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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY MAY 05, 2022  
University Center (UC) 225 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Public Comment Zoom Meeting ID: 942 2061 6647**

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### **ASUM SENATE MINUTES THURSDAY MAY 5, 2022 University Center (UC) 225 – 6:00 P.M.**

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

## **1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 pm

President Bowles, Vice President Berna, and Business Manager Jolly are sworn in by Advisor Reed.

Senators sworn in by Advisor Reed.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

Present: President Bowles, Vice President Berna, Business Manager Jolly; Senators Cook, Curry, Salyards, Milligan, Wickum, Heaton, Miglin, Witt, Merrick, Schuler, Gibbs, Hawthorne, Burcham, Bouchard, Bell, Birdinground, T. Curry, Redearth, Balius, Cervantes.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Former President Durnell: Whenever I have the stage I take it. One thing that stuck with me is to not take yourself not so seriously but to take what you are doing seriously. Sometimes there is a narrative that ASUM doesn't do a whole lot. Go out there and show what we are capable of. Legislative year is important.
- b. Cassie Williams: I have one last duty even though I am no longer a senator, I need to take a picture of the new Senate.
- c. Ethan Hanley: I have done a lot on this body, I was a senator, the VP, and the BM. Be graceful to yourself, be good to your mental health. This is really fun but can be incredibly hard. I sat in this meeting 4 years ago and learned so much. I hope you learn to leave something better than you found it. One thing I want to leave with you

- all is some feedback on elections. I was the elections coordinator this year, I am going to send you ways that these elections can change, and I will send this to you in an email later tonight. Take care of yourself and work on finals, you will have a lot of challenges, but I wish you best of luck.
- d. Jack Kuney: I was sitting right where you were last night, I am super excited to see where this body is going this year. Take everything with a grain of salt and be true to yourself.

#### **4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Synopsis of Role: I wanted to outline of my role especially for the new senators, I hope you read the bylaws other the summer. I represent 10,000 students but you all are my boss. You write resolutions and it is important that they are well researched and so when I go to the admin. I am happy to invite authors to cabinet. I am here to represent 10,000 students and I am here to represent you guys.
- b. Senate Pay/Initiatives: This is something we are in the process of finalizing and over the summer and in the fall, we will be finding the way to actually get you pay. Through the Experiential Learning Fund, you will apply for it and you will get money per semester for doing your job here. We are going to work over the summer to finalize this so the application process is not confusing, and you can easily apply for it. I will continue to update you about that over the summer.
- a. Cook: I know you mentioned a potential food plan during the debate.
- b. President Bowles: In the past, the VP got access for three food cards for senators. I am happy to look into that, but it was not popular last year.
- c. Faculty Advisor: Soazig resigned as the faculty advisor so we will need to find a new advisor over the summer. If you know of anyone, please let me know.
- a. Gibbs: Is there a short list of faculty advisors you are considering?
- b. Bowles: We are looking into the political science department because we need someone with an understanding of MT law and ASUM as a whole.
- c. VP Berna: Brian Reed is in the back of the room and has served as an advisor for us in the years past.
- d. BOR: BOR will be happening on the 18th and 19th of this month. If you are interest in BOR, please let me know. I know this is the week after finals, but I will send out an email to RSVP. You do get reimburse for this, we will pay for your gas and your hotel.
- a. Hawthorne: I can be there, but I am flying back from Bozeman. I would be happy to submit written public comment about the SARC fee but I think that the administration needs to figure out the implementation better first.
- e. How to Contact Me: I haven't figured out my office hours yet because I am still working my other job but I will communicate that with you. Please reach out to me if you want to get into contact with me, I am happy to chat anytime. If you have

something pressing, please email that to me. If it is something less important feel free to snapchat, text, or call me. If you have questions over the summer, please contact me. Pay attention to our emails over the summer.

## 5. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Transition Update: Congrats to you all for your new role. I am newly transitioning. I have been focused on how to work with admin and understanding my role. My door will always be open and I am always willing to chat.
- b. Committee Assignments: I am asking us to appoint a few select senators to committees that are likely to meet over the summer. Please keep in mind these will shift over the summer. The first committee might be meeting over the summer is MO especially because of the new branding. This committee is charged with Marketing events. *\*VP Berna makes committee recommendations.\**
  - a. Motion by **Heaton-Birdinground** to add Senator Heaton to Equitable Education; UC Called
  - b. Motion by **Birdinground-BM Jolly** to add Senator Birdinground to Equitable Education; UC Called
  - c. Motion by **Salyards-Bell** to add Senator Salyards to Interview; UC Called
  - d. Motion by **Hawthorne-Wickum** to add Senator Hawthorne to M&O; UC Called
  - e. Motion by **Schaaf-BM Jolly** to add Senator Schaaf to M&O; UC Called
  - f. Motion by **Cook-BM Jolly** to add Senator Cook to M&O; UC Called
  - g. Curry: I will gladly accept the nominations for Chair of Marketing and Outreach and Interview. I am confident I will be able to hold these positions, especially over the summer.
  - h. Motion by **Wickum-BM Jolly** to add Senator Wickum to Interview; UC Called
  - i. Motion by **Schuler-BM Jolly** to add Senator Schuler to Interview; UC Called
  - j. Motion by **Hawthorne-Birdinground** to approve committee assignments; UC Called
  - k. Cook: When do we discuss election committee assignments?
  - l. Berna: Later in the fall or early spring.
  - m. BM Jolly: Please look through the committee section of the bylaws so you can find what you are passionate about.
  - n. Pres. Bowles: Also look over the university committees, this is a good place to advocate at the university level.
  - o. Redearth: Where can we find these outside of the bylaws?
  - p. VP Berna: I will share the excel sheet with you all.
  - q. BM Jolly: You can also look at University Committees on the UM website as well.

- r. Miglin: What will committee assignments look like in the future?
  - s. VP Berna: I will have a section in my report each week to assign committees. This will be a significantly different process when we do committees next year.
  - t. VP Berna: Also knocking means that you agree with something. Just don't do it too loud please.
  - u. Hawthorne: Also, please acknowledge the executives before you talk.
  - v. Pres. Bowles: We will have grace with each other as this transition goes. Additionally, we will have a retreat where we will learn so much of these processes there.
- c. Summer ASUM Work Plans: Summer is the best time to work on our platform goals. I have a few things important to me. Preparing for the legislative session is a huge one and I will also be focusing on the financial and student support part of our platform. We will also be drafting a strategic plan to accomplish our platform goals. I will be planning retreat a lot this summer. And I will spend time getting used to this job and getting to know you all. I want to lead this body with grace and neutrality. I will be in Missoula this summer and in my office often. Please keep in touch, I will email you all a summary of this meeting and our contact information. I will also be creating a group me and an informal group chat so please give me your contact information during that time.
- d. One-on-Ones: I will ask you all schedule a meeting with me sometime this summer. One on ones are an opportunity for me to get to know you and gauge your interests during this time, know more about the committees you want to be on, and things like that. Please use this time to find out my working style and ask me any questions. I will open my schedule this coming week.
- e. Retreat: Please attend retreat. It will take place Mid to late August. Hopefully at the Flathead biological station. This is my job and this is important for us to get to know each other and to know ASUM. It will be especially important for senate culture. I will be in touch with you all and be flexible if you can not attend
- f. Other: MAS is the Student government of the student governments. The ASMSU VP is the president of MAS this year and I was elected as the VP. The legislative session is especially an important time for us to be involved in MAS. Lastly, If you ran a campaign and have an expense report, please get in touch with Gwen the office manager and she will get you reimbursed. The last day for her to order checks is June 17th so be in touch with her before this.

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- a. Transition Update: As far as transition go, Former BM Rinck is still in the office, and I have large shoes to fill for him. Feel free to reach out to me if you need but Jack is still in those accounts just so you know.
- b. Summer Work Plans: I will be interning in ND for the summer so I will not be here but I will still be in contact and feel free to reach out to me. I will be remotely working. Expect a lot of emails from us in the coming days and in the future
- c. Contact Info: Feel free to stop in the office if you want, I will be here at the beginning of the summer and the end of the summer.
- d. Other: I will honor the senate birthday tradition, so please list your birthday on this sheet.
  - a. Pres. Bowles: What should we do if there is a summer birthday?
  - b. BM Jolly: Choose a random date. I also want to acknowledge VP Berna's birthday on August 24th.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to Adjourn by **Salyards-Hawthorne**; Objection Noted by Heaton and Salyards
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 6:53 pm