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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, October 25, 2023
University Center (UC 225) – 6:30 P.M.

Public Comment Zoom Meeting ID: 939 6736 9579

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER- Vice President Vanderkar called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

ROLL CALL (Count is presented as *Exhibit A*) - Present: Senator Bailey, Senator Balius, Senator Boedeker, Senator Brundin, Senator Caplan, Senator Colberg, Senator David, Senator Howard, Senator Kamminga, Senator Lavender, Senator Madsen, Senator Martin, Senator Marquardt, Senator Morris, Senator Radick, Senator Roe, Senator Teggeman, Senator Wilson, Senator Bell, Vice Present Vanderkar, Business Manager Balius

Absent (excused): Senator Boelman

Absent (unexcused): Senator Morrison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Minutes for October 18, 2023 - Approved by **Pres. Bell-Radick**. UC was called.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

- a. **Micheal Kayne:** My name is Micheal Kayne and I am the president of the Chemistry Club. gives out goody bags]. Thank all of you for serving and for fighting for all of us. I started out majoring in welding, and now I am working toward getting my PHD. I came here to show my support for everyone. [I appreciate you all for being involved and fighting for all of us. I hope that you will all consider a career in politics and do some good. It is very nice knowing that you guys will help take care of the issues that the rest of us have and don't want to worry about. If any of you have any questions I would be happy to answer.
- b. **VP Vanderkar:** Thank you for coming.
- c. **Pres. Bell:** Thank you for coming. I served on the senate with Michael. It was nice of you to bring these goody bags.
- d. **Sen. Morris:** Thank you as well for coming. I am also a welder. We are happy to be here and to make change and be productive.

- e. **VP Vanderkar:** Thank you Senator Morris. Any questions?
- f. **Pres. Bell:** You're welcome back anytime Micheal.
- g. **VP Vanderkar:** Thank you, have a good Halloween!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. **Pres. Bell- Guest Speaker: Kat Cowley, (Bear Necessities Director):**

[Introduces herself and passes out Halloween candy and stickers]. My name is Kat and I am the director of Bear Necessities. I supervise the food pantry. Feel free to ask me any questions. [gives presentation] I graduated from the University of Montana in womens, gender and sexuality studies, and have a masters degree in public administration. I worked for some non- profits. This is my dream job. I was an ASUM senator in 2017-18. The food pantry is super necessary for our students. Our student coordinator, Chance, is responsible for its success. We invite you all to check out the food pantry. Can the Cats starts November 4th. [passes around schedule of campus events] this is a food drive competition against MSU. We raised over a million pounds of food last year. Come volunteer or share our posts on social media. We have the kickoff game on November 4th as well as the food drive. We will be collecting food and money at the stadium. We want to get the word out. Sign up on the food pantry website, Griz Hub, or on social media. We will be doing it during Brawl of The Wild on the 18th as well. I am looking for volunteers to work at the games. We want to stay on top of composting, recycling for the food pantry. If any of you want to come help, it can be your office hour. Come help organize, clean, etc.

 - a. **Pres. Bell:** Thank you. Everybody, please write down the dates when you can volunteer: November 4th 5:30-6:15, November 18th 10:30-12:15, November 6th at the basketball game at 6, November 14th at the basketball game at 2. The food pantry falls under ASUM, so it would be great if you could help out.
 - b. **VP Vanderkar:** I will send out an invite link for you to sign up for these.
 - c. **Question from Sen. Bailey:** Can you repeat the hours?
 - i. **Answer from Kat:** The game is at 6, and the one on the 14th is at 2. We will probably start an hour before the game
 - e. **Sen. Lavender:** With the increase of food donations, is the food pantry running out of room?
 - i. **Director Cowley:** Yes, we have backstocked some food, and have overflow. We are relying on staff vehicles and renting them. It has helped a lot.
 - ii. **Sen. Lavender:** I have talked to facilities and maintenance, and have heard from the building that the food pantry could go into the

old food zoo. I'd like to have a conversation about that once that building is vacated.

- iii. **Director Cowley:** Send me an email, I'd love to have that conversation.
- f. **Pres. Bell:** The food pantry helps a lot with basic needs.
- g. **Director Cowley:** To simplify, we do direct service, case management, with helping students one on one with their issues and taking them step by step. We help with avocation, filling out snap and other applications, direct food support, education and advocacy. We help educate students about their rights and resources.
- h. **Pres. Bell:** There are students that struggle with these issues everyday. They are doing a great job.
- i. **Director Cowley:** I would love to hear from you all if you hear about any specific issues that you want us to address.
- j. **Question from Sen. Bailey:** Do you want us to register to volunteer or can we walk in?
 - i. **Answer from Kat:** For the football games, please register. Otherwise, you can just walk in.
- k. **Sen. Bailey:** How do students hear about your services?
 - i. **Director Cowley:** We try to spread the word with in person and virtual outreach. We post about it on our social media, we host events. We try to get together with student groups to host workshops. They usually find us through word of mouth
- l. **Question from Sen. Bailey:** Do you have tv ads?
 - i. **Answer from Director Cowley:** We are shooting for that. We have put some ads on the tv's on campus.
- m. **Pres. Bell:** We as ASUM can take this on in our committees. It is important to support them and to spread the word.
- n. **VP Vanderkar:** To answer your question, Kat, about the issues students are facing, it is getting harder to find accessible cheap groceries. A lot of the affordable grocery stores are far from campus. When it comes to housing, it is filling up like crazy and becoming more expensive. They are becoming bigger issues for students, like getting shoved out of their housing because the landlord wants to raise the price of rent.
- o. **Comment from Sen. Lavender:** In relation to housing, maintenance in some of the older buildings is very poor.
 - i. **Response from Director Cowley:** We usually deal with off-campus housing, but I can bring that up with the team and the people on the housing committee.

- p. **Pres. Bell:** This agency is pretty new. Kat has helped develop it and make it what it is. We should help spread the word. Basic needs include gloves, hats, etc. we have a resource library that has these things and they are free.
 - q. **Director Cowley:** Yes, it includes paper resources and hats, gloves, socks, and hand warmers. They were donated. A staff member also crochets them for us. They are available for anyone and everyone. It also includes NARCAN and access to training on how to use it.
 - r. **Pres. Bell:** Any comments? Thank you Kat!
 - s. **Director Cowley:** Come by and say hi and chat!
2. **Pres. Bell- Parks and Rec Interest:** The Parks and Recreation committee is looking for student input. They meet once a month and they take the whole summer off. They have offered to help pay accommodations including childcare, transportation, etc. Let me know if you are interested in joining.
- a. **Sen. Lavender:** I'm interested in joining.
 - b. **Question from Sen. Bailey:** How many people do they want?
 - i. **Response from Pres. Bell:** At least a couple
 - c. **Question from Sen. Morris:** Did we hear anything back about the scooters?
 - i. **Response from Pres. Bell:** We will have Tayli [Hillyard] and Eva Rock come on November 8th and talk about it.
3. **Pres. Bell - Senator Headshots/Bios:** We caught up with our Marketing and Outreach coordinator. We will do headshots on November 4th at 2pm
- a. **Comment from VP Vanderkar:** Please add this to your calendar right now or set a reminder. Come take a picture. It will be a quick process.
 - b. **Pres. Bell:** Yes, on Saturday, November 4th, at the journalism building on the 3rd floor. If you've already taken it, you're good. Please dress like yourselves, this does not have to be business formal. You can bring a prop. We are looking for about 100 ish word bios. We will include this in an email. Start thinking about what you want to say, such as why you want to serve on ASUM, the committees you are on, your goals, and a fun fact.
4. **Pres. Bell- Other:** The president's cabinet has been on hiatus. I get a seat on the president's cabinet, so does Leslie [Webb], all heads of departments do. We alternate who leads it. This week was the faculty senate and they talked about Griz Hub. Check out Griz Hub for events and news. They also brought up the food pantry and food waste solution. It's an ongoing conversation about dining and the food zoo. We can have a hand in this if we want to. We will update you next week on what we bring to them. We can talk about issues and resolutions at the cabinet. Any questions/comments? Let me know if you want these updates.
- a. **Comment from Sen. Wilson:** Thank you. We would like to continue hearing your updates.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. VP Vanderkar- Committee Assignments:

College of Health Dean Search Committee Additions:

- Senator Roe to the College of Health Dean Search Committee

Student Equity Committee Additions:

- Adding Senator Kamminga and Senator Balius as co-chair
- Senator Roe
- Senator Boedeker
- Senator Morrison
- Senator Teggeman
- Senator Caplan
- Senator Colberg
- SAL Merrick
- SAL Bighorn

Marketing and Outreach Changes:

- Change Senator Boedeker from Vice Chair to Chair
- Change Senator Howard from member to Vice Chair
- Add Senator Boelman as a member

Agency Support Committee Additions:

- Added Senator Caplan to Sustainability
- Senator Martin to Legal Services
- Senator Roe to Bear Necessities
- Senator Madsen to Childcare
 - a. **VP Vanderkar:** There are two open seats on the Agency Support Committee. One for Bear Necessities and one to work in between Transportation and Sustainability. Talk to me if you want to get into those two spots. When we go into moving to approve committee assignments, we will do it as one big slate.
 - b. Motion to approve committee assignments: Moved by **Morris-Wilson**. **UC was called. No comments.**
 - c. **VP Vanderkar:** You can access these on the Box. If the committee is in bold, we need someone on it. Let me know if you have any questions.

2. **VP Vanderkar- Writing a Resolution:** Are you all aware of the resolution template on the box folder? When you are writing one, start a conversation with other senators, find something that needs action on. Then, look at who you need to talk to and write the resolution. Then introduce and present your resolution during New Business, and send it to Senator Wilson by Friday. Then the next week, we will see it on the floor after it passes the Rules Committee. It's about a 3-4 week process. Make sure to talk to other senators and students.

- a. **Comment by Pres. Bell:** Please don't feel like anything is too non-traditional to be a resolution. I want you to all know that we take these very seriously and we have meetings with administrators and bring your ideas to them. Don't think anything is too far fetched. Come bounce ideas off of us. Don't just write a resolution and forward it to the Rules Committee without talking to the students that this affects. Make sure it is representative of the group you are representing. For example, with parking issues, talk with the parking director.
- b. **VP Vanderkar:** Yes, work with people on the senate, administration, and talking to Leslie Webb. Start thinking about this now so you can propose a resolution at the end of a semester. It would be fun to see what you have all been working on throughout the semester. Any questions about how to write a resolution?
- c. **Question from Sen. Bailey:** Do you fill out the form and submit it?
 - i. **VP Vanderkar:** Yes, there's a template on the box. Look at that and think about ideas. Talk to us executives and senators and we will figure out who you should talk to about a solution. Then write the resolution, and present it to the senate during a meeting.
- d. **Question from Sen. Bailey:** When it's finalized and submitted, and you have all looked at it, it would then be announced and then would be voted on?
 - i. **Answer from VP Vanderkar:** Yes, so look at the template in the box and come up with ideas, talk to each other and to us as we will help you figure out who to talk to. Then you would write the resolution and propose it to the Rules Committee and to the senate. If anyone has any questions or has ideas, call me at any time if I'm not in the office.
- e. **Question from Sen. Bailey:** Would we all vote on it during the Wednesday meetings?
 - i. **Response from VP Vanderkar:** Yes, we would look at it and announce it on a wednesday, senator wilson would get it on a friday. The rules committee would look at it and forward it and we would look it it during the meeting on Wednesday
 - ii. **Comment from Pres. Bell:** We can also have this conversation during an office hour.
- f. **VP Vanderkar:** Yes, a lot of you have really cool ideas. Start having these conversations now. This can be a partner project.

3. **OTHER-** None

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1. **Business Manager Balius-Student Group Recognition:** Are there conflicts of interest with the groups below?
 - A. Pi Sigma Alpha- Motion to approve: **Sen. Balius-Caplan** [placard vote. Passes with 3 abstentions.
 - B. Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club
 - C. Lamda Pi Eta - Motion to approve: **Caplan-Sen. Balius**. Passes with 2 abstentions
 - D. One Persons
 - E. UMATSA
 - a. Motion to approve all groups except Pi Sigma Alpha and Lamda Pi Eta due to conflicts of interest: **Radick-Sen. Balius**. UC was called.
2. Finance Requests
 - i. **BM Balius-UM Linguistics Club Zero-Base:** They requested \$250 for food, \$525 for individual memberships, \$150 for materias, \$100 for promotional materials, \$300 for t-shirts for a total of \$1,325. They want to spread awareness of the study of linguistics. B&F recommended funding line items 62817 for the amount of \$250, 62210 for \$150 , 62214 for \$100, and 62309 for \$300. Total recommended funding was \$800. We can't fund individual memberships per fiscal policy. B&F, any input?
 - a. **Comment by Pres. Bell:** In the past, we have not funded t-shirts for groups, it's a slippery slope. These are direct student fee dollars we are giving out. BM Balius, can you explain why t-shirts were funded this time?
 - b. **BM Balius:** Yes, in final budgeting last year we made it a point to not fund t-shirts, but the committee at large voted that we should fund.,
 - c. **Comment by Sen. Martin:** T-shirts for a club is a good way to market the club and university. This is a way we can build their club forward.

- d. **Pres. Bell:** I understand the sentiments, I think that's what clubs would say in final budgeting. I don't have a super strong opinion either way.
- e. **BM Balius:** Yes, is it unfair to grade them on different standards, or subject to the rules of last year's budgeting or as or separate since they're new.
- f. **Question from Sen. Bailey:** If you're going to start funding them for new clubs, will that go for all the other clubs?
 - 1. **Response from BM Balius:** Good question, this would set a precedent. We should take this into consideration.
- g. **Sen. Radick:** I would like to strongly condemn this. I think this could be done with fundraising.
 - 1. **Comment from Pres. Bell:** I agree with that. I'm curious if the club was present for the conversation around funding t-shirts. We have 100 something clubs, most of which could not get funding for t-shirts from us.
- i. **BM Balius:** Yes, the club came to B&F and we had the conversation.
- j. **Comment by Sen. Lavender:** On that front, we as an organization have our own fundraising account. If you're concerned about the budget, work with me on a resolution to use that funding to help fund them. I don't think we should control club funding.
 - 1. **Comment by BM Balius:** Please keep your tone orderly. Let's stay on topic.
 - 2. **Sen. Lavender:** My apologies.
- k. **Sen. Wilson:** I'd like to provide some context. I was on the board when we made this decision. We were thinking about having to cut their membership fee, and funding t-shirts to make up for it. We don't want to make exceptions.
- l. **Sen. Bailey:** I'm not thinking it's wrong to promote clubs with t-shirts, but I think the numbers could add up if all the clubs want \$300 for t-shirts. Have you thought about pens, or smaller items for them? Are t-shirts the only way to help promote them?
 - 1. **BM Balius:** B&F recommended every line item to be funded in full, if you want to come up with other ideas, you are welcome to.
- m. **Comment by Pres. Bell:** To address a comment made about potential fundraising, we can only operate on the status of accounts now. Zero-Base is a healthy account. During covid we took a lot of money back since the clubs couldn't operate. I don't think we need

- to sweat over \$300, but we should be aware of the precedent we are setting. We could have a conversation if groups want to request t-shirts or during final budgeting. We should treat groups equally.
- n. **BM Balius:** Just as a point of information, the Zero-Base account is very healthy.
 - o. **Question from Sen. Brundin:** if they requested \$200 for the design fee and \$100 for printing, I would suggest cutting down the design fee. What is the Zero-Base for specifically?
 - 1. **Response from BM Balius:** Zero-Base are operational budgets for those who did not participate in final budgeting, such as new or defunct groups.
 - p. **Comment by Sen. Morris:** I agree with President Bell, we should have further discussion about this later on. This will set a precedent. We should be prepared for that and talk about what that means for us.
 - q. **Question from Sen. Teggemen:** Regarding the t-shirts, everyone seems concerned about equity. BM Balius or anyone, how often do people make requests like this for t-shirts, pens, etc.?
 - 1. **Answer from Sen. Wilson:** About 1 in every 5 or 10 requests included something like 10 shirts last year in final budgeting. Not funding them was an easy way to save money.
 - r. **Question from Sen. Teggeman:** As far as the Society of Physics Students, why are we funding the membership?
 - 1. **Answer from BM Balius:** We can't fund individual membership but we can fund memberships for clubs overall.
 - 2. **Comment by Pres. Bell:** It's a little outside of ASUM's norm, and we might need to readjust through final budgeting, it gets tough and we cut a lot. Clubs that request Zero-Base get a little luckier since our accounts are doing better. We have to fund these line item through line item. We don't need to debate it tonight.
 - s. **BM Balius:** We can do this as a slate. Any motions?
 - t. **Sen. Wilson:** Not including t-shirts, I move to fund line items 62817 in the amount of \$250, line 62210 for \$150, line 62214 for \$100 for printing. For a total of \$500. **Wilson-Radick.** (*See Exhibit A, RCV 1 20-0-0*)
 - u. **BM Balius:** Thank you for critically examining this.

- ii. **BM Balius-Society of Physics Student Zero-Base:** They requested \$350 for memberships, \$50 for printing, \$200 for food, \$300 for professional development total budget request of \$1000. They engage students in physics and professional development. B&F recommends funding line item 62801 in the amount of \$350, 62214 for \$50, 62807 for \$200, 62210 for \$100. Total recommended funding is \$700.
 - a. **Comment by Sen. Wilson:** It's normal to fund memberships where applicable. We cut down on food and supplies a little, though the money for professional development could come through Special Allocation.
 - b. **BM Balius:** They cut down \$200 for professional development, thought this could go through Special Allocation or Travel. It's important to note that if we see a vague number, we can send it to Special Allocation or Travel.
 - c. **Question from Sen. Radick:** Anyone on B&F of BM Balius, it seems that \$200 for outreach and events has been cut, but funded \$100 in supplies. Can someone explain where \$100 for supplies came from?
 - i. **Response from BM Balius:** Yes, they wanted repair and maintenance on some of the items that they own that are liable to break that can't be funded through STIP.
 - ii. **Response from Sen. Wilson:** The reason was that the category was named differently on Zero-Base, but it funds the same thing.
 - d. **BM Balius:** Any discussion or motions?
 - e. **Sen. Radick:** I will entertain a motion to approve funding for line item 622801 for 350, 62214 for 50, 62817 in 200, 62210 in 100 per B&F's recommendation. **Radick-Caplan.** (*See Exhibit A, RCV 2 19-0-1*).
- 3. **BM Balius-Radio Board Update:** We house KBGA through our structure, i am on the board, we discuss projects, how we can support them. They are in a very good spot. They are getting into outreach events. Get in touch with them, you can go on their radio shows. Look for updates from me about getting involved. I want us to have a strong relationship with them.
- 4. **BM Balius- Other:** I uploaded a misc. Fiscal folder for graphs, presentations, etc.
 - a. **Comment by VP Vanderkar:** Yes, I forgot to include this in my report. All the coupons you have, Gwen gets "boo books" every year around Halloween. It's a fundraiser that they do where you can use a coupon to get a free frosty from Wendy's and they donate the cost to the adoption

agency, the Dave Thomas Foundation. You can turn that in between now and winter break.

- b. **BM Balius:** Let's thank Gwen for going out of her way for you guys.

VP Vanderkar- COMMITTEE REPORTS: There were some typos on the agenda. In the future, Committee reports will be number 8, Unfinished Business will be 9, New Business will be 10. If you have a resolution to introduce it to the Rules Committee, then we can include it in the agenda.

- a. **Sen. Caplan:** Kenneth [Lavender] and I had a sustainability committee meeting earlier this week. We want to improve our STARS report. We are almost to Gold. We talked about how we could get to that. We have a plan that Kenneth [Lavender] and I talked about, students and faculty partnering and having outreach. This should get us to gold.
- b. **Sen. Lavender:** in 2020, we had our last inspection. The STARS report determines the funding level we are eligible for and attracts donors. This is a reflection on how the university is doing.
- c. **VP Vanderkar:** Thank you. Anyone else? I am serving on the Dean of Students Search committee. We wrapped up most interviews and are looking for more candidates. We are getting a couple of them approved. We have another interview tomorrow. Two candidates will be invitees to campus, we will see them in November. It would be a great opportunity for all of you to interact with them, ask them questions. I am excited for you to meet the new hire.
- d. **BM Balius:** I am serving on the search committee for Vice President of People and Culture. Excited to start interviews.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. **BM Balius- SB 10-23/24: Resolution Generally Revising Article IV, Section 4 of the Bylaws (See Exhibit B):** The track changes are minimal. Our bylaws are hard to understand and aren't orderly. We want to make it clear and concise.
 - a. **BM Balius:** Sections 1-2 will be an overview of the composition.
 - b. 3-7- streamlining recognition process. Establishing student groups are recognized up until the 3rd Friday of the academic year. Requirements for applications.
 - c. 8-11: Streamlined clauses about disciplined sections. We ran into problems with obscurity and want to make them more clear. B&F has the authority to punish student groups who violate fiscal policy prerogatives.
 - d. 12-13- Talks about confidentiality. Cut out fluff that was already covered.

- e. Line 79, we will make some changes on the floor. On point A. i want to add “after hearing the case,”. Beneath that, I thought we could slice it up a little. Sentences that end with simple majority vote, making them point a. Toward the bottom, the sentence should be subpoint b.
- f. **Comment by Pres. Bell:** I want to commend BM Balius for his work on this resolution. All this text you see was originally in the bylaws which was so unnecessary. He took the time to comb through this and simplify the language. I am in support of this resolution.
- g. Motion was called friendly by Pres. Bell.
- h. **VP Vanderkar:** Any comments/concerns with BM Balius’ resolution of revising article 4 section 4 of bylaws?
- i. **Question from Sen. Radick:** Can you scroll to sections 9 and 10? I am curious about the delineation between whether it hits the senate or not, whether it's an action towards removing the leader of the student group vs. actually taking a formal reprimand. If that's an echoing of what was previously written, why was it 3-4 weeks ago something that was not a removal of the leader hit the senate floor?
 - i. **Reply from BM Balius:** The first section has to do with member organizations that violate that specific policy. The next one is going to be leaders who specifically violate that policy.
- j. **Moved by Pres bell.** Called friendly by the author.
- k. **Question from Sen. Lavender:** You said this makes recognition for student groups easier? Can you go into that?
 - i. **BM Balius:** Yes, what it's going to do is remove that gap where students aren't really recognized for our purposes so they can't request funds until they get their forms in. It allows a waiting period where they are recognized up until the next school year and gives them time to submit their recognition forms.
- l. **Follow up from Sen. Lavender:** In honor of the once senator, Niman, is there a resolution named after her in her honor of making it easier for student groups to be recognized?
- m. **BM Balius:** I don't think that's the intent of the resolution. I will meet with the student and outreach coordinator. We will go over this in the future.
- n. Motion to approve SB 10-23/24: Resolution Generally Revising Article IV, Section 4 of the Bylaws: **Kamminga-Sen. Balius.** (*See Exhibit A, RCV 3 20-0-0*).

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. No new business was introduced.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Sen. Balius-Kamminga**. UC was called.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

ASUM SENATE Roll Call

October 25, 2023

SENATE MEMBERS	Roll	V1	V2	V3										
Senator Bailey, Jordan	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Balias, Georgia	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Boedeker, Annabel	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Boelman, Caleb	e													
Senator Brundin, Trent	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Caplan, Eli	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Sentor Colberg, Logan	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator David, Sophie	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Howard, Makena	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Kamminga, Elizabeth	✓	✓	a	✓										
Senator Lavender, Kenneth	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Madsen, Kaitlyn	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Martin, Daniel	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Marquardt, Maya	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Morris, Brody	✓	✓	✓	✓										
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Senator Radick, Miles	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Roe, Declan	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Teggeman, Bella	✓	✓	✓	✓										
Senator Wilson, Buddy	✓	✓	✓	✓										

<u>ASUM OFFICERS</u>														
President Bell, Maggie	Y	Y	Y	Y										
Vice President Vanderkar, Noah	Y	Y	Y											
Business Manager Balius, Wyatt	Y			Y										
<u>VOTE TALLY</u>														
YES	21	20	19	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
NO	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
ABSTAIN	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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<u>FACULTY ADVISORS</u>														
Liaison VPSS Webb														



October 25th Senate Finance Requests

This week we will see two Zero-Base requests.

UM Linguistics Club Zero-Base Request

- \$250.00 for food
- \$525.00 for individual memberships
- \$150.00 for materials
- \$100.00 for promotional materials
- \$300.00 for t-shirts
- \$1,325.00 total requested

With 20 active members, the UM Linguistics Club seeks to spread awareness of the study of linguistics and the diversity of languages.

B&F recommended funding line item 62817 in the amount of \$250.00 for food costs, line item 62210 in the amount of \$150.00 for supplies, line item 62214 in the amount of \$100.00 for printing, and line item 62309 in the amount of \$300.00 for t-shirts. Total recommended funding was \$800.00.

The Board did not fund individual memberships as it is prohibited per Fiscal Policy.

Society of Physics Students Zero-Base Request

- \$350.00 for national membership
- \$50.00 for printing
- \$200.00 for food
- \$200.00 for outreach events
- \$200.00 for professional development
- \$1,000.00 total requested.

With 26 active members, the Society of Physics Students engages students both in physics activities and professional development.

B&F recommended funding line item 62801 in the amount of \$350.00 for dues, line item 62214 in the amount of \$50.00 for printing, line item 62817 in the amount of \$200.00 for food costs, and line 62210 in the amount of \$100.00 for supplies. Total recommended funding was \$700.00.

B&F held that the transportation for outreach events could be covered through the travel account, and that the cost for seminars and events could be covered through special allocation.

1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Generally Revising Article IV, Section 4 of the Bylaws**
3 **October 11, 2023**
4 **SB??-23/24**

5 **Authored by: Wyatt Balius, ASUM Business Manager;**
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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (“ASUM”) are governed by its
8 Bylaws;

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10 Whereas, The current Article IV, Section 4 is at points redundant and obscure;

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12 Whereas, The ASUM should seek to make its Bylaws concise, clear, and flexible;

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14 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article IV, Section 4 of the Bylaws is amended as follows;

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16 ***Section 4. Board on Member Organizations***

17 (1) The Board on Member Organizations shall be composed of up to seven (7) members,
18 who may be either Senators or Students-at-Large.

19
20 (2) The Business Manager shall chair the Board.

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22 (3) The Board shall review all applications for member organizations that wish to register
23 with ASUM and/or receive ASUM funding. Member organizations meeting recognition
24 requirements shall be recommended for approval by the Board with a simple majority
25 vote and forwarded to the Senate to be approved by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote. This
26 process shall occur after the second week of Fall Semester and continue throughout the
27 school year.

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29 (4) **Applications shall be required on a yearly basis. Those member organizations which**
30 **were recognized the year prior shall be considered to be recognized until the 3rd**
31 **Friday of the academic year. Any member organization that does not submit**
32 **recognition files by this time shall not be allowed access to their ASUM account**
33 **funds until they are recognized once more.**

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35 ~~(5) Those member organizations, which were budgeted funds during the previous year, shall~~
36 ~~continue to be allowed access to these funds during the recognition process unless their~~
37 ~~recognition is suspended or revoked. Any budgeted member organization that does not~~
38 ~~re-register for ASUM recognition shall not be allowed access to their ASUM account~~
39 ~~funds.~~

40 ~~(a) All member organizations requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting must~~
41 ~~submit return their fully completed recognition files to the Board by the fifth (5th)~~
42 ~~school day of the Spring Semester to be considered for budgeting. Any member~~

43 organization having discrepancies in their file that would prevent recognition
44 must correct the problems completely before the third Friday of Spring Semester
45 to still be eligible for ASUM budgeting.

46 ~~(b) All member organizations requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting are~~
47 ~~subject to The University of Montana's Policy prohibiting off-campus accounts,~~
48 ~~unless otherwise required or authorized by law, or unless explicitly authorized in~~
49 ~~a written agreement between the member organization and The University of~~
50 ~~Montana. No member organization violating the policy regarding off-campus~~
51 ~~accounts shall be allowed to register with ASUM or participate in ASUM~~
52 ~~budgeting until that member organization is in compliance with the policy.~~

53
54 (6) The Board shall recognize member organizations based on the following criteria:
55 recognition forms, **president's and treasurer's agreements**, risk management forms, a
56 **current roster of at least ten (10) members**, and governing documents, **and adherence**
57 **to the** as well as Student Conduct Code with an emphasis on the Discrimination,
58 Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Stalking, and Retaliation Policy in terms of
59 membership, ~~President and Treasurer Positions~~, and member organization inclusivity to
60 all activities.

61 (a) **Although they may be recognized without it, a member organization must**
62 **submit a completed advisor's agreement within three (3) months of**
63 **submitting an application for recognition in order to retain recognition.**

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65 (7) **All member organizations requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting must**
66 **submit their fully completed recognition files, including an advisor's agreement, to**
67 **the Board by the fifth (5th) school day of the Spring Semester to be considered for**
68 **budgeting. Any member organization having discrepancies in their file that would**
69 **prevent recognition must correct the problems completely before the third Friday of**
70 **Spring Semester to still be eligible for ASUM budgeting.**

71
72 ~~(8) A member organization wishing to apply for recognition shall select a category they feel~~
73 ~~is most suitable as outlined in section 9.7 of Fiscal Policy. The Board may confirm the~~
74 ~~category applied for by the member organization or may change the category selected by~~
75 ~~a simple majority vote, followed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.~~

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77 ~~(9)~~ **If a member organization violates their submitted recognition criteria, that member**
78 **organization shall be notified to appear before the Board, who shall hear the case no**
79 **later than two (2) weeks of the receipt of the infraction. In the interim period, the**
80 **Business Manager may take action including, but not limited to, freezing the**
81 **organization's account. The Board has evidence that a member organization has failed**
82 **to comply with the stated criteria necessary for ASUM recognition or has failed to meet**

83 all the responsibilities stipulated by ASUM, the Board has the option of sending a
84 warning notice to the member organization specifying reasons for the warning and the
85 corrective steps that must be taken within a period of no more than four (4) academic
86 weeks. The member organization shall have the opportunity within one (1) academic
87 week to schedule an informal hearing with the Board. If the member organization acts,
88 this hearing must take place within two (2) academic weeks of the member organization's
89 receipt of the notice. If the member organization fails to act, then they forfeit the right to
90 participate in this procedure. These procedures and timelines are intended to occur during
91 the Fall and Spring semesters.

92
93 **(10) The Board shall be empowered with the authority to revoke or suspend the member**
94 **organization's recognition, send a letter of reprimand to the organization, freeze the**
95 **organization's account, or take other appropriate action(s). Action(s) that the board**
96 **takes must be confirmed by a majority (50% plus 1) vote.**

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98 **(11) After the board has made a decision regarding the member organization's**
99 **infractions and possible sanctions, it shall be forwarded to the Senate to be ratified**
100 **by a majority (50% plus 1) vote.**

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102 **(12) If the Board receives evidence that a member organization leader failed to meet the**
103 **requirements outlined above, the Board may act to remove said leader from holding**
104 **the position of President or Treasurer by a simple majority vote. The Board's**
105 **decision shall then be forwarded to the floor of the Senate within the Business**
106 **Manager's report for general discussion. During this appeal, the member**
107 **organization leader shall be given the opportunity to advocate for a reversal of their**
108 **removal. At that point, the Senate may accept the results given by the Board or vote**
109 **to overturn the Board's decision with by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote. During**
110 **these proceedings, the Business Manager may exercise discretion to enter a closed**
111 **session to protect the identity of the member organization leader involved in**
112 **accordance with Montana Code Annotated § 2-3-203.**

113
114 ~~(13) For any member organization that the Board has determined should have its recognition~~
115 ~~revoked, there shall be an appeals process. The process shall be as follows:~~

116 ~~(a) The member organization shall be given a hearing by the Board within one (1)~~
117 ~~week of the notice of impending loss of ASUM recognition as stipulated in the~~
118 ~~prior section.~~

119 ~~(b) After the hearing, if the Board votes to derecognize the member organization, the~~
120 ~~case shall be forwarded to the Senate during the Business Manager's report and~~
121 ~~the member organization shall be given time to present its case during the Senate~~
122 ~~meeting.~~

123 (e) ~~The Senate, by a two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote, shall have the opportunity to~~
124 ~~overturn the Board's recommendation to remove group recognition.~~

125
126 (14) ~~The general policy of ASUM is to require membership lists of its recognized~~
127 ~~organizations to be available and open for inspection by the public. This policy is to~~
128 ~~promote openness and to ensure that recognized member organizations are composed of~~
129 ~~ASUM members. Since ASUM recognized member organizations receive access to~~
130 ~~various University facilities and have the ability to apply for ASUM funding, verification~~
131 ~~of membership for ASUM member organizations is required. Any member organization~~
132 ~~not providing a list of membership shall not be recognized by ASUM.~~

133
134 (15) Any member organization seeking ASUM recognition that desires the confidentiality of
135 its membership must apply to the Board for confidentiality approval. The application
136 should contain an explanation of the member organization's purpose and the need for
137 confidentiality. If the Board approves the request, the member organization must
138 accomplish the following:

139 (a) A copy of a membership list must be provided to the Office Manager. This list
140 must be kept confidential.

141 (b) The Office Manager shall confirm that the membership list is composed of at least
142 10 eligible members. Upon confirmation, the Office Manager shall store the list
143 and keep it confidential.

144
145 (16) Presentation of a falsified list of member organization's members to an advisor, the
146 Office Manager, or to the Board shall be grounds for removal or denial of ASUM
147 recognition. Re-recognition may occur only on approval of the Board and upon such
148 additional conditions that the Board may set. For the purposes of this section, a member
149 of a member organization shall be defined as a student paying the ASUM Activity fee
150 that attends at least one (1) meeting or event of the member organization.

151
152 (17) ~~If the Board receives evidence that a member organization leader failed to meet the~~
153 ~~requirements outlined above, the Board may act to remove said leader from holding the~~
154 ~~position of President or Treasurer by a simple majority vote. The Board's decision shall~~
155 ~~then be forwarded to the floor of the Senate within the Business Manager's report for~~
156 ~~general discussion. During this appeal, the member organization leader shall be given the~~
157 ~~opportunity to advocate for a reversal of their removal. At that point, the Senate may~~
158 ~~accept the results given by the Board or vote to overturn the Board's decision with by a~~
159 ~~two thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote. During these proceedings, the Business Manager may~~
160 ~~exercise discretion to enter a closed session to protect the identity of the member~~
161 ~~organization leader involved in accordance with Montana Code Annotated § 2-3-203.~~

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163 ~~(18) All member organizations must have a minimum of ten (10) members in order to be~~
164 ~~eligible for recognition. One hundred percent (100%) of members in all member~~
165 ~~organizations must be ASUM members. Any member organization not in compliance~~
166 ~~with this are prohibited from being recognized.~~

167 ~~(a) The only exception to this policy is for distance learners. Students that are~~
168 ~~distance learners are allowed to be members of a member organization but are~~
169 ~~prohibited from holding the position of President or Treasurer.~~

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171 ~~(19) Each member organization may review and make necessary updates to their governing~~
172 ~~document each year, and any changes must be submitted to ASUM. This document must~~
173 ~~be included with the application of first time applicants to receive ASUM recognition.~~

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175 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this Resolution be sent to Gwen Coon, ASUM
176 Office Manager.

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179 Passed by Committee: _____, 2023

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181 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2023

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184 _____
185 Buddy Wilson,
186 Chair of Rules

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185 Noah Vanderkar,
186 Chair of the Senate



2022 / 2023 Zero-Base Operational Budget

Please complete this form to apply for an operational budget from ASUM. Operational Budgets can only be requested if the group did not participate in Spring 2023 Budgeting. Per ASUM Fiscal Policy, Club leadership must meet with the Business Manager prior to the Zero-Base Budget being accepted. The Board on Budget and Finance will meet and discuss your budget request and forward a recommendation to the Senate. Once approved, your budget will be transferred to your index for spending within the categories requested.

Name of Group: Society of Physics Students
 Your Name: Sydney Jetton
 University Email: Sydney.Jetton@umontana.edu
 Phone Number: 509-930-4843 Text Ok (circle): YES NO

Group Basics

Membership	Active Members (attend 50% + of club events): <u>26</u>	Additional Members: <u>0</u>
Brief description of group aims and goals	<u>To engage students in physics activities and professional development</u>	
Highlighted Events	<u>Trips to research facilities Outreach Seminars Meetings</u>	
Fundraising and other Revenue	Source: <u>outreach</u> Amount: <u>TBD</u>	Source: _____ Amount: _____

Instructions for Budget Basics

Fill out your requests for the specific line items in the "Requested Amount" column (boxes marked in blue). Please include a justification for each line asked for in the budget, clarifying what the funds would be used for specifically.

Category	Requested amount	Justification	Approved by Senate
Printing	\$57.00	Printing at Paw Print for the Semester.	
Meeting Expenses	\$130.00	Pizzas for 4 club meetings.	

If you have questions about the categories that are allowed, please reach out to the Business Manager.



2022 / 2023 Zero-Base Operational Budget

Budget Basics

Category	Requested amount	Justification	Approved by B&F / Senate
SPS National Membership	\$350.00	recognize nationally by SPS	
Printing	\$50.00	Yearly Paw Print fees	
Meeting Expenses	\$200.00	Food for 7 meetings	
Out reach Events	\$200.00	Supplies and transportation	
Professional development	\$200.00	Seminars and workshops	
Total Amount Requested:	\$1,000	Total Approved:	

Board on Budget and Finance: Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Business Manager: _____

Date: _____

Senate: Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Chair of Senate: _____

Date: _____



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Name of Group: UM Linguistics Club

Your Name: Kevin Vrla _____

University Email: kevin.vrla@umontana.edu _____

Phone Number: 952-807-1207 _____ Text Ok (circle): **YES** NO

Group Basics

Membership	Active Members (attend 50% + of club events): 20	Additional Members: 20
Brief description of group aims and goals	The main goal of the linguistics club is to spread awareness of the study of Linguistics and the diversity of languages. We also aim to provide interested students in the linguistics program or any student with interest in the field and understanding of the concepts, practices, advancements and potential opportunities with in the field.	
Highlighted Events	IPA workshop, syntax tree writing workshop, ConLang workshop, linguistic movie night.	
Fundraising and other Revenue	Source: _____ Amount: _____	Source: _____ Amount: _____

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2022 / 2023 Zero-Base Operational Budget

Budget Basics

Category	Requested amount	Justification	Approved by B&F / Senate
Food for 5 events	\$250	Money would be used to provide food for meetings/events: snacks (such as chips), drinks, pizzas.	
LSA memberships	\$525	Money would be used towards providing membership to the Linguistic Society of America. This is a professional organization that connects linguists and supports students. (Group memberships are \$35 each (versus standard \$45) with an expected interest of 15 students)	
Materials	\$150	Materials for club events including but not limited to: Writing materials (pens, markers, paper), poster paper, magnetic sheet paper	
Promotional materials	\$100	Flyer printing, signs and cards	
T-shirt printing	\$300	Design fee of \$200 plus \$100 for printing	
Total Amount Requested:	\$1,325	Total Approved:	

Board on Budget and Finance: Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Business Manager: _____

Date: _____

Senate: Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Chair of Senate: _____

Date: _____