be cool to see parking changes as it is a complex issue.
- d. McKenzie: I appreciate your work and diligence in understanding this issue. It is good to know the background on it. I was conflicted on this issue but without talking to my friends in this district I might abstain from this vote because without understanding their opinions, I feel like I might abstain, but I do understand where this is coming from. I do not have a parking pass for a reason and I try to get as close to the line for the UC district parking as possible.
- e. Kiefer: As a neighborhood ambassador I will likely abstain or vote no. I appreciate the work that went into this, and it is so important that we work with community members. I don't have enough information on non-student views of this and how community members would be affected by this but from what I know residents do not love having a lot of cars on their street. I do

- not necessarily think this is a bad idea, but I feel like I need more information and confirmation that people will not be upset about this. I know this is a symbolic statement as ASUM does, so I am willing to hear other opinions.
- f. Gudmundsson: I am enthusiastic about this. From coming up from the bitterroot, I found it puzzling and frustrating that the nearest public streets to the university were nearly unilaterally reserved for the homeowners as though they purchased the public road. Most of these houses have driveways so I am enthusiastic to see this resolution hit the floor.
 - g. Hawthorne: Parking is going to get further decreased and I think attempting to remove the residential district would be beneficial to students. I understand the resident concerns, but this might outweigh the few students who can afford to live in the district and I am a big advocate for this.
 - h. Bell: To clarify, this is not necessarily ASUM's issue but would show the city that we report the dissolution of the parking district. Students have been grappling with this for a long time and the resident I spoke to wants to take this to the BOR. When he wants to go to the library or has a meeting on campus he has to pay for parking, risk a ticket, or park a mile away. If you live in the district, I ask that you remove your biases about the parking district and look at the larger issue for our campus community.
 - i. Curry: I live in Pantzer Hall and the lot immediately outside my door is oftentimes full. I can't park at the residential areas outside my dorm and have to park far away and risk the dangers of walking at night or risk a ticket.
 - j. Jolly: I will vote in favor of this and commend Senator Bell for her hard work on this bill. The university is taking measures in the next few years which will remove parking spaces further. While I am sympathetic to concerns of community members, it is our job to advocate for the student body specifically.
 - k. Bowles: I am conflicted because I do appreciate the sentiments, but I want to speak on some other legitimate concerns. There are sororities in the area and those people have to walk a long way often as well I would be in favor of asking the council to reevaluate the parking district zoning. I think we should take into account that there are residential students who also live off campus and deserve to feel safe when parking and going to their home. I think it is unfair of us to not consider the residents of this district as well especially when UM takes away spaces and gives many parking tickets and do not implement plans for furthering parking availability.
 - l. Glueckert: I am advocating for students who do live in this district and although there might be a disagreement in Senate among this in general, I would hate to hear sentiments that I am coming at this with a bias because I live in the district.

- m. Motion by **Glueckert-O'Neill** to replace the signature line with Noah Durnell, Interim Chair of the Senate; UC Called
- n. Bell: I do not think it needs to be our problem to solve all of the city's issues. This would go to all of the city commissioners, and it would become their issue to understand so I do not want to overcomplicate it as the student government. The city can hash out how they move forward. I think we should support the students and the lack of parking.
- o. Bowles: To Bell- you said commissioners on the send to line, did you want to add the commissioners?
- p. Bell: I misspoke, I just want the council members included.
- q. Jolly: I think to vote against this would be counterproductive to advocating for students. The parking is referred to a crisis, so I encourage you to consider your vote.
- r. McKenzie: I very much support advocating for students especially when it comes to parking, but I am going to abstain because I feel one way or the other, I have a bias.
- s. President Durnell: ASUM has struggled to determine definitions of conflict of interest in recent years, but I do not think it falls under our current definition so your biases here is procedurally accepted.
- t. ***SB88-21/22 Passed 16Y-IN-3A***
 - i. *See the approved resolution [here](#).*

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Wickum: Resolution Amending the ASUM Constitution Clarifying Ballot Referenda and Initiatives; to RA

9. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **O'Neill-Bowles**; UC Called
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 11:53 am