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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Mt. Sentinel Rooms
October 24, 1990
6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. President's Report
 - a. Miscellaneous Announcements
 - b. Retrenchment Update
 - c. Tuition Increase Situation
 - d. Report on Special Session
5. Vice President's Report
 - a. Committee Appointments
 - b. Lobbyist Confirmation
6. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Kaimin
 - b. Fiscal Policy Insertion
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Campus Safety Task Force
8. Public Comment Period
9. Old Business
 - a. UM/MSU Funding Disparity
10. New Business
 - a. Motion to Amend Bylaws
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

DATE Oct. 24, 1990SENATE MEMBERSROLL
CALL*Departures*
Comments

Dan Astle
 Tim Berg
 John Crocker
 Tim Dahlberg
 Amy Jo Fisher
 Eric Hummel
 Kelli McMaster
 Scott Nelson
 Linn M. Parish
 Paula Pelletier
 Pat Price
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ASUM OFFICERS

Chris Warden
 President
 Alice Hinshaw
 Vice-President
 Doug Wagner
 Business Manager

✓		Yes					
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FACULTY ADVISOR

Pat Edgar

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ASUM SENATE MINUTES
MT. SENTINEL ROOMS
October 24, 1990
6:00 p.m.

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

Price - Vessar moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 1990, meeting as written. Motion passed.

President's Report

- a. Warden introduced Kirk Lacey, President of EMC Associated Students and MAS President. Warden suggested that anyone wanting additional information on the credit card proposed by the Commissioner's Office talk to Kirk. Warden said that ASUM stands alone in its disapproval of the card.

Warden distributed a handout (Exhibit A) outlining the Regents' schedule.

(Reference Exhibit B for the following)

- b. Warden invited President Dennison to address ASUM in person or via written communication in reply to the retrenchment dilemma.
- c. Warden feels ASUM should take a stand on tuition increase.
- d. Warden praised the Kaimin coverage of the Senate Special Session held Tues., Oct. 23, from 5-7.

Vice President's Report

- a. Hinshaw offered the following committee appointment for confirmation: Campus Rec. Committee - Steve Young.

Vessar - Price moved to approve. Motion passed.

- b. Hinshaw presented the names of the new lobbyists: Todd Diesen/Research Coordinator, and Patrick McCleary/Communications Spokesman. Price - Vessar moved to approve. Motion passed.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Wagner presented an initial outline of the Kaimin payback (Exhibit C). A proposal will be coming before the Senate in a few weeks when the details are finalized.

Wagner presented a seconded motion from Budget and Finance for approval by the Senate regarding a loan fund for the Kaimin (Exhibit D). Warden - Fisher moved to floor debate. Motion passed. Fisher - Price called previous question. Motion passed.

- b. Warden moved the fiscal policy insertion to New Business.

Committee Reports

- a. Pelletier issued a Statement of Intent regarding the proposed ASUM Student/Faculty/Staff Campus Safety Task Force (Exhibit E). There will be a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 4 p.m. in Main Hall 205 to discuss the committee's formation.
- b. Jay Barnell reported on ASCRC. The Committee meets Tuesdays in Main Hall 225 at 3 p.m.
- c. Wagner reported that the Auxiliary Services Review Committee is working on an informational packet addressing retrenchment issues.
- d. Zink reported that the Bylaws Committee is making good progress.
- e. Rapp announced the Drug and Alcohol Committee will meet Friday, November 2, at 3 p.m.
- f. Warden stated the commitment of the Diversity Committee to the recruitment and retrenchment of minority students. These students will be presenting a forum in the future.
- g. Hummel announced the Bylaws Committee will meet at 3 p.m. Monday, October 29.
- h. The Student Legislative Action Committee meets Mondays at 3 p.m. SLA is sponsoring a forum Thursday, Nov. 1, which will feature politicians, civic leaders, etc.

Public Comment Period

Lynn Israel, who served on the Retrenchment Committee, announced that she has packets on the retrenchment process which interested persons are welcome to see. She publicly thanked various groups and individuals for their help in the process.

Old Business

- a. Wagner - Vessar moved to suspend the Bylaws to allow a vote on the Warden proposal regarding the UM/MSU Funding Disparity. Motion passed. After discussion, Warden tabled the proposal for revision. Hummel, Tinsley, Zink, Nelson and Crocker indicated their interest in serving on a committee to form the proposal.
- b. Zink - Hummel moved to suspend the Bylaws to present a proposal. Motion failed.

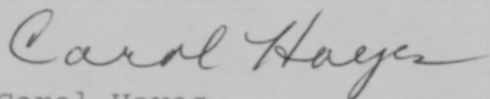
New Business

- a. Zink - Hummel presented a proposal to amend the Bylaws: Article 6, Section 7 a, b.
- b. Wagner presented a proposal in the form of a seconded motion from Budget and Finance for an addition to Fiscal Policy regarding Special Allocation funds (Exhibit F).

Comments

Price - Vessar moved to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager

Misc. Announcements

Schedule of Events- Board of Regents Week:

Thursday- 3:30-4:30 Open Forum (for University Students)
MT Rms. 360 A

Friday- 8:30 Regents General Session
MT Rms. 360 A

10:00 MAS Meeting
MT Rms. F Series

12:00 Luncheon with Regents
MT Rms. F Series

Those interested in going to Helena on Nov. 1 for the Student Health Insurance seminar must tell me tonight.

People signed up for Regents Lunch-

Marc Vessar
Pat Price
Ed Tinsley
Scott Nelson
Polly Rhodes
Tim Berg
Ed Zink
Tim Dahlberg
John Crocker
Dan Astle
Eric Hummel
Amy Jo Fisher
Paula Pellétier
Annie Thorgrimson
~~Alice Hinshaw~~

You all need to show- reservations were made today.

MAS President Kirk Lacey is here.

UM athletics budget provokes faculty

MISSOULA (AP) — University of Montana faculty members voted Thursday to ask the school's new president, George Dennison, to explain how he will handle UM's current budget problems.

The vote came after several faculty members blamed the administration for failing to cut the athletics budget last year when tenured professors were being laid off.

The faculty members met after Ron Perrin, former chairman of the Faculty-Student Retrenchment Committee, said hundreds of thousands of dollars of budget cuts earmarked last year at the school never were carried out — including \$150,000 in the athletic department.

"There are some real inequities to begin with, and not to ask intercollegiate athletics to share is to say

when there's a budget shortfall, it's academic departments that get hit and it's faculty that get laid off," English professor Gerry Brenner told the Faculty Senate.

"I think in the case of athletics, there's real evidence of promises made that weren't fulfilled," said Ron Erickson, an environmental studies professor.

Frank Clark, the Faculty Senate chairman, said that when he learned that about half of the \$1.4 million in budget cuts agreed to by the retrenchment committee didn't happen, "I wanted heads to roll. I wanted redress, and immediate redress."

As he tried to decide what to do, however, Clark said he realized that budgets already have been set, faculty already have been laid off, and a

new UM president has been hired.

"My belief is it's more important for us at this point in time to understand this reality and make plans for dealing with our future," Clark said. "What good would it do to ask (Dennison) about it? It wouldn't do much good. He has some clear sense of our observations."

Although athletics drew the most fire, the biggest proposal in the budget cut was to make summer school self-supporting. That decision, which was valued at \$500,000, was reversed last year, and that's one of the reasons that vacant teaching and staff jobs are going unfilled this year and travel budgets have been frozen.

"There are a number of things that have changed besides retrenchment," said UM Provost Don

Habbe after the meeting. "We have a whole different enrollment situation. We have a whole different revenue situation."

The retrenchment committee's decision to remove state funding from summer school, agreed to by the state regents, was "a temporary expedient, a hell of a gamble," Habbe said. "That wasn't a good decision."

The key administrative officials in the retrenchment process have left UM. The school's ex-president, James Koch, now works in Virginia. The former acting provost, Don Spencer, and the ex-dean of continuing education and summer school, Sue Spencer, both work in New York. And the former athletic director, Harley Lewis, is now with the NCAA in Kansas City.

Sunday, October 21, 1990

Great Falls Tribune 5A

Koch says he didn't agree to cuts in athletics

MISSOULA (AP) — Former University of Montana President James Koch denies ever agreeing to cut \$150,000 from the university's athletics budget.

Faculty members who criticize him for not doing so are "perhaps idealistic and not realistic" about how budget cuts work during a retrenchment such as the one UM went through 18 months ago.

"I think people out there should be a little more patient," Koch told the Missoulian newspaper in a telephone interview Friday.

"People think changes in intercollegiate athletics should take 30 days and academic programs should be phased out over three years."

Koch left UM last summer to become president of Old Dominion University in Virginia.

He came under fire from UM faculty members last week after they learned that the athletic budget was not cut, as they believed the 1989 retrenchment agreement specified.

Tenured faculty members were laid off, two academic programs were eliminated, and budgets for several other departments were reduced in the \$1.4 million retrenchment.

Koch said that what he had promised was to take the \$150,000 portion of the plan to other Big Sky Conference schools and attempt to persuade them to reduce their athletic expenditures.

The other schools would not

agree, Koch said, and he decided it was not possible to decrease UM's athletics budget unilaterally.

Asked why he did not cut \$150,000 from the school's recruiting, personnel or other expenses, Koch said, "I never promised that. What I did say was I would try to reduce that burden."

The final retrenchment committee report, which Koch had presented to the university's Board of Regents, said UM would "seek cost-savings through such measures as reducing the level of competition at UM and Montana State University, and through whatever other measures are appropriate."

In the minutes of the committee's final negotiations, Koch is reported as saying if the Big Sky Conference negotiations did not work out, "money would then have to come out of recruiting, personnel, or raised through outside sources. He allayed the committee's fears that other departments might later incur financial reductions to meet the deficit."

In a June 13 letter to the Missoulian, Koch wrote, "If other Big Sky Conference institutions will not agree to joint reductions in intercollegiate athletic expenditures, then I will find non-general fund sources of funding (auxiliaries, gifts, corporate sponsorships) that will maintain UM's competitive position."



MISSOULIAN EDITORIAL

It's time to raise tuition

Montana university students may be getting too good a deal

If the election campaigns being waged this fall by legislative candidates are any indication, increased funding for higher education is shaping up to be one of the major issues of the 1991 Legislature. Many legislators and candidates on both sides of the aisle say they recognize the need to pump more money into Montana's anemic university system in order to keep the colleges and universities competitive with those in other states. Coming up with the money — perhaps \$45 million in new spending beyond increases needed to keep pace with inflation — is the difficult part. In short, there are few clear sources of new money for the university system.

However, an annual comparison of tuition charged by Montana universities and comparable institutions in other states shows higher fees charged to students ought to be part of the picture. An analysis conducted by the Commissioner of Higher Education's office found that Montana students this year are paying of 8 percent less for tuition than the average paid by students at such institutions as University of Idaho, University of Wyoming and

University of Nevada-Reno. Worth special note is the fact that Montana has the lowest tuition for out-of-state students of any of the universities surveyed. Montana students are paying 1.6 percent more than a year ago, while students at universities in other states surveyed are paying an average of 13.5 percent more.

The price of tuition is for many people the chief obstacle to higher education. For that reason, college and university administrators must set tuition rates with great care, or risk closing doors of opportunity to large numbers of students. But keeping tuition too low can also rob universities of money needed to maintain educational quality. Low tuition can also give taxpayers — who pay the bulk of higher education bills — the impression that students aren't paying their fair share, a sentiment that can cause some to balk at higher taxes.

In the interest of keeping the doors of opportunity open wide, Montana universities shouldn't overcharge for tuition. But tuition at Montana's colleges and universities should at least be competitive with those charged by comparable institutions in other states.

AMERICAN MEN

'The Wildman' is better left alone

Raising tuition won't help the university's budget crisis, Weisenburger tells ASUM

By Shannon McDonald
Kaimin Reporter

Increasing tuition wouldn't help UM get out of a budget crisis and could cause even more problems in the long run, the acting vice president for administration and finance said Tuesday.

Sylvia Weisenburger spoke to the ASUM Senate about formula funding, a plan which outlines how UM will be funded this fiscal year. The general fund appropriation for UM is slightly more than \$40 million.

She said the university receives about \$10.6 million from tuition fees, almost \$4 million from mill levies and more than \$500,000 in other revenue. The rest of the funds, which account for more than \$25 million, come from the state, Weisenburger said.

If the university were to raise tuition without first getting authority from the state Legislature, any extra money generated by the increase in fees would go

directly to the state, she said.

"The idea of increasing tuition is to get more money, not to just shift around where the money comes from," Weisenburger said.

UM currently gets less money per student or faculty member than a lot of other universities in the western United States, including Montana State University, she said. This is due, in part, to a difference in programs. She said MSU may get more per student in some cases because of its technical programs like architecture and engineering.

John Hutchinson, commissioner of higher education, is in favor of lump sum funding, which would provide a yearly budget for the total university system instead of individual schools, Weisenburger said.

ASUM will debate the funding proposals at Wednesday's meeting in preparation for a meeting with the Board of Regents Friday, ASUM president Chris Warden said.

ASUM to discuss retrenchment

By Gina Boysun
Kaimin Reporter

The ASUM president will brief the senate on retrenchment at Wednesday's meeting, he said.

Chris Warden said he has been attending Faculty Senate meetings to see what the faculty and administration's concerns about retrenchment are. Retrenchment is so complex that senators need some explanation and background about the issue, Warden said.

Retrenchment, proposed in the

spring of 1989 by former UMPresident James Koch, called for the elimination of a \$1.5 million deficit the university was facing. The original plan called for \$1,481,112 of budget cuts in various UM departments, but only \$695,312 of the cuts were actually implemented.

Retrenchment is a delicate issue, Warden said. Since UM has a new president this year, ASUM needs to let President George Denison discuss how he plans to address the issue "before we start

marching on Main Hall," Warden said.

In other business at tonight's meeting, the budget and finance committee will give a report to the senate about what has been done with the Kaimin debt, business manager Doug Wagner said.

Warden said the senate may also discuss any "spillover" from Tuesday's legislative planning session.

ASUM will meet in the Montana Rooms at 6 p.m.

Registration, fee payment to run smoother Winter Quarter, assistant registrar says

By Shannon McDonald
Kaimin Reporter

Registration and fee payment for Winter Quarter should be a little easier than it was Fall Quarter, assistant registrar Laura

"We don't anticipate that happening again because it was a one-time computer problem," she said.

Hudson said she will have meetings with other administrators

To avoid class conflicts, students can pay on Monday, Jan. 7 or any time during a free period on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

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Enrollment tops 10,000 at U of M

By PATRICIA SULLIVAN
of the Missoulian

Fewer freshmen, but more sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students, are taking classes this fall at the University of Montana, pushing enrollment to a record 10,048 students.

UM President George Dennison declared himself pleased with the 3.7 percent increase, particularly since the gain is based on more students staying in school.

"The only negative in it is the decline in the size of the freshman class, and that's a predictable decline," Dennison said. "The decline in the freshman class is almost parallel to the decline in the cohort group in the state."

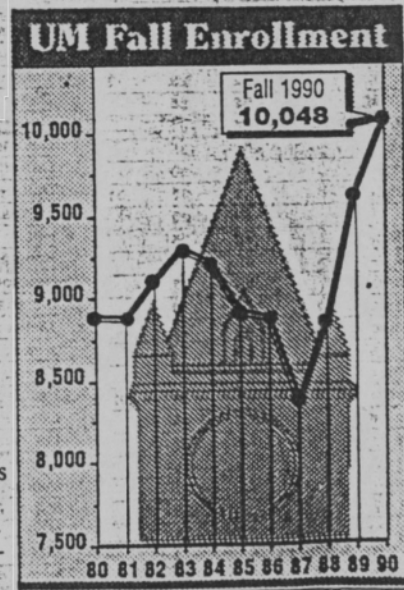
About 1,000 fewer students graduated from Montana high schools in 1990 than in 1989, and that number will decline another 600 by the end of this school year, state figures show.

Dennison said the higher enrollment has brought increased pressure on faculty, staff and campus facilities, but added that the school's student population has not peaked.

"We still have enough space. The question is the configuration of the space," Dennison said. "There is a point at which enrollment will outnumber our facilities. ... I don't know what the ceiling is. I think there's still room to grow, but I think we're very close in terms of faculty and staff."

This is the first quarter that admission standards have been in effect for entering freshmen, and Dennison said they "probably did have an impact." About 78 percent of applicants to UM were admitted this fall, a drop from last year's 93 percent admission rate.

More out-of-
(See UM,
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PERCENT Increase in enrollment at the University of Montana probably will
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Janet Stevens, chairwoman of
the Missoula County commission-
ers, said: "I think it's pretty clear
that there are some controls that
are lacking out there and I think it
behooves the commissioners and
board to sit down and make sure
that some of these controls are put
into place...."

While recognizing that there
are problems that need correcting,
commissioner Barbara Evans, the
liaison between the airport board
and the commissioners, said it is
difficult for a volunteer board to
oversee staff members who have a
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state residents, more transfer stu-
dents and more graduate students
enrolled at UM this fall, figures
show. Women outnumber men 5,-
066 to 4,982 and 75 percent of the
students are Montana residents.

Western Montana College in
Dillon on Tuesday also reported
an enrollment increase of 2 per-
cent, to 1,101 students. Montana
State University in Bozeman re-
corded a 1.4 percent increase.

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Budget & Finance Proposal

Ask Senate to:

- 1) to excuse 11,359.02 of the Kaimin's accounts receivable. All other accounts receivable to^{be} collected by the Kaimin. In the event that the Kaimin fails to collect all of its prior year accounts receivable at fiscal year end, it is mandated to report to B&F and make some arrangements as to this lack of funds.
- 2) excuse the balance of the FY90 deficit, with the exception of \$10,000. This money is to be paid back in equal payments over a span of 5 years. These monies must come from funds other than ASUM or General Fund monies.
- 3) the rest of this proposal is to be negotiated with the Kaimin in subsequent B&F meeting. The completed proposal, with a presentation by the Kaimin, will be presented to the ASUM Senate.

Associated Students
University of Montana

UC 105
Missoula, Montana 59801

Date: October 21, 1990
To: Gary Como, ASUM Accountant
From: Doug Wagner, ASUM Business Manager
RE: Loan for Kaimin

Upon approval by Senate, I would like you to set up an account for use by the Kaimin. This account will be a loan for the Kaimin to use as a buffer for its accounts payable. The amount of this loan will be \$10,000. It will be held in a account that is separate from the Kaimin (7400) account. The first \$5,000.00 of this loan will be accessible to the Kaimin with the approval of the ASUM Business Manager. The second \$5,000.00 will be accessible to the Kaimin only with the approval of Budget & Finance. Any monies removed from this fund will be replaced by the Kaimin (7400) prior to the last Budget and Finance meeting of spring quarter. This is a one time loan only.

ASUM Student/Faculty/Staff Campus Safety Task Force
Statement of Intent

The intent of the ASUM Safety Task Force is...

... to provide a forum in which students, faculty and staff can address, with administrative input, the safety problems facing our campus;

...to provide an entity that will provide long-term planning and action for campus safety issues;

...to provide a basis and framework for the creation of a University recognized committee to deal with these issues in the future.

Associated Students
University of Montana

UC 105
Missoula, Montana 59801

Date: October 16, 1990
To: Budget and Finance
From: Doug Wagner, ASUM Business Manager
RE: Special Allocations

This memo is to ask your permission to add the following lines into ASUM Fiscal Policy.

Budget and Finance, in allocating from the Special Allocation Account(7002), shall not make any allocations which reduce the balance of this account below ~~\$3,333.33~~ prior to the start of Spring Quarter.