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ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
Mt. Sentinel Rooms  
January 23, 1991  
6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. President's Report
  - a. UM Legislative Hearing
  - b. Presentation of MAS Report
  - c. Budget Request Guidelines
  - d. Regents/MAS Meeting Agenda
5. Vice President's Report
  - a. Committee Appointments
  - b. Miscellaneous Announcements
6. Business Manager's Report
  - a. SLA Special Allocation Request
  - b. SUB Special Allocation Request
  - c. SLA Special Allocation Request
  - d. Amendments and Additions to Fiscal Policy
  - e. Kaimin Quarterly Update
7. Committee Reports
8. Public Comment Period
9. Old Business
  - a. Coherent Legislation Resolution
  - b. Funding Resolution
  - c. Bylaws Resolution
  - d. Troop Support Resolution
  - e. Senate Primary Resolution
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

ASUM SENATE MINUTES  
Mt. Sentinel Rooms  
January 23, 1991  
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Hinshaw called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. Members present were Astle, Crocker, Dahlberg, Fisher, Hummel, Johnson, Kuntz, Nelson, Parish, Price, Rhodes, Stevens, Thompson, Thorgrimson, Tinsley, Vessar, and Zink. Unexcused were Rapp and Young. Excused was McMaster.

Price - Vessar moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 1991, meeting as written.

Hinshaw introduced guest speaker Jack Mudd who spoke on lump sum funding and fielded questions from the Senators.

#### President's Report

- a. Warden announced that he will be going to Helena Monday, January 28, with the Faculty and Staff Senate Presidents and President Dennison for the UM Legislative Hearing.
- b. Warden distributed the MAS Report (Exhibit A).
- c. Warden stated that the working guidelines for budget requests will be printed in the Kaimin by week's end along with the administrative assessment fee rebate figure.
- d. The Regents' meeting will be Thursday the 31st and Friday the 1st. Kirk Lacey has been hired to coordinate lobbyist schedules. Reports from Kirk and the lobbyists are kept in the legislative notebooks in the Senate office.

UC space allocation requests for groups are available.

Warden anticipates debate on the Senate discretionary funds and Budget and Finance allocation funds.

Warden and Sen. Nelson are working on "Operation Ribbon Storm" - placing yellow ribbons on trees on the main street arteries around Missoula - and indicated a need for donations to buy the yellow material.

#### Vice President's Report

- a. Hinshaw offered the following committee appointments:

Student Conduct Code Review - Brian Aklestad

School of Education Dean Search - Collette Breeze, Keith Schauf

Drug and Alcohol - Pres. designee Kevin Carothers

Dir. of Centennial Search - Shirley Gardner

Auxiliary Services - Ty Deines

- b. Hinshaw announced that there is an information packet in the Senate office from Dean Hollmann which contains the preliminary budget from the administration.

Hinshaw said that issues brought up at the breakfasts with Dean Hollmann (e.g. parking tickets, meal passes) are being discussed at the Student Affairs Council meetings. The Council is meeting at noon Friday and at 8 a.m. Monday in the Union Market.

The lobbyists encourage visits in Helena. They are planning to call the office mid-afternoon each day for input from Senators. Sen. Thompson announced he goes to Helena most Fridays. Get in touch with him if interested in going.

#### Business Manager's Report

The following requests (a, b, c) were brought by Pelletier as seconded motions from the Budget and Finance Committee.

- a. SLA request for \$404.19 to cover shortfall for legislative session (Exhibit B). Motion carried.
- b. SUB request for \$260 to cover registration fees at conference (Exhibit C). Motion carried.
- c. SLA request for \$635.50 to cover travel expenses (Exhibit D). Motion carried.
- d. (Fiscal policy amendments and additions to be presented under New Business.)
- e. Pelletier reported that the Kaimin is operating in the black and has yet to use any of the \$10,000 loan. Due to personnel changes (ASUM Business Manager), the \$333.33 to be paid to ASUM quarterly has not yet been transferred for Fall Quarter but will be addressed immediately.

Hummel - Vessar moved to suspend the rules to confirm the appointment of the new SLA Director. Motion passed. Krystin Deschamps' name was offered for confirmation by the Senate as the new SLA Director. Motion passed.

#### Committee Reports

- a. Outgoing SLA Director Fine announced that there will be an SLA meeting Monday, January 28, at 3 p.m. He suggested that as a courtesy anyone going to Helena should inform the new SLA Director in advance.

Assistant SLA Director Mudd requested input from Senators regarding the Auxiliary Services report and other issues. The Auxiliary Services report needs to be scrutinized further before presentation to assure that it is in order.

- b. Tracie Bernardini updated the Senate and asked for their input on election issues.
- c. Sen. Vessar reported on Auxiliary Services Committee.
- d. Sen. Dahlberg reported on the Drug and Alcohol Committee.
- e. Paula Rosenthal reported on the Fiscal Investigation Committee.
- f. Sen. Hummel announced that the Reorganization Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow.

#### Public Comment Period

Newly appointed SLA Director Deschamps thanked the Senate for confirming her and said that she is looking forward to working with ASUM in this new capacity.

Paula Rosenthal spoke of her concern about the parking ticket situation.

#### Old Business

- a. Coherent Legislation Resolution (Exhibit E). After discussion, Thorgrimson - Hummel called previous question. Motion carried 13-4. Johnson - Thorgrimson moved to reconsider previous question. Motion carried 13-4. Vote on previous question failed. Crocker tabled the resolution.
- b. Funding Resolution (Exhibit F). Johnson - Dahlberg moved to table the motion. Motion failed 8-9. (Tie vote broken by Vice-President.) Johnson - Thorgrimson called previous question. Motion passed 13-4. Upon vote, resolution failed 6-11. (Roll call votes.)
- c. Bylaws Resolution (Exhibit G). Johnson - Crocker moved to table. Motion passed.
- d. Troop Support Resolution tabled.
- e. Senate Primary Resolution (Exhibit H). After discussion, Vessar - Dahlberg moved to vote. Hummel called for show of hands. Motion carried 11-4. Vote on resolution failed.

#### New Business

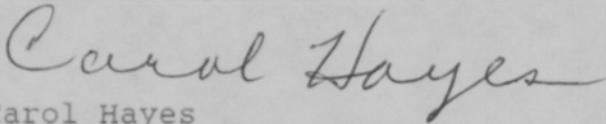
- a. Johnson introduced resolution on Purchasing Policy (Exhibit I).
- b. Parish - Vessar introduced a resolution to support House Bill 125.
- c. Johnson - Dahlberg introduced a resolution calling for re-shaping the ASUM Senate table design.

- d. Parish - Vessar introduced a resolution opposing House Bill 128.
- e. Parish - Vessar introduced a resolution to support the summary divorce issue.
- f. Parish - Vessar introduced a resolution in support of House Bill 212 overturning the Hazelwood Supreme Court decision.
- g. Dahlberg - Vessar introduced a tailgate policy resolution.
- h. Crocker - Vessar introduced a resolution to support an amendment to House Bill 117 which requests the Legislature to let gun policy be controlled by each campus; i.e., student input should be taken into account on individual campuses. Crocker - Price moved to suspend the bylaws to consider this resolution immediately. Motion carried 11-3. Price - Vessar moved to vote. Resolution passed.

Comments

Warden - Price moved to adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager

## ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE

January 23, 1991

SENATE MEMBERSROLL  
CALL

Departure

Free Quarter  
LSFLSF  
resolution

Comments

Dan Astle  
John Crocker  
Tim Dahlberg  
Amy Jo Fisher  
Eric Hummel  
Chris Johnson  
Julie Kuntz  
Kelli McMaster  
Scott Nelson  
Linn M. Parish  
Pat Price  
Geannine Rapp  
Polly Rhodes  
Amy Clark Stevens  
Tyler Thompson  
Annie Thorgrimson  
Ed Tinsley  
Marc Vessar  
Steve Young  
Ed Zink  
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President  
Alice Hinshaw  
Vice-President  
Paula Pelletier  
Business Manager

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FACULTY ADVISOR

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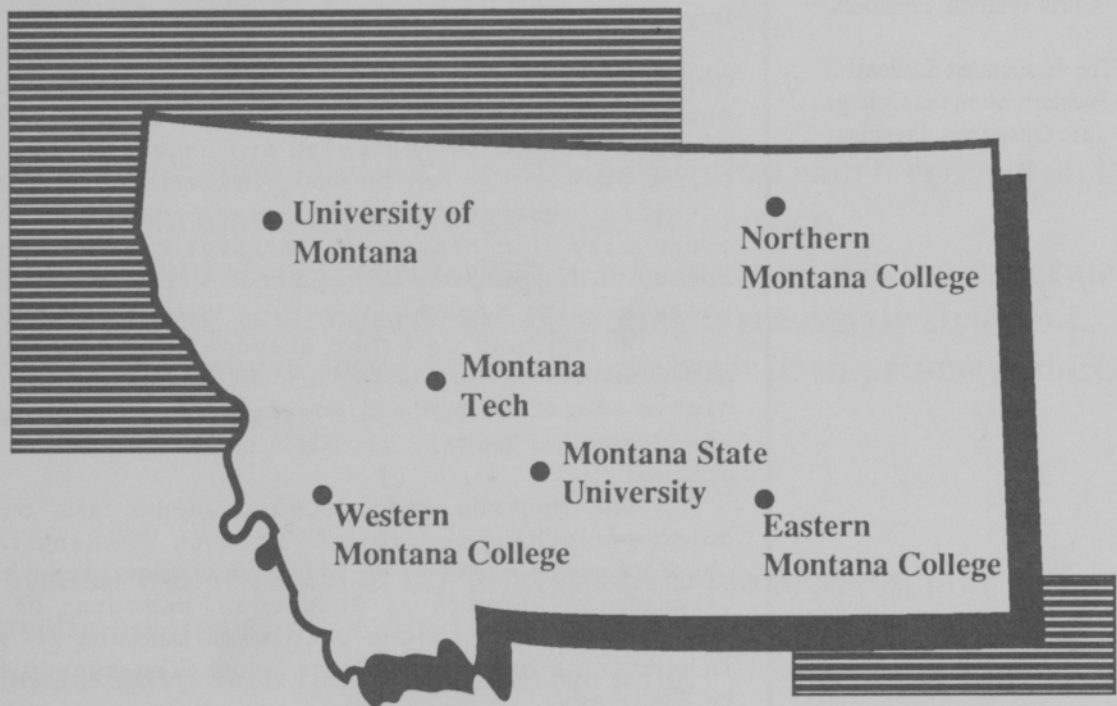
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# The Montana Associated Students report on the

## University System: “A Campus in Crisis”



“Montana is at a crossroad. It is our firm conviction that our state cannot continue its present course for higher education without profound and detrimental impacts on the future of our people. We face fundamental choices that cannot be postponed any longer.  
-“Crossroads” report of the Montana Education  
Commission for the Nineties and Beyond.

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## MONTANA ASSOCIATED STUDENTS *of the Montana University System*

The Montana Associated Students are deeply concerned about the critical condition that our higher education system is in. With great pride in our state and its educational system, and a painful recognition of its slow, yet continual deterioration, we find ourselves in an endless struggle with the conflicting realities of our situation.

We are very proud of our educational institutions; At the same time, we are overcome with a sense of helplessness as they are allowed to literally crumble around us.

We are troubled by the outright neglect that our talented professors are forced to endure. Our faculty members are paid the lowest salaries of any in the nation. We are shocked, but not surprised, that many of our finest professors are seeking career opportunities in other states. We are disturbed that with many of our faculty reaching retirement age, our state will be unable to recruit and retain quality faculty to fill their vacancies.

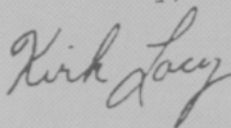
We are increasingly concerned that many of our educational programs are in jeopardy of losing their accreditation. The fate of these programs and the overall system is at stake as many of these programs will soon be beyond the point of recovery.

The crisis within our system is painfully evident. Quick and decisive action is imperative if we are to save our educational system. Our elected officials must make a sincere attempt to recognize and understand the magnitude of the problems we are facing; They must objectively review possible remedies and solutions for alleviating and eventually eliminating this crisis; Finally they must take action to implement policies that will immediately address these crucial issues.

We applaud Governor Stephens for the leadership he has shown in establishing a commission to investigate our higher education system. Now we call on him to exercise the leadership necessary to back these recommendations with action.

The Montana Associated Students are committed to doing everything possible to promote the best interests of our education system. We offer this pamphlet, "A Campus In Crisis" to Governor Stephens, members of the 52nd Legislature, and to the people of Montana to assist them in putting our state and its education system on the road to recovery.

Sincerely,



Kirk Lacy  
MAS President

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# Report Overview

## Facility Conditions:

- Deferred maintenance in the University System has reached epidemic proportions.
- The problems of deferred maintenance and their costs are significantly multiplied, the longer they are deferred.
- A lack of adequate educational equipment and resources is of great concern.
- The system is severely understocked with essential equipment. Much of the equipment being used is outdated and fails to meet educational requirements.

## Faculty Salaries:

- Faculty salaries in Montana rank dead last on the national level.
- Many educators are seeking career opportunities in other states or are reaching retirement age.
- Low faculty salaries cause great difficulty in retaining and attracting quality faculty.

## Accreditation:

- A loss of accreditation leaves a negative perception which reflects on the entire institution and not just the program in question.
- The potential for losing accreditation in a number of existing programs is steadily growing as standards are becoming increasingly stringent.
- Eliminating the risks of losing accreditation must be of primary concern for our elected officials.

## Funding:

- If the system were funded at the level the formula dictates, many of these problems would not exist.
- The choices have been postponed far too long.
- The options available have steadily declined as the crisis has grown out of control.

**•The Time to Act is Now•**

# INTRODUCTION

## The Problem: Inadequate Funding

The Montana Association of Students (MAS) has determined that the number one problem facing our University System is that it is not funded at a level comparable to peer institutions.

A 1989 study conducted by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, the Executive Budget Office and the Montana University System indicated that Montana institutions are funded at a level of approximately 70 percent of peer institutions. Incremental funding for facility support, research, and capital construction also trail peer institutions.

It is imperative that the University System receive increased state funding to provide additional faculty positions, increased faculty salaries, additional support staff, and increased operations and equipment budgets.

Without this additional state support, the units of the system will continue to fall behind their peers.

Our research has shown that these problems exist on a system wide basis.

MAS agrees with the "Crossroads Report" of the Commission of Higher Education in the Nineties and Beyond. This report recommends maintaining a level of fund-

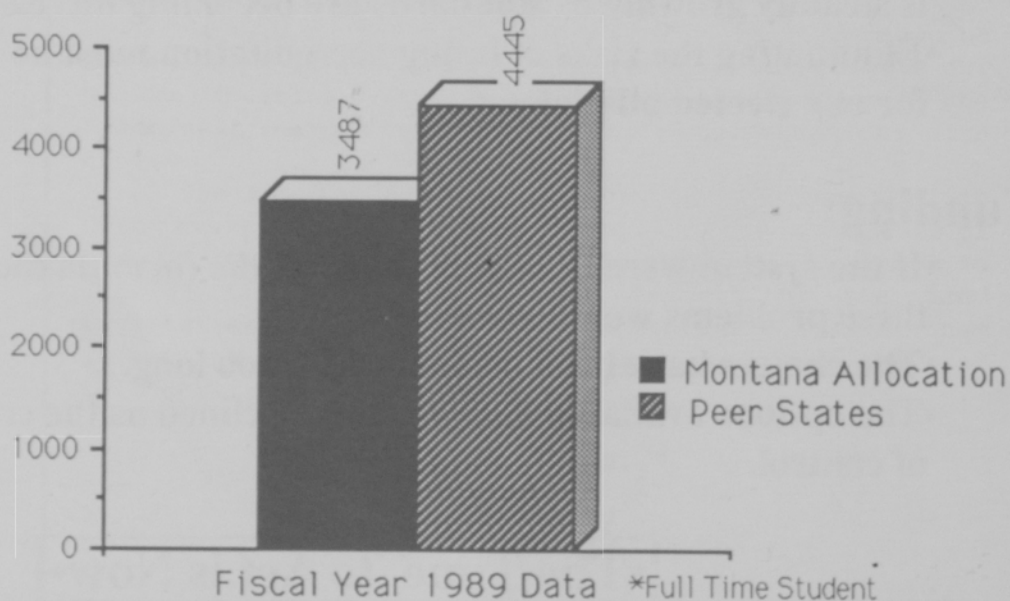
ing equal to the average of our peers. This funding level should be viewed by the legislature as the bare minimum.

We would like to see the legislature, along with the Commissioner of Higher Education, adopt a plan that will address

the funding disparity with our peers over a specified period of time.

MAS strongly endorses the five year equalization plan that has been proposed by the commission that will bring our system to peer averages by 1995.

- In a national survey the Montana University System's faculty salaries ranked dead last in all areas of comparison.
- Individual units in the system are funded at levels considerably below that of their peers.
- The Board of Regents has documented over 16 million dollars in deferred maintenance of campus facilities.
- Libraries throughout the system have seen drastic reductions in their book and periodical purchasing ability.
- Several programs within the system are facing severe accreditation problems.



## **The Facilities:**

- Deferred Maintenance
- Inadequate Funding
- Poor Learning Environment

**These problems and their costs are significantly multiplied the longer they are deferred.**

**Some examples of maintenance needs which exist throughout the system include:**

- \* Leaking roofs
- \* Non-Code Wiring
- \* Deteriorating Sidewalks and Buildings
- \* Asbestos Abatement
- \* Lack of Proper Insulation
- \* Leaking Steam and Gas Pipes
- \* Worn Carpeting and Warped Floors
- \* Inadequate Access for the Handicapped
- \* Poor Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Systems

These shortages and inadequacies span across the whole scope of our educational programs and are especially prevalent in science laboratories, audio-visual equipment, geographical instruments, and computer software and hardware.

These facility and equipment deficiencies have a devastating impact on a student's classroom learning

MAS recognizes the critical condition of the facilities throughout the University System. There is an urgent need for immediate action to begin correcting the problems created by deferred maintenance, lack of adequate equipment and technological resources, and poor classroom environments.

The Board of Regents has estimated the cost of correcting all deferred maintenance needs to be approximately 16 million dollars. Deferred maintenance has already reached epidemic proportions. Furthermore, these problems and their costs are significantly multiplied the longer they are deferred.

The lack of educational equipment and resources is also a great concern for students as it directly affects the quality of education we receive.

There is a desperate need in this area as our institutions are not only understocked with essential educational equipment, but much of the equipment is outdated and does not meet educational requirements.

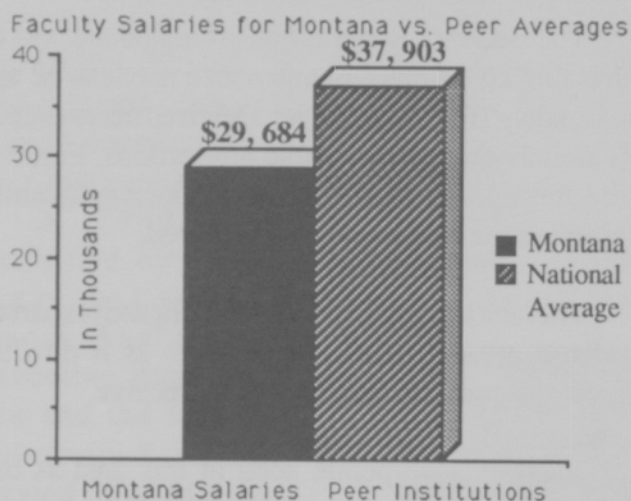
**Deferred maintenance is common throughout the University System and will continue to grow at an alarming rate unless it receives immediate attention.**

environment.

Combining these problems with the structural deferred maintenance problems, broken and worn down chairs and desks, and inadequate lighting and heating conditions, the opportunity for receiving a quality education in this type of environment is significantly constrained.

# Faculty Salaries:

**Faculty salaries in the Montana University System rank dead last on the national level.**



Many people have the impression that the faculty in our system receive more than enough in salary and benefits. MAS feels it is necessary to put an end to this misconception.

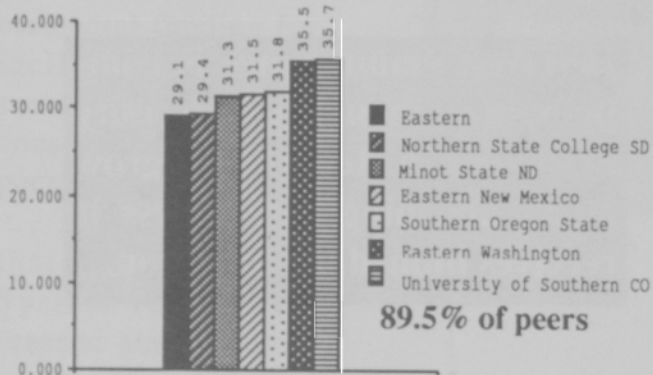
Faculty salaries rank dead last on the national level. Salaries are also considerably below the regional average and the averages of their peer institutions. In 1987-88, faculty salaries for Montana institutions averaged \$29,684 compared with the national average of \$37,903.

This is a very disturbing situation for us. Low faculty salaries cause great difficulty in retaining and attracting quality educators.

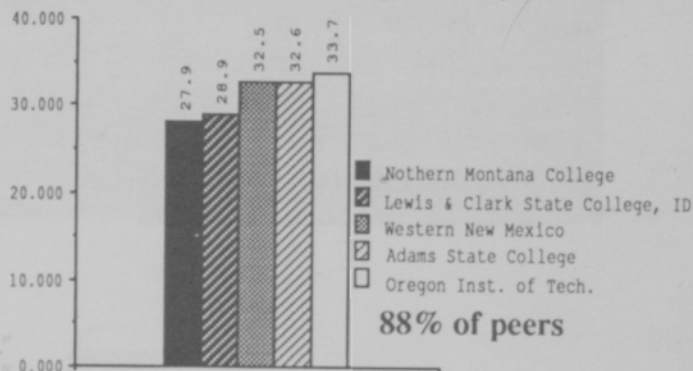
Accreditation teams are continually emphasizing that programs are in steady decline because the level of faculty salaries make it impossible for the programs to remain region-

## Montana University System Faculty Salaries as Compared to Peers

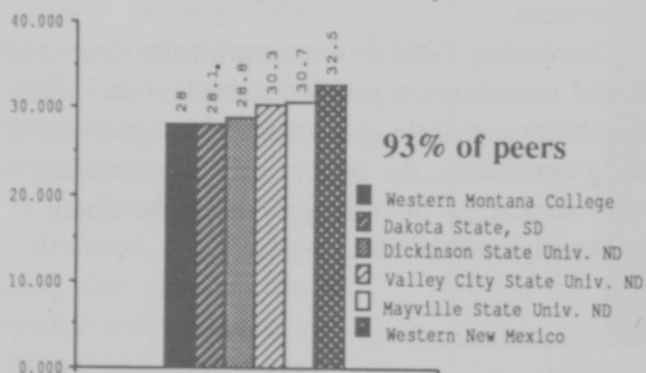
Eastern Montana College Faculty Salaries in Comparison to Peers



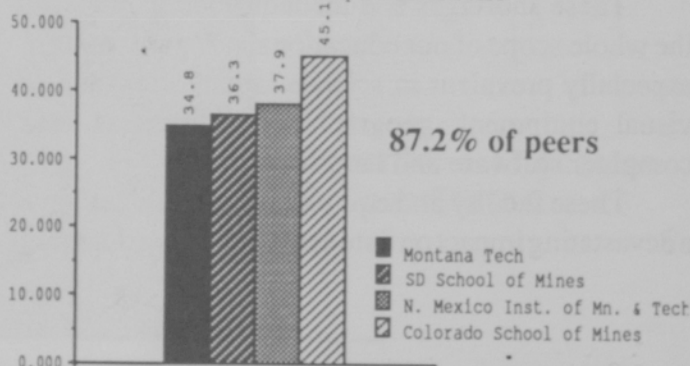
Northern Montana College Faculty Salaries as Compared to Peers



Western Montana College Salaries in Comparison to Peers



Montana Tech Salaries in Comparison to Peers



ally, much less nationally competitive.

We are alarmed at the findings of the Montana Education Commission for Higher Education in the Nineties and Beyond. In their final report, the commission points to the fact that "...faculty salaries in Montana are in a chasm." The scenario painted by this grim reality is even more disturbing.

Many of our faculty are either reaching retirement age, or are seeking career opportunities in other states. These vacancies can only attract new, inexperienced professors who spend a few years getting the experience they need and then migrate to other states who can offer them much more.

This scenario is plagued by implications

totally unacceptable for anyone hoping to receive a quality education.

We deserve an education provided by experienced and talented professors. Furthermore, our professors deserve a level of support and commitment far above what they are receiving.

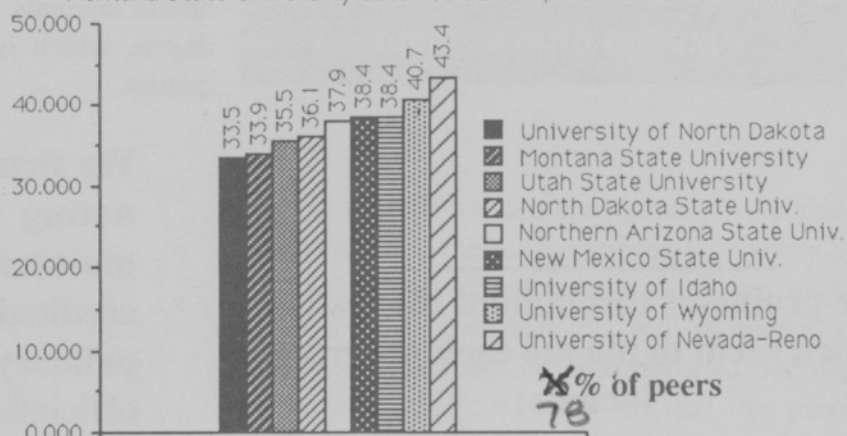
The only way to assure that students of tomorrow will be provided a quality education is to invest in our professors a level of support and commitment necessary to attract and retain them in Montana classrooms.

**"...faculty salaries in Montana are in a chasm."**

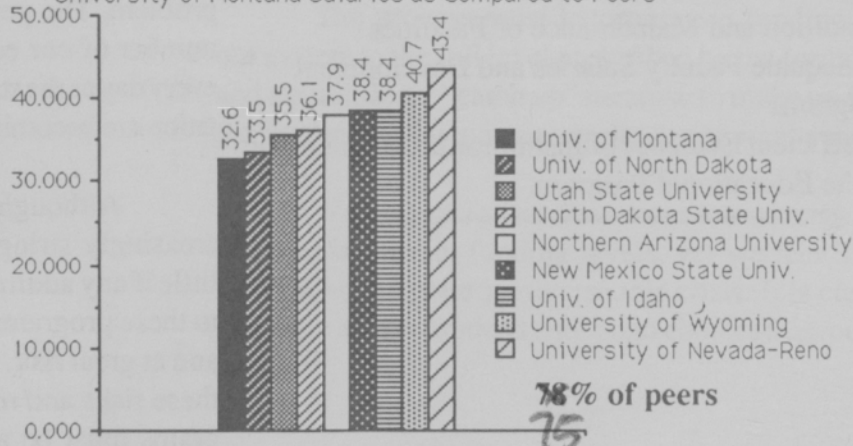
-Commission on Education in 90's & Beyond

**How can we expect educators to invest their support and commitment to a system that refuses or is unwilling to reciprocate that support and commitment?**

Montana State University Salaries as Compared to Peers



University of Montana Salaries as Compared to Peers



## Accreditation Concerns:

**A loss of accreditation leaves a negative perception which reflects on the entire institution and not just the program in question.**

**The problems throughout the system which seem to plague each program include:**

- \* Inadequate Library Support and Resources
- \* High Student/ Teacher Ratio
- \* Condition and Maintenance of Facilities
- \* Inadequate Faculty Salaries and Development Programs
- \* Insufficient Evidence of Institutional Commitment to the Educational Program.

The problems that will be caused as a result of losing accreditation in existing programs will be significant to the University System.

The potential for losing accreditation of any of our existing programs is a significant concern for us. This is especially true as many of the programs at risk are at the very core of the role and scope of the institution. For example, NCATE Accreditation of EMC programs in Education, the Law and Pharmacy Schools at U of M, and Engineering at MSU and Tech.

A loss of accreditation leaves a negative perception which reflects on the entire institution and not just the program in question. These perceptions are particularly devastating because they impact the institution's image in the community, the ability to attract and retain quality educators, and the ability to attract students who are being asked to pay for a degree which is stigmatized as being inferior in quality.

**We firmly believe that eliminating these risks, and the maintenance of current accredited programs must be a primary concern of our elected officials.**

MAS is very alarmed at the magnitude of this problem. The potential for losing accreditation in a number of our educational programs grows greater every day as the standards required to maintain accreditation are becoming more and more demanding.

Although these standards have become increasingly stringent over the last few years, very little if any additional resources have been allocated to these programs, leaving them far behind the pace and at great risk. We firmly believe that eliminating these risks and maintaining current accredited programs must be a primary concern for our elected officials.

## The Cause Of The Crisis:

**The choices have been postponed far too long. The options available have steadily declined as this crisis has grown out of control. The time to act is now.**

Although the problems related to this crisis are complex and widespread, MAS recognizes that they all share one common root...grossly inadequate funding. The longer that root is allowed to survive, the greater the destruction will be.

The University System is funded by a formula intended to finance its institutions to meet the average level of its peer's funding. If we were funded at the full level prescribed by this formula, we would be at the desired level and many of these critical problems would not exist. The fact that we have been funded consistently below what this formula demands is why we are in such a predicament.

**If the system were funded at the level the formula dictates, many of the problems would not exist.**

It is evident that our state must make significant increases in the funding of the University System if we are to ever catch up to where we ought to be. MAS recognizes that this will require a long range plan and cannot be accomplished overnight. We do firmly believe, however, that this process must begin immediately.

The process must incorporate a funding of our system to the full level prescribed by the formula and an additional "catch up" increase to make up for the funding deficiencies over the last several years.

We recognize that this amounts to a massive increase in current funding levels, yet we feel it is imperative if we are to reverse this crisis. It is clear that there are few options and tough choices that must be made.

## Tough Choices:

In light of the large number of problems which exist in the University System and the magnitude of each problem, there are relatively few alternatives which exist to effectively address them.

Although there are few options to consider, MAS strongly believes that our elected officials have an obligation to objectively look at each one, weigh the pro's and con's of each, and finally to make the necessary tough choices that must not be postponed any longer.

**The Montana Associated Students has identified the following "alternatives" commonly referred to by people examining the crisis within our system.**

### Cutbacks:

- \* Closing of Units?
- \* Eliminating Program Duplication?
- \* Reducing Enrollment of Students?

\*As indicated in the Commission on the Education in the 90's and Beyond Report

#### Closure of units: Why not?

- There is no significant unused capacity at any institution that could handle a substantial number of extra students if one of the other schools were to close.
- The population of Montana will demand additional educational facilities as our population grows and the need for increased education of our people increases.
- Costs are not eliminated by closing an institution. Costs follow students through the system. Additional costs are required for expansion of facilities to compensate for transferring students.
- Only 36 percent of Montanans feel the state is supporting too many units, and 60 percent are willing to pay higher taxes to maintain what we already have.

#### Program duplication?

- Many entry level programs require duplication, as do business and teacher education.
- 88 percent of all associate degrees are only offered at two institutions. 70 percent are unique to one institution.
- Unwarranted duplication is not a serious problem in Montana's higher education system.

#### Reducing enrollment of students?

- 70 percent of Montanans oppose limiting enrollment.
- 68 percent of Montanans believe there should be an open door admissions policy.
- 7500 FTE (Full Time Equivalent Students) would have to be eliminated if money is to be saved. This would amount to closing Eastern, Tech, Western, and Northern and not allowing those students to transfer to other units of the system.

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## Increased Funding:

- Increasing Tuition?
- Increasing State Funding?

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**61 percent of Montanans feel that tuition should not be increased.**

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**Over the last ten years tuition has increased nearly 200 percent. Last biennium, MAS students received a 14 percent tuition increase.**

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**Students will not expect a tuition increase until the state accepts a greater responsibility for the education of its citizens.**

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MAS realizes that our system is in a state of crisis, requiring an additional \$45 million over the next five years to maintain a competitive, accessible, affordable and accountable system of higher education.

MAS recognizes the importance of additional revenues for the University System and contends that the state of Montana must take the lead in providing these monies. In comparison to our peers, state funding levels are well below the average. The amount of state support the system receives is approximately 67 percent of what other state governments provide their institutions.

University System students have historically demonstrated willingness to pay their fair share of their educational costs. Over the last ten years tuition has increased nearly 200 percent. Last biennium, MAS students received a 14 percent tuition increase.

Students of the Montana University System will not expect a tuition increase until the State of Montana accepts a greater responsibility for the education of its citizens.

On a dollar basis we are paying nearly as much as our peers towards our educational costs, yet we are seeing the quality of our education deteriorate. We believe that it is now time for the State to contribute its share.

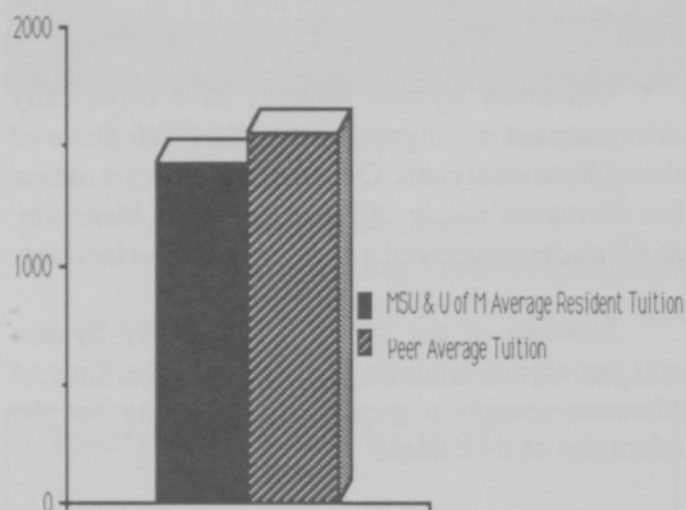
## Increased Funding Continued:

These graphs represent the difference between tuition and state funding in Montana, and tuition and funding at our peer institutions.

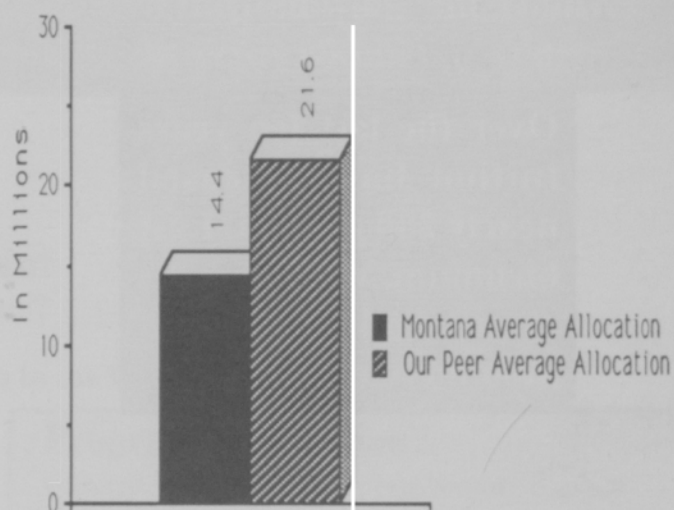
Students in Montana are paying 92 percent of what their peers are in tuition.

The state allocation still remains at 67 percent of its peers however, and is well below its necessary funding level.

MAS feels the state should accept its responsibility and address this disparity.



**Students are contributing 92% of what their peers are.**



**State of Montana is contributing 67% of what its peers are.**

### In Conclusion:

The Montana Associated Students would like to reiterate that it is imperative that quick and decisive action must be taken to address the crisis developing in our Higher Education System.

We recognize that an increase in state funding is the only viable solution. Where would this increased funding come from? MAS recognizes that there are a number of options for our elected officials to consider including tax reform, alternative sources of revenue, and a College Savings Bonds Program similar to the

ones adopted throughout the United States.

MAS understands that many of these choices will be difficult to make, but they must be made. Within this report we have indicated that we are concerned, troubled, disturbed and even embarrassed by the realities of our crisis.

More importantly, however, we are eager to serve as a resource to our schools, our system, and our state in helping them tackle these problems which affect us all.

Written and Compiled by the Montana Associated Students

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET SHORT FALLS  
JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUIRED ITEMS

PHONE FOR THE OFFICE:

We need a telephone for the office in Helena during the Legislative Session.

Fixed Cost 45.00 per month @ 4 months is	\$180.00
Instillation Charges are	<u>\$121.19</u>
Total	\$301.19

BEEPERS:

To keep us in touch with the lobbyist at all times. This will cut down on communication problems.

2 Beepers for 4 months \$188.00

LEGISLATIVE BILL SERVICE:

This allows us to receive copies of the bills as they go through the legislature. I have opted for the option that has us pick up the bills at the Capital.

The charge for this service is \$475.00 for the entire session

PRINTING:

I spent \$105.00 at the beginning of Fall Quarter 1990 to promote voter registration. I spent it believing that I would receive carry over. I need this money back.

Requested is \$105.00

CONCLUSION:

The total amount that is needed in order to have an effective lobbying effort is \$404.19

Date Submitted 1-14-91

ASUM REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ALLOCATION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION SLA

ORGANIZATION NUMBER 7008 TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ 404.19

BREAKDOWN OF REQUEST:

<u>Object Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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* See Attached		
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PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNT GREG FINE

REASON FOR REQUEST To cover Legislative budget  
shortfalls for the upcoming legislative  
session.

Procedures: All requests for special allocations must be filled out and submitted to the ASUM offices preceding the week's Board on Budget and Finance meeting. As outlined in the ASUM Fiscal Policy, all special allocations must be entertained by the Board on Budget and Finance at least one week prior to the introduction of the requests to Senate. (An enactment of the ASUM Bylaws, approved by 2/3 majority vote by the Senate, may allow a request to come before the Senate the same week as it was presented to the Board on Budget and Finance.) The Senate must approve each special allocation request by a majority vote. The Senate may override a disapproved request or amend an approved request of the Board on Budget and Finance by a majority vote.

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ASUM USE ONLY  
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Budget and Finance Action: \$ 404.19 **BUDGET AND FINANCE** Amount Approved Date: 1-15-91

**APPROVED**

Request Denied Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Denied Date: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET SHORT FALLS  
REQUIRED

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Phone for Office	301.19	180.00	121.19
Beepers	188.00	0.00	188.00
Bill Service	475.00	400.00	75.00
Printing	100.00	0.00	100.00

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TOTAL	484.19
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LESS SALARY SAVINGS	80.00
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TOTAL REQUIRED TO MEET OBLIGATIONS: \$	404.19
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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET SHORT FALLS  
JUSTIFICATION FOR AN EFFECTIVE LOBBYING EFFORT

STUDENT LOBBY TRAVEL:

Currently there is no money in the budget for taking UM students to Helena to lobby. We would like to make five trips and use state vans to do it.

\$535.00 would pay for that.

SLA STAFF TRAVEL:

Five trips to Helena were budgted for. All ready two have been used for regents meetings. I am requesting a total of nine trips to Helena.

The cost of the additional trips is \$100.50.

JOURNALS:

ASUM has always purchased the complete House and Senate Jourmnals. Currently there is no money budgeted for this expense.

The cost is \$150.00 if we pick them up in Helena.

MEDIA:

In order to get our message out top the people and students of the state we will need to buy media time. There is no money currently budgeted for this expense.

To do it right I feel we will need \$500.00

CONCLUSION:

The total amount needed for an effective lobbying effort is \$1285.50.

Date Submitted 1-11-91

ASUM REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ALLOCATION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION Student Union Board

ORGANIZATION NUMBER NA (7000) TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$1,109

BREAKDOWN OF REQUEST:

Object Code	Description	Amount
2415	Registration	\$ 260
	Meals	135
	Lodging (double)	306
	Air Fare	408
		\$1,109

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNT Darcy Schacher, Chair; Candy Holt, UC Administration

REASON FOR REQUEST Attend the Association of College Unions International (ACU-I), international conference. Please see attached information regarding ACU-I. I will be interviewing for the position: Student Member, Executive Committee for the ACU-I international executive steering committee. I was one of eleven people across the international membership that was nominated for this prestigious position. Please see attached application for the position.

Procedures: All requests for special allocations must be filled out and submitted to the ASUM offices preceding the week's Board on Budget and Finance meeting. As outlined in the ASUM Fiscal Policy, all special allocations must be entertained by the Board on Budget and Finance at least one week prior to the introduction of the requests to Senate. (An enactment of the ASUM Bylaws, approved by 2/3 majority vote by the Senate, may allow a request to come before the Senate the same week as it was presented to the Board on Budget and Finance.) The Senate must approve each special allocation request by a majority vote. The Senate may override a disapproved request or amend an approved request of the Board on Budget and Finance by a majority vote.

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BUDGET AND FINANCE

Budget and Finance Action: \$ 260.00 Amount Approved Date : \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED

Request Denied Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Denied Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted 1-4-91

ASUM REQUEST FOR SPECIAL ALLOCATION

NAME OF ORGANIZATION SLA

ORGANIZATION NUMBER 7008 TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ 1285.<sup>00</sup>

BREAKDOWN OF REQUEST:

<u>Object Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	<u>See Attached</u>	

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOUNT Greg Fine

REASON FOR REQUEST Funds needed for an effective  
Lobbying effort.

Procedures: All requests for special allocations must be filled out and submitted to the ASUM offices preceding the week's Board on Budget and Finance meeting. As outlined in the ASUM Fiscal Policy, all special allocations must be entertained by the Board on Budget and Finance at least one week prior to the introduction of the requests to Senate. (An enactment of the ASUM Bylaws, approved by 2/3 majority vote by the Senate, may allow a request to come before the Senate the same week as it was presented to the Board on Budget and Finance.) The Senate must approve each special allocation request by a majority vote. The Senate may override a disapproved request or amend an approved request of the Board on Budget and Finance by a majority vote.

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Budget and Finance Action: \$ 1235.<sup>00</sup> **BUDGET AND FINANCE** Date: 1-15-91

**APPROVED**

Senate Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Request Denied \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET SHORT FALLS  
NEED FOR AN AFFECTIVE LOBBYING EFFORT

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>NEEDED</u>	<u>BUDGETED</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
Student Lobby Travel	535.00	0.00	535.00 ←
SLA Staff Travel	310.50	210.00	100.50 ←
Journals	150.00	0.00	150.00
Media	500.00	0.00	500.00

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TOTAL \$ 1,285.50

BUDGET AND FINANCE  
APPROVED

Travel Expenses \$ 635.50

## THE COHERENT LEGISLATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the purpose for introducing a bill as "new business", and waiting a week to debate it is to give senators and other concerned individuals the opportunity to reflect on the contents of the bill and to prepare comments; and

WHEREAS the principles of responsible legislating are seriously compromised when senators or officers introduce legislation on the spur of the moment, without forethought or proper consideration; and

WHEREAS as representatives of close to 10,000 students, we have an obligation to take the business we do on their behalf seriously...

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that from this day forward, any legislation being introduced as "new business" must be accompanied by the written text of the legislation.

Submitted as new business 1/9/91 by John R. Crocker

WHEREAS, The Montana Board of Regents is charged with developing both long range educational goals and long range facility goals for the Montana University System,

WHEREAS, the current system of individual unit appropriation makes it nearly impossible for long range planning on a system wide basis,

WHEREAS, the Postsecondary Education Study Committee in May of 1990 voted to recommend that the 1991 Legislature allocate funds to the Montana University System in one lump sum to then be reallocated to the university campuses and associated agencies.

Therefore let it be resolved...

... that the Associated Students of The University of Montana strongly supports the concept to allocate funds to the Montana University System in lump sum payments to be reallocated, by the Montana Board of Regents, to the university campuses and associated agencies.

The ASUM Senate reserves the right to approval a final position on any final lump sum proposal

Author: SLA Committee  
Sponsored by: Scott Nelson

## ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1. Definition of Membership:** All students enrolled at the University of Montana who have paid the ASUM activity fee for the current quarter are ASUM members.

**Section 2.** Any member of the Association is entitled to vote, run for office (upon meeting qualifications) and to exercise the various rights and privileges of membership.

**Section 3.** The student activity fee of \$20 is assessed to all students taking more than seven (7) credits during Autumn, Winter, and Spring Quarters. A reduced student activity fee is assessed during the Summer quarter.

**Section 4.** Students who have arranged with the University Controllers' Office for temporary deferment of the student activity fee are active members of ASUM, so long as their fee status is satisfactory to the Controllers' Office.

## ARTICLE II QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### **Section 1. Qualifications for Officers**

- A. All officers must meet qualifications as defined in Article 7, Section 1 of the Constitution.
- B. All Officers must be ASUM members for the duration of their terms of office.

### **Section 2. Duties.** All officers must carry out their duties as listed in the Constitution.

#### **A. President.**

- 1. The President shall give a weekly report to the Senate.
- 2. All chairs and members of committees shall be recommended for appointment by the President and confirmed by the Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- 3. In case of resignation or removal of any agency director, the President or the President's temporary designee, as approved by majority vote of the Senate, shall assume responsibility for the position until a new director is appointed.

#### **B. Vice President.**

- 1. The Vice President shall give a weekly report to the Senate.

#### **C. Business Manager.**

- 1. The Business Manager shall give a weekly Budget & Finance report to the Senate.

## ARTICLE III QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF SENATORS

### **Section 1. Qualifications for Senators**

- A. All senators must meet qualifications as defined in Article 7, Section 1 of the Constitution.
- B. All Senators must be ASUM members for the duration of their terms of office.

### **Section 2. Duties.** All senators must carry out their duties as listed in the Constitution.

- A. All Senators shall serve on at least two boards or committees unless specifically exempted by the President.
- B. All Senators shall attend all Senate meetings, for the duration of the meeting, unless excused by the President or the chair.
- C. Any appointments made to fill vacant Senate seats shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

## ARTICLE IV PROCEDURES

### **Section 1. Senate Meetings.**

- A. Unless the ASUM Bylaws dictate otherwise, Senate meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The Senate may change its own rules of parliamentary law by two-thirds (2/3) vote, and their rules shall be a part of the Bylaws.

B. In the absence of all officers, the senior faculty advisor shall preside over the Senate until the Senate selects a temporary chairman from its membership.

C. All resolutions and motions introduced during new business must be placed under old business for the following Senate meeting. Discussion and voting may take place under old business. The only exception to this constraint will be suspension of rules requiring two-thirds (2/3) vote.

D. All Senate resolutions already introduced as "New Business" must be placed in typewritten form in all office boxes including those of the President, the Vice President, all Senators and the faculty adviser before 5 p.m. on the Monday preceding the meeting at which they are to be debated under "Old Business." Resolutions not in compliance with this rule shall be automatically tabled by the chair until the above said conditions are met.

E. Amendments to Bylaws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. Amendments shall be referenced by the Bylaws Committee.

F. A quorum shall be defined as two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of the Senate. Under normal circumstances, this number shall be fifteen (15). If a vacant seat exists, a quorum shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the maximum available number of voting members. No business may be conducted in the absence of a quorum. This clause is not suspendable.

## Section 2. Impeachment and Removal.

A. Any officer or member of the Senate may be impeached for:

- (i) breach of duties as stated in the Constitution or Bylaws.
- (ii) failing to attend three or more regularly scheduled Senate meetings without an excuse from the chair of the Senate.
- (iii) committing any felony upon conviction in open court.
- (iv) committing any larceny against the University, ASUM, or any subsidiary thereof.

B. A Senator may introduce a motion of impeachment at any meeting, but impeachment may not be completed at the same meeting. At least one week must elapse between the introduction of the original motion of impeachment and the vote on that action. This clause is not suspendable.

C. No officer or member of the Senate may vote upon their own impeachment.

D. If a motion of impeachment is brought against the chair of the Senate, the President shall preside over the impeachment.

E. Any officer or member of the Senate who is impeached shall be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate and a majority vote (50% plus one) of 12% of the ASUM membership, as outlined in the Constitution.

## ARTICLE V ELECTIONS

### Section 1. Elections Committee.

A. The Elections Committee, as appointed by the President and approved by the Senate, shall hold, monitor, and arrange the yearly elections for the offices of President, Vice President, Business Manager, and Senators and shall conduct referendums. In addition, the Elections Committee shall conduct special elections as required. The Elections Committee shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

### Section 2. Eligibility.

A. Members may seek office within these guidelines:

(i) Any active member as defined in Article I, Section 2, of the Constitution is eligible to run for any officer or delegate position, provided he meets the qualifications for such positions as stated in Article III of the Bylaws.

(ii) A candidate must file a petition with the Elections Committee. Petitions are available from the Elections Committee and must consist of the signatures, ID numbers, and local addresses and telephone numbers of 50 members registered during the Winter Quarter of the election. A student political party may present a slate of candidates for any or all elective positions upon petition of 200 activity fee-paying students registered during the Winter Quarter of the election. The names of all candidates who are members of parties must be named on the petitions for that party. Candidates for President must run with a candidate for Vice President, and each must complete a petition.

(iii) The names of all candidates shall be published in the Montana Kaimin immediately after the validation of petitions by the Elections Committee. The names of the winners of a primary election, if one is held, shall be published immediately following said election. Notices of special elections shall be conspicuously printed in the Montana Kaimin at least four times before the elections, including the two issues immediately preceding the election.

### Section 3. Campaigning.

A. Campaigning is defined as any activity which, directly or indirectly, promotes the candidacy of one or more individuals for an office. This includes but is not necessarily limited to, scheduling appearances, the buying of votes with money, gifts, or alcohol, posting advertisements, distributing literature, publishing advertisements, or lobbying a voter.

B. There will be no campaigning allowed before the start of the official campaigning period. No campaigning is allowed on the days of the election.

C. All posters and other campaign materials for the President-Vice President and Business Manager positions must be removed from the University Center before midnight of the days immediately preceding the first day of balloting for the primary election. Posters and banners may be returned to the University Center following the closing of the polls after the primary election.

D. All posters and other campaign materials must be removed from campus before midnight of the day immediately preceding the first day of balloting for the general election.

E. The Elections Committee will sponsor three forums: one for the Senate candidates, one for the officers, and one for two Presidential-Vice Presidential tickets following the primary. Other groups may sponsor forums or debates, but they must be approved by the elections committee to ensure fairness.

F. No door-to-door campaigning is permitted in the residence halls or family housing. Campaigning is permitted elsewhere on campus, to include the Lodge food service and classrooms, with permission of the professor.

G. Posters may be placed on campus in accordance with these rules:

(i) General Buildings. Posters may be placed in any building on campus only on appropriate bulletin boards.

(ii) Residence Halls. Posters may be placed in any residence hall on campus only on appropriate bulletin boards or on dorm doors and dorm windows with the approval of the individual dorm resident. All posters must be stamped as approved by the residence hall office.

(iii) University Center. Posters and banners need to be approved by the University Center office. Light weight mobiles may be hung with the approval of a custodian. Posters may be placed only on bulletin boards and interior glass surfaces.

(iv) Outdoors. Posters may be placed outdoors only on kiosks.

H. Banners will be allowed only inside the University Center.

I. Campaign expenditures, including in-kind donations, by each candidate to President-Vice President team and their supporters shall be limited to these amounts:

(i) President-Vice president team. The maximum amount of expenditure allowed is \$150. If a primary election is needed, the total amount allowed is \$175.

(ii) Business Manager. The maximum amount of expenditure allowed is \$100. If a primary election is needed, the total amount allowed is \$125.

(iii) Senate. The maximum amount of expenditure allowed is \$75. If a primary election is needed, this amount remains unchanged. For parties consisting of three or more candidates, the maximum amount of expenditure allowed is \$200.

(iv) Write-in candidates. Any candidate running as a write-in candidate is subject to the same financial restrictions as registered candidates.

(v) Documentation. Each candidate or candidate team must document their expenditures for the Election Committee by filing the appropriate forms, complete with receipts, by 3:00 p.m. of the day immediately preceding the general election.

### Section 4. Elections.

A. One voting area only shall be set up, to be located in the University Center, and shielded to traffic. The polls for the general election shall be open for two days: a Wednesday and the immediately following Thursday. The polls will be staffed by a non-University organization, with a member of the Elections Committee in attendance at all times.

B. A primary election shall be held for each officer position having more than two candidates. If a primary election is held, the two candidates for each position with the highest number of primary votes will enter the general election. The polls shall be open for one day, on a Wednesday.

C. The ballots for a primary election will consist of the names of the candidates for the two officer races consisting of more than two candidates or teams of candidates. To provide fairness, the names of the candidates will be rotated, within each candidate section, and the necessary number of versions of ballots will be printed.

D. The ballots for a general election will consist of three sections: one for the President-Vice President candidates, one for the Business Manager, and one for the Senate candidates. To provide fairness, the names of the candidates will be rotated, within each candidate section, and the necessary number of versions of ballots will be printed.

E. No party affiliation will be recognized on the primary or general ballots.

F. To vote, a member must present a validated ID card or driver's licence and sign his/her name on a roster of students. Any other form of identification will be accepted under any other circumstances. Members may vote for only one candidate for each position, with the exception of the Senate races in which case they may vote for up to twenty members.

G. The polls for the primary election shall be open for at least seven hours. The polls for the general election shall be open for at least fourteen hours over the two-day voting period.

H. Absentee ballots will be available from the Elections Committee five days before the election date and must be immediately completed and then sealed in an envelope signed by the voter across the seal.

I. No groups shall be allowed to share the polling facilities set up by the Elections Committee for the ASUM elections. The polling facility is defined as the main floor of the University Center, the boundaries being the north University Center entrance to the south end of the planter located beneath the mall staircase (see diagram).

#### Section 5. Counting.

A. After the first day of the general election, the ballots shall be locked in a safe, and may not be examined in any manner until the close of the polls on the second day of voting. Upon the closure of the polls on the second day, the Elections Committee shall supervise the counting of the ballots, to be done in the presence of the faculty advisor. No candidate or any supporter, is allowed to assist with or view the counting of the ballots.

B. Write-in votes need not be spelled correctly if the intent of the voter is clear.

C. Any ballot which has been improperly completed and which the Elections Committee decides is improper shall not be accepted.

D. If the number of votes received by a winning candidate is only three percent (3%) (or less) greater than that received by a losing candidate, a recount of that race shall be made.

E. A tie vote in a primary election shall cause the names of those candidates involved to be included on the general election ballot, provided that the number of votes cast would qualify each tying candidate in the absence of a tie.

F. A tie vote in a general election shall result in the Elections Committee providing a special election to determine a winner, provided that tie results in a position not being filled.

G. It shall require a plurality of the votes cast for all eligible candidates for a given position to elect any candidate.

H. The results shall be approved with the signatures of the Elections Committee chair, the President, and the faculty advisor, or their designees.

I. The results shall be published in the Montana Kaimin on the Friday immediately following the election.

J. Ballots shall be kept at ASUM for a period of two weeks, after which time they shall be destroyed.

Section 6. Suspension of Candidacy. Any candidate who violates any of these rules may be, at the discretion of the Elections Committee, barred from participating in the election and denied from taking office.

#### Section 7. Grievances.

A. Any member who disagrees with any ruling of the Elections Committee or who wishes to lodge a complaint concerning any action connected with campaigning or the election, including, but not limited to, rules violated by other candidates, voting discrepancies, and improper procedures, may appeal to the Elections Committee in writing and signed no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the results of the general election have been released.

B. The Elections Committee will examine the complaint and decide what, if any, action is warranted.

C. The Elections Committee may invalidate the results of the elections or any race thereof and demand a new election, but it must do so before the first Senate meeting following the election, and such a motion must be approved by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

Section 8. Calendar. Deadlines and dates shall be set according to the following schedule, which the Elections Committee may change as needed:

Petitions Available:	Second Monday of Winter Quarter
Petitions Due:	Friday after fourth Monday by 5:00 p.m.
Informational Meeting:	Tuesday after fifth Monday
Campaigning Begins:	Wednesday after fifth Monday
Senate Forum:	Wednesday after sixth Monday
Officer Forum:	Thursday after sixth Monday
Primary Election:	Wednesday after seventh Monday
Presidential Debate:	Thursday after seventh Monday
General Election:	Wednesday and Thursday after eighth Monday
Grievances Due:	Saturday after eighth Monday

### ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

**Section 1. General.**

- A. Each committee shall have general jurisdiction over its assigned function.
- B. Members of all boards and the Bylaws Committee shall be appointed Spring Quarter.
- C. Members of all committees may be appointed at any time.
- D. Any action or rule of procedure of any committee may be rejected or overruled by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.
- E. Each standing committee, as enumerated in the Bylaws, shall have the power to adopt rules of procedure for its own governance as an aid to the Constitution and Bylaws and shall be applicable only to the committee which adopts them.
- F. Committee rules of procedure may be adopted by a committee without reference to the Senate. If any committee rule of procedure is referred to the Senate, it shall have no effect while being considered by the Senate.
- G. Any committee member who is absent from three (3) or more consecutive meetings of one committee without an excuse from the committee chairperson or from the Vice President shall be deemed to have resigned.
- H. The Senate may remove the chairperson or any other committee member by two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- I. The President may form a new committee, temporary or otherwise, upon majority approval of the Senate.

**Section 2. Student Union Board.**

- A. Student Union Board shall consist of six members, five full voting members and one alternate member. The alternate shall vote in absence of a voting member. The Board shall not be bound to appoint the alternate to fill a vacant position.
- B. The chairperson shall be ratified by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. A quorum shall consist of four voting members.
- C. The chairperson shall act for the Board in its absence, subject to its review.
- D. Emergency meetings may be called by the chairperson or by two or more members.
- E. An ex-officio non-voting member of the Student Union Board shall be the University Center Director or his/her designee.
- F. The functions of the Student Union Board shall be:
  - (i) to consider complaints from students about the University Center.
  - (ii) to at least once a year review the budgets pertaining to both the University Center and each of its individual departments. Each voting member of the Student Union Board may take a department and study its system of operation and make a report to the Board about the particular department during budgetary review.
  - (iii) to ensure that student interests are considered in deciding policies and other similar administrative matters pertaining to the University Center by helping the University Center administration on an equal basis decide those matters important to student interests.

**Section 3. Board on Budget and Finance.** The procedure for preparation and adoption of the budget shall be contained in the Fiscal Policy.

**Section 4. Legal Services Committee.**

- A. The Legal Services Committee shall be composed of not more than seven members.
- B. The Legal Services Committee shall act as a Board of Directors to oversee the Legal Services Director and program.

**Section 5. Student Bargaining Representative.**

- A. There shall be a student chosen to represent University of Montana students of Montana Faculty-Management Collective Bargaining as provided by Montana statute.
- B. The President shall appoint a committee consisting of five members: Him/herself or his/her designee, the student bargaining representative, one Senator, and one student at large.
- C. The committee shall bring to the attention of the student bargaining representative any proposals desired by the Senate.

**Section 6.1 Board on Member Organizations.**

- A. Function. The function of the Board on Member Organizations is to review all applications for groups which wish to register with ASUM and/or receive funding from ASUM. This process shall take place after the fourth week of Fall quarter and as when needed throughout the year. The Board on Member Organizations will also review all re-registrations by previously recognized student groups. The Board will additionally overview all ASUM committees and suggest changes or additions from the current structure to the Senate requiring majority approval by the Senate.
- B. Appeals process. If the Board on Member Organizations has evidence that a group failed to comply with the stated criteria or failed to meet all the responsibilities stipulated by ASUM, the Board has the option of sending a warning notice to the

group specifying the reasons for the warning and the corrective steps that must be taken within a period of no more than one month. The group shall have the opportunity within one week's time to have an informal hearing with the Board on Member Organizations. If the group fails to act, or the Board does not feel the matter has been resolved, the Board on Member Organizations shall then have the choice of issuing another warning letter or taking steps to revoke the group's registration with ASUM. The Board may choose to move directly to revoking a group registration without a warning notice, if the infraction or negligence is viewed as substantial.

C. For any groups whose registration is suspended, or any group is suspended, or any group whose recognition the Board on Member Organizations has determined should be revoked, there shall be an option of appeal. This grievance process shall be as follows: first, the group will be given a hearing by the Board on Member Organizations within one week of the notice of the impending loss of ASUM recognition. After the hearing, if the Board on Member Organizations does not rescind its decision, the group may present its case to the Senate during the Vice President's report. The Senate will then have the opportunity to overturn the decision of the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

D. The Board on Member Organizations shall determine the funding category into which all groups shall be placed for budgeting purposes.

### Section 6.2 Anonymity.

A. The general policy of ASUM is to require membership lists of its recognized organizations to be available, and open for inspection by all members of ASUM. This general policy is to promote openness and to insure that recognized groups and organizations are true composed of ASUM members. Since ASUM groups and organizations have access to various University facilities, have the right to apply for ASUM funding, etc., verification of membership requirements for ASUM groups and organizations is required.

B. Any group seeking recognition that seeks confidentiality of its membership lists must apply to the ASUM Board on Member Organizations for confidentiality approval. The application should contain a detailed explanation of the purpose of the group, and the need for confidentiality should be explained. If the Board on Member Organizations approved the confidentiality request, the applying group must accomplish the following:

(i) A copy of the membership list, as it exists at the time of application, must be presented to the faculty advisor of the group. Faculty advisors must keep any names on the list confidential.

(ii) Without divulging the purpose of the request, the faculty advisor shall confirm with the University Registrar that membership list is made up of ten (10) ASUM members.

(iii) The faculty advisor shall report, in writing, to the Board on Member Organizations as to the membership qualification. The faculty advisor will state whether the group has a minimum of ten (10) ASUM members on their membership list. A group containing non-ASUM members may achieve recognition, but may be denied certain benefits, such as free meeting places.

C. Presentation of a falsified list to the faculty advisor shall be grounds for suspension of the existing affiliation of the offending group with ASUM. Reinstatement may take place only on approval of the board, and upon such conditions as the Board may set.

### Section 7. Bylaws Committee.

A. The Bylaws Committee shall consist of five members, only two of whom may be Senators.

B. The committee shall present a set of Bylaws to the Senate for approval during Spring Quarter.

C. The committee shall make recommendations to the Senate for any necessary changes in the Bylaws.

### Section 8. Programming.

A. The sole objective of programming shall be to create, direct, and maintain a balanced program of extracurricular activities which should include art, films, lectures, and performing artists appropriate to the education goals of the University of Montana, the Associated Students of the University of Montana, and higher education in general.

B. The Programming Committee (hereinafter referred to as programming) shall consist of the Programming Director, the area coordinators, and the University Center consultant/programming advisor.

C. Programming Director:

(i) The Programming Director shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Senate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote before May 1. The Programming Director may be removed from office only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

(ii) Any complaint concerning the operation transactions of the Programming Director shall be directed to the President, who will investigate and issue a reprimand if he/she determines negligence or failure to meet responsibilities.

D. University Center Consultant/Programming Advisor:

- (i) The University Center Consultant/Programming Advisor shall be responsible for the orientation of Programming Director and Area Coordinators in the implementation of sound operational procedures in Programming.
- (ii) The University Center Consultant/Programming Advisor shall be appointed by the University Center Director with selection based upon the recommendation of an ad hoc committee consisting of a member from the Student Union Board, the Programming Director, a member at large, and a member of the Programming Committee.

E. Area Coordinators:

(i) The Area Coordinators shall be appointed by the Programming Director and approved by majority vote of the Programming Committee. Any Area Coordinator may be removed from office by the Programming Committee. An Area Coordinator may appeal his dismissal to the Senate. The salary for each Area Coordinator shall be determined by the Programming Director.

(ii) Area Coordinators shall be assigned one each to the areas of:

- a) Popular Concerts
- b) Lectures
- c) Performing Arts
- d) Films
- e) Spotlight Series
- f) Advertising

F. Financial

- (i) The funding of Programming activities shall be derived from annual allocations from the Senate, annual allocations from the University Center, donations, and federal and state grants.
- (ii) The Programming Director shall conduct an audit of ticket sales before the final settlement of a contract.

G. Contracts

(i) All contracts are to be negotiated by the Area Coordinators. All contracts entered into on behalf of ASUM Programming must bear the signature of the Programming Director. All contracts for any professional services must bear the signature of the ASUM Accountant, who will sign for budgetary approval.

(ii) In the absence of the Programming Director due to death or inability to act, the President or his designee may sign contracts in the place of the Director. In the absence of the University Center Consultant/Programming Advisor due to death or inability to act, the University Center Director or his designee may sign contracts in the place of the Coordinator.

Section 9. Student Action Center.

A. Role and Scope

(i) The Student Action Center is the service and advocacy agency of ASUM. SAC serves as a vehicle for the application of student energies in various community and state issues by organizing projects and activities relevant to both academic training and social responsibility.

(ii) The governing goals of SAC are:

- a) To represent students in pertinent community issues and affairs.
- b) To work on students' behalf in pertinent campus issues and affairs.
- c) To solicit student input on SAC activities.
- d) To maintain the affiliations SAC has had with various citizen organizations across the state.

B. SAC Steering Committee. The SAC Steering Committee shall consist of the SAC Director, one SAC staff member, one advisor from the UM faculty, one Senator, and one member at large.

C. Student Action Center Director

(i) The SAC Director shall be appointed by the President and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate by May 1.

(ii) Any complaint concerning the financial transactions of the SAC Director shall be directed to the Business Manager, who shall investigate and issue a reprimand if he/she determines negligence or failure to meet responsibilities.

D. SAC Staff. The employees of the Student Action Center shall be hired by the SAC director and approved by the Steering Committee. Any SAC employee may be removed from office by the SAC Steering Committee for not fulfilling his/her

assigned responsibilities given to him/her when hired. Any employee may appeal his dismissal to the Senate. The salary for each Area Coordinator shall be determined by the SAC Director.

E. Financial Funding of SAC activities shall be derived from annual allocations from the Senate plus other appropriate sources.

**Section 10. Student Legislative Action.**

A. Role and scope

(i) The ASUM office of Student Legislative Action (SLA) shall communicate with, monitor, and lobby local, state, and federal governmental bodies and regulatory agencies regarding any action that affects the University of Montana and its student population.

(ii) As a student organization, SLA shall act as a representative of student interests and information center both academic and economic, before the various governmental bodies that affect student life. As a student organization, SLA shall provide valuable academic, political and social experience for all students who participate in SLA activities.

B. The Montana lobbyists selection committee shall consist of the President, the SLA Director, one Senator, and two members at large with knowledge of the Montana legislative process. The ASUM lobbyists shall be approved by a majority vote of the Senate.

C. Financial. SLA funding shall be derived from annual allocations from the Senate plus other appropriate sources.

**Section 11. Auxiliary Services Review Committee.** The Auxiliary Services Review Committee shall be a standing ASUM committee.

A. The role and scope of the committee will be to provide student oversight over Auxiliary Services accounts and expenditures and make recommendations on Auxiliary Services matters for senate action. The committee shall be made of seven voting members: the ASUM Business Manager (or designee), two ASUM Senators, four students at large.

B. A chairperson shall be elected by a simple majority of the committee and ratified by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate. The chairperson will run the committee's meetings. A spokesperson shall be selected from one of the three elected officers (either the Business Manager or one of the Senators). The spokesperson will be the principle voice of the committee.

**Section 12. Student Complaint Officer.**

A. This student shall be required to handle all complaints from members as outlined in the Student Conduct Code.

B. The Student Complaint Officer shall be appointed by the President and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Senate.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Section 1.** The following definitions apply as used in these Bylaws:

- (a) "Accountant" means the ASUM Accountant.
- (b) "ASUM" means the Associated Students of the University of Montana.
- (c) "Business Manager" means the ASUM Business Manager.
- (d) "Bylaws" refers to this document.
- (e) "Constitution" refers to the ASUM Constitution.
- (f) "Member" means any activity fee paying student of the University of Montana.
- (g) "Personnel Policy" means the ASUM Personnel Policy.
- (h) "President" means the ASUM President.
- (i) "Senate" means the ASUM Senate.
- (j) "Senator" means an ASUM Senator.
- (k) "Student" means anyone currently enrolled in the University of Montana.
- (l) "Vice President" means the ASUM Vice President.

## Senate Primary Election Resolution

Whereas, in Montana elections when more than two candidates run for the same office, a primary election is held for that office in order to narrow the field of candidates to two per office,

Whereas, neither the ASUM Constitution nor the ASUM Bylaws contain provisions for a Senate primary but do require that "a primary election shall be held for each officer position having more than two candidates,"\*

Whereas, <sup>an</sup> ASUM Senate primary <sup>s. (friendly amendment)</sup> have been held in the past when more than 40 candidates are running for Senator,

Whereas, the ASUM Elections Committee has made no recommendation whether to conduct a Senate primary election.

Therefore, be it resolved that

the ASUM Senate instruct the Elections Committee to conduct a Senate Primary Election on February 27<sup>1991</sup> if 50 or more candidates are running for Senator. The Elections Committee is authorized to hold a primary if between 41 and 49 candidates are running, but may do so at its own discretion.

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\* ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 4B.