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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Mt. Sentinel Rooms
January 9, 1991
6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. President's Report
 - a. Referendum Announcement
 - b. Letter from Greg Fine
 - c. Comments on Fiscal Investigation Committee
 - d. Presentation of MAS Report
5. Vice President's Report
 - a. Committee Appointments
 - b. Statement
 - c. Carol - Senate Schedule
6. Business Manager's Report
7. Committee Reports
8. Public Comment Period
9. Old Business
 - a. Business Manager Confirmation
 - b. Salary Position Resolution - Crocker
 - c. ByLaws Resolution - Zink
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE

Jan 9, 1991

SENATE MEMBERSROLL
CALL

Comments

Dan Astle

✓

No

John Crocker

✓

Yes

Tim Dahlberg

Absent

—

Amy Jo Fisher

Xcused

—

Eric Hummel

✓

Yes

Chris Johnson

✓

Yes

Kelli McMaster

✓

No

Scott Nelson

✓

Yes

Linn M. Parish

✓

Yes

Paula Pelletier

✓

Yes

Pat Price

✓

Yes

Geannine Rapp

✓

No

Polly Rhodes

✓

Yes

Amy Clark Stevens

Xcused

—

Tyler Thompson

✓

Yes

Annie Thorgrimson

✓

Yes

Ed Tinsley

✓

Yes

Marc Vessar

✓

No

Steve Young

✓

Yes

Ed Zink

✓

Yes

Ex-officio

X

ASUM OFFICERS

Chris Warden

✓

Yes

President

Alice Hinshaw

✓

Yes

Vice-President

Doug Wagner

Resigned

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Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISOR

Pat Edgar

✓

Yes

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Mt. Sentinel Rooms
January 9, 1991
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Members present were Astle, Crocker, Hummel, Johnson, McMaster, Nelson, Parish, Pelletier, Price, Rapp, Rhodes, Thompson, Thorgrimson, Tinsley, Vessar, Young and Zink. Excused were Fisher and Stevens. Unexcused was Dahlberg.

Vessar - Price moved to approve the minutes of the November 28, 1990, meeting as written.

President's Report

- a. Warden announced that referendums are due in to Tracie Barnardini, who is heading up the Elections this year, by February 12.
- b. SLA Director Greg Fine submitted a letter of resignation effective January 31, 1991 (Exhibit A).

Warden introduced Randi Erickson, ASUM's City Council Rep., and Dave Zelio, Kaimin reporter, who is covering Winter Quarter's Senate meetings.

- c. Warden passed out the "Resolution to Form a Fiscal Investigation Committee" which comes as a seconded motion from the Executive Board.
- d. Warden will have copies of the MAS report by tomorrow.

Vice President's Report

- a. Hinshaw offered the following committee appointments:

Faculty Selection for Wildlife Biology - undergrad. student, Pat Price; grad. student, Mike Pol. Vessar - Hummel moved to approve. Motion carried.

Business and Finance Committee - Senator, Chris Johnson. Price - Vessar moved to approve. Motion carried.

Business and Finance Committee - Student, Tim Thomas. Vessar - Price moved to approve. Motion carried.

Johnson - Price moved to suspend the rules of order. Motion passed. Warden offered seconded motion from Executives to appoint Senator Paula Pelletier as the new Business Manager. Price - Hummel moved for immediate vote. Motion carried.

Zink - Price moved to approve Steve Young as a member of the Elections Committee. Motion carried.

Zink - Price moved to suspend Bylaws to vote for the other vacant Senator seat on Budget and Finance. Motion carried. Crocker and Hummel each gave a statement on their qualifications for the position. A secret ballot was taken. Hummel was chosen for the position.

Hinshaw needs to form a committee to select a new SLA Director and requested interested persons contact her.

- b. Hinshaw read a letter of resignation from Business Manager Doug Wagner. (Wagner resigned as a result of taking a medical withdrawal from school Fall Quarter.) She felt this letter was an emotion and bitter response to an unfortunate situation and not reflective of the overall working relationship in the office.
- c. Office Manager Hayes reminded the Senators of the breakfast with Dean Hollmann at 7:30 a.m. tomorrow. Hayes also pointed out an error on the Senate Schedule. The February 13 meeting is on Wednesday and not on Tuesday as printed.

Business Manager's Report

Paula Pelletier thanked the Senate for approving her appointment and expressed her desire for a close working relationship with them and requested as much input as possible from them.

Committee Reports

- a. Zink announced that packets from the Bike Committee will be coming out soon and to please see him to discuss. The packets are the recommendations of a recreational management class.
- b. Zink reported that the Bylaws are half finished and will hopefully be available for consideration in two weeks. With Elections on the horizon, the elections section will be dealt with at a later date.

Public Comment Period

Paula Rosenthal commended the Senate for doing a good job.

SLA Director Fine reported that the Auxiliary Services report is being handled properly and has been held up only to verify some information in the report.

Dave Zelio of the Kaimin stated that he is looking forward to working with the Senate this quarter. He announced that there will be a bike meeting January 28 at 10 a.m. in the Safety and Security Building.

Old Business

- a. The Business Manager confirmation was handled earlier.
- b. Crocker's Faculty/Staff Salary Position Support Resolution was tabled indefinitely until the faculty comes to the ASUM Senate.
- c. The Bylaws Resolution was tabled.
- d. The Resolution to Form a Fiscal Investigation Committee was presented as a seconded motion from the Executives. After a friendly amendment offered by Nelson, motion carried (Exhibit B).

New Business

- a. Crocker - Vessar offered a Coherent Legislation Resolution.
- b. Crocker - Nelson submitted a Martin Luther King Day Resolution.
- c. Tinsley - Thompson submitted a Tear Down the Walls Resolution (Exhibit C).

Comments

Zink - Thorgrimson moved to suspend the rules for the purpose of confirming two appointments. Motion carried.

Hinshaw offered the appointment of Carmen Hoover to ASUM Complaint Officer. Warden - Hummel moved to approve. Motion carried.

Hinshaw offered the appointment of Randi Erickson to ASUM City Council Representative. Warden - Zink moved to approve. Motion carried.

Zink - Hummel moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

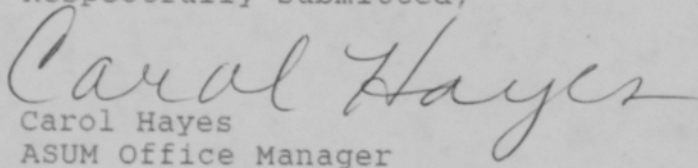

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Exhibit A



ASUM

Student Legislative Action

University Center 105
University of Montana
Missoula, Montana 59812
(406) 243-2451



January 9, 1990

ASUM Senate
UC 105
The University of Montana
Missoula, Montana 59812

Dear ASUM Senate:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Student Legislative Action Director for ASUM. It is with deep regret that I terminate my official relationship with ASUM. I will always be proud of the fact that I was able to serve the students of The University of Montana and ASUM.

As I stated in my first letter to you, I am resigning due to personal reasons. There is no single issue that promoted my resignation. Rather it was a number of things, that by themselves are not sufficient justification for resigning. Yet when they were added together, they become overwhelming. I would like to make it perfectly clear that there was no one person or reason that caused me to tender my resignation. It was a difficult personal decision based on what I felt was truly best for me.

There are however some things that I would like to discuss with you. I believe, that if they are not addressed they could damage ASUM's legislative efforts and reduce ASUM's overall credibility.

The first thing is the seemingly lack of knowledge and understanding many of you demonstrate when voting on legislative issues. More often then not your vote seems to reflect spontaneous emotion and not well thought out reasoning. We at SLA have strived to make information available to you on the issues we bring before you. I realize that you are given a tidal wave of information do go through, but your decisions form our legislative approach and those decisions should be informed ones. My hope is that when you go to Helena and are talking to a legislator, you understand the issues better then when you voted on them. If you really want to make a positive impression on the Montana Legislature, in your capacity as an ASUM senator, then you have to demonstrate that you make well thought out decisions, and that you are not simply acting as a rubber stamp.

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Another thing that really concerns me is the large amount of blood-thirstiness that seems to surround ASUM. It seems to me that in the real world there is enough of this kind of behavior to last every man, woman, and child forever. If you want ASUM to reflect the rest of the world, then you have done it. But of all the ways to imitate the real world, don't you think there is a better choice? We will have the rest of our lives to practice beating up on each other. Why not try to work together and trust each other a little more. The respect gained from this approach will go a lot further than proving you can be just as underhanded and blood-thirsty as the rest of the world. College is supposed to me an enjoyable experience, and ASUM should be no different.

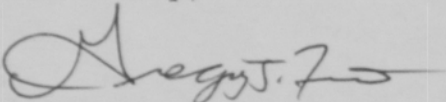
Finally, I would like to say that I believe that ASUM is an outstanding organization. I believe there are many, very dedicated individuals who really are striving to improve the quality of life for the average student at The University of Montana. In this regard, ASUM is only limited by imagination and dedication. I believe however that some of you may have lost sight of the fact that ASUM is here to serve the students and help make the time they spend on this campus a little more rewarding and enjoyable. ASUM has great potential and I know all of you see that potential. But it is important to remember not to take yourself too seriously. Rather to take the commitment you promised the students of this university very seriously. Never lose sight of the fact that you are where you are, not to serve yourself but to serve others.

These comments were not meant to be vengeful or malicious. I was and am trying to be constructive. I in no way wanted to insult your intelligence or dedication. I am only commenting on observations I have experienced during my tenure as the SLA Director.

I wish you all only the best, and hope that these comments will be taken in the spirit in which they were given. One of the pitfalls of being an elected representative is listening to criticism from those who elected you. That is one thing that I believe you all do very well.

Again, thank you and best wishes!

Sincerely,


Gregory J. Fine
SLA Director

RESOLUTION TO FORM A FISCAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, A preliminary investigation conducted by members of the Board of Budget and Finance has uncovered many fiscal concerns that ASUM needs to examine;

WHEREAS, Concerns regarding ASUM purchasing policies have demonstrated certain subjective flaws that need to be addressed in order to maintain fiscal credibility;

WHEREAS, This investigation requires the cooperation and merits the participation of a joint investigative committee consisting of members of the Board of Budget and Finance and members of the ASUM Senate;

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the ASUM Senate endorse and commission a special investigative committee consisting of three members of the Board of Budget and Finance and three members of the ASUM Senate to investigate and research ASUM fiscal policies. The Committee charge will be to focus on ASUM policies regarding purchasing and past applications of this policy. Committee administration will be handled by a chairperson, while public relations and press contacts will be handled by the Committee's spokesperson. Both of these officials will be chosen from the previously mentioned make-up and will be confirmed by the ASUM Senate.

"TEAR DOWN THE WALLS" Resolution

WHEREAS working conditions are becoming unbearable around the ASUM office due to the secret atmosphere created by the fake walls;
and

WHEREAS an open office or an office without fake walls would promote a more honest, open working atmosphere and create much needed space that is currently being wasted;
and

WHEREAS barriers are coming down all over the world;

THEN BE IT RESOLVED that the fake walls in the ASUM office should be taken down in order to create and promote a more open, honest working atmosphere among all those who use the office which includes: ASUM Executives, Senators, student and non-student employees, and visitors. As for the definite need of privacy for some matters, the conference room located just off of the side of the ASUM office complex will work just fine, after all that is why it is called a conference room. In conclusion, ASUM is a student organization committed to furthering student interest, not conducting clandestine operations or personal ILLEGAL business and our doors should be open. What better way to accomplish this than to take the doors down completely.

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