ASUM CENTRAL BOARD AGENDA
February 8, 1984
Montana Rooms
7:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of February 1, 1984, Minutes
4. President’s Report
   a. MontPIRG - Julie Omelhuck, Ben Copple
   b. Election Update
   c. Executive Budget Recommendations
5. Vice President’s Report
   a. Committee Appointments
   b. General Announcements
6. Business Manager’s Report
   a. Results of Student Survey
   b. General Announcements
7. Old Business - Memorial for John “Mac” Lanky
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Date: 2-8-84
ASUM CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES
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The ASUM Central Board meeting was called to order by David Bolinger, ASUM President. Members present were Burnham, Butler, Dahl, Desmul, Feiler, Finney, Hafner, Hense, Hodge (left 8:30, unexcused), Johnston, Josephson, Keyes, Weldon, Miller, Mitchell, Ong, Patterson, Pedraza, Wolfe, Jellison, and Gullickson. Goodrich was unexcused. Whiteman was present as faculty advisor.

The minutes of February 1, 1984, were approved as written.

President's Report
1. Jellison - Miller
   Motion to pass "Resolution to Support MontPIRG" (Appendix A). Upon vote, motion passed.

2. Bolinger informed the Board that the executive recommendation for 1984-85 stands unless it is changed on February 22.

Vice President's Report
3. Jellison gave an Elections Committee update. She stated that all the petitions are in, and the Elections Committee is now in the process of validating the petitions. Also, Jellison stated that the polling places have been limited to just one polling place centrally located in the University Center. It was felt by the Elections Committee to spend its efforts on trying to have a larger voter turnout by coming up with ideas to attract people to the polling place; and by having one central polling place, the Elections Committee could have better control on the election.

   Miller - Pedraza

   Motion to have three polling places--one in the University Center, one in the Lodge, and one in the Liberal Arts building. Miller and Shannon volunteered their help as co-chairs for the election.

   Hense - Gullickson

   Amendment to the motion to have two polling places--one in the University Center and one in the Liberal Arts building.

   Johnston - Wolfe

   Previous question. Upon vote, motion carried. Upon vote on the amendment to have only two polling places, motion failed. Upon vote on main motion to have three polling places, motion passed.
4. Jellison informed the Board that the Dinner/Dance Committee has suggested three locations for the ASUM dinner/dance. They are (1) Rocking Horse for dinner and dancing, (2) Depot for dinner and the Carousel for dancing, and (3) Acapulco for dinner and the Tijuana Cantina for dancing. The Board suggested Harold's Club be added to the list. Upon vote on location, the Depot and Carousel got the majority vote.

Business Manager's Report

5. Gullickson informed the Board that 591 students completed the student surveys, and the final results from this survey will be ready shortly.

6. Gullickson informed the Board that Budget and Finance denied a special allocation request of $200 for the Student Voter Registration Conference.

7. Patterson - Miller

Motion to have Patterson be in charge of collecting donations for the Mac Lanky memorial to be donated to Easter Seals. Upon vote, passed.

8. Bolinger - Desmull

Motion to ask Aber Day Committee to submit a budget request for 1984-85 for $1,000 (Dave Keyes was put in charge of this). Discussion followed.

Ong - Miller

Previous question. Upon vote, motion passed. Upon vote on main motion, it carried.

9. Gullickson presented the ASUM Fiscal Policy to the Board with the appropriate changes (see Appendix B).

Gullickson - Burnham

Motion to accept fiscal policy. Upon vote, it passed.

New Business

10. Josephson - Gullickson

Motion to suspend the Bylaws so that the special allocation request for the Student Voter Registration Conference could be heard. Upon vote, motion failed.
Comments

11. Jellison - Wished the students going to the Voter Registration Conference have a good time. She stated she was very disappointed with what has been going on this past week, she needs help on the Elections Committee, and she said good-bye to Mac Lanky.

12. Butler - He said when he dies he does not want a memorial taken out of the general fund for him.

13. Dahl - Informed the Board that he ran into Jill Ingraham, ex-Central Board member, and she said to say "hi" to everyone.

14. Josephson - Informed the Board that Constitutional Review Board is working on the ASUM Constitution; and if anyone would like to change anything, they should contact a member of CRB as soon as possible.

15. Omelchuck, Julie (audience member) - Omelchuck stated her disappointment with Central Board in not allocating $200 for the Student Voter Registration Conference to send a third student. She stated that we are the only campus in Montana that has done this. She continued by saying she felt that Bill Mercer is not bound to the whole state, only to the ASUM Legislative Committee. MontPIRG's call is to go all over the state. The selection committee selected the most capable students on this campus to go.

Josephson - Responded by saying the ASUM Legislative Committee has asked Mercer to apply the knowledge he learns from the conference not only to the Legislative Committee but also to this campus.

16. Jellison - Elections Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, at 5:00 p.m.

17. Bolinger - Concurred with Julie Omelchuck. Bolinger felt that we should remember that each request is a unique and new request. Bolinger reminded the Board that formal lobbying will be starting tomorrow at 6:00 p.m., and these meetings will count as regularly scheduled Central Board meetings. In order for each group to present its budget fairly, it is important that they present their budget to the entire Board.

Adjournment

18. Butler - Patterson

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Brenda L. Perry, ASUM Secretary
February 6, 1984

To the Members of the ASUM Central Board:

In the spring of 1982, the Board of Regents of Higher Education passed a two-year probationary policy for the operation of the Montana Public Interest Research Group, MontPIRG. During the spring of this year, MontPIRG will again go before the Board of Regents to renew the policy. At that time, MontPIRG will ask the Regents to remove the probationary clause from the policy.

MontPIRG is requesting this change for the following reasons: 1) MontPIRG is no longer an experiment but has proven itself as an organization that provides students with an effective and rational means for citizen involvement; 2) the current policy allows the President of the University to void the contract with MontPIRG if the group is not properly operated; 3) the current policy rightly provides a way in which students can defund MontPIRG (if less than 50% of the students do not pay the MontPIRG fee for two consecutive terms, the group must fold); and 4) it is unusual for the Board of Regents to adopt a policy that terminates in a given amount of time since it reserves the right to revoke policy at any time.

The Central Board's support for this policy change would be greatly appreciated. Enclosed in this packet is information about MontPIRG's projects and a copy of the support resolution which we will present at the February 8 meeting of the Central Board. We will be in touch with you in the next two days to answer any questions. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Julie Omelchuck
Chair, Board of Directors

Ben Copple
Member, Board of Directors
Suggestions

• UTILITIES REFORM
• TENANT-LANDLORD ISSUES
• TOXINS
• COMMUNITY ORGANIZING
• ENERGY CONSERVATION
• AIR AND WATER QUALITY
• GOOD GOVERNMENT ISSUES
• PUBLICATIONS AND WRITING
• CONSUMER HOTLINE
• CONSUMER PUBLICATIONS

or ... design your own

MontPIRG is the largest citizen organization in Montana. It is a student controlled public interest research organization dedicated to using the skills and education of college students to promote positive social change.

MontPIRG
Montana Public Interest Research Group
729 Keith Avenue • Missoula, MT 59801
(406) 721-6040

Put your education to work while you're still in school.
The Program

The MontPIRG Internship Program is designed to apply college level research and scholarship to current city, county and state issues. Students receive regular class credit for their work and participation in the Internship Program.

The Internship Program brings your education alive by focusing classroom learning skills, such as research, study and debate, on present real-world issues. Through the program, students receive a unique educational experience while helping to promote positive social change. Areas of possible study include utility reform, consumerism, toxic wastes, tenant-landlord law and environmental conservation.

Class Credit

Regular classroom credit can be granted through the Internship Program in a variety of different areas. These include: economics, social work, history, home economics, chemistry, biology, journalism and others.

Class credit is arranged individually through MontPIRG and Cooperative Education with the cooperation of UM professors. Students who participate in the program select an area of study such as those mentioned in the opposite column or design a study area of their own choosing. With the assistance of MontPIRG and Co-op, a plan of study for the term is developed and class credit is arranged through a faculty sponsor. Although MontPIRG will assist in finding a faculty sponsor, final arrangement is left up to the student. Periodic reviews of the project work will occur throughout the semester by MontPIRG staff and faculty sponsors. Study project goals may include written research papers, special reports, community education and outreach, legislative action or special events.

Application Process

Interns are chosen on the basis of: an application, a writing sample and a personal interview. The steps are:

1. Pick up application at MontPIRG or Co-op.
2. Present application and writing sample to MontPIRG.
3. MontPIRG reviews the application and establishes a time for a personal interview.
4. Following the interview, complete a Co-op learning agreement.
5. Acquire a faculty sponsor for the internship.
The Organization

MontPIRG is a non-partisan, non-profit organization created, funded and directed by University of Montana students. Its purpose is to further the goal of active student citizenship by performing research, education, and advocacy on issues that affect students as citizens.

The projects and issues addressed by MontPIRG are determined by a Board of Directors comprised of students elected each year by the whole student body. Periodic polling of the campus helps guide the board in its decisions. The board is also aided in conducting the various projects by a staff of public interest professionals.

Funding

MontPIRG is the only student group funded by an optional fee. Students may waive the two dollar fee on their registration forms or if they later decide they do not want to support the organization, they are entitled to a full refund.

The fee system was approved by the Board of Regents in April 1982 after a year of organizing. During that year, nearly 4,000 students signed a petition stating that they wanted to be assessed a two dollar fee to fund MontPIRG. Support was also shown by Central Board, the UM Faculty Senate, Governor Schwinden and UM President Neil Bucklew.

Getting Involved

Whether MontPIRG is lobbying, conducting surveys or researching, volunteers are always needed and welcome. Student involvement ranges from membership on the student Board of Directors to internships to stipend positions. MontPIRG interns receive academic credit and hands-on experience while working as part of a team of professionals. The organization benefits the volunteers by the realization of research in publications and citizen action.

If you are concerned about student apathy and want to participate in intelligent citizen action, contact MontPIRG at 729 Keith Avenue or call 721-6040.
MontPIRG—Advocate for the Public Interest

Good Government

• Campaign Contributions: Lobbying by MontPIRG helped pass the nation's first state law to limit the amount of money that candidates for the state legislature can receive from political action committees (PACs).

• Ethical Conduct: MontPIRG is supporting enactment of a strong “Code of Ethics” that would require elected officials to disclose their private business and financial interests on public matters. The code would ensure to Montanans that no conflicts of interest are present.

• Get Out to Vote '82: MontPIRG volunteers set up tables around campus to provide students with convenient voter registration. On election day a phone campaign to remind students to vote brought out a record number of voters on campus.

Utilities/Energy

• Citizen's Utility Board (CUB): The utilities routinely spend thousands of dollars each year defending rate hikes requested before the Public Service Commission. This is many times more than is spent by all consumer representatives combined. To counter the utilities' undue influence, MontPIRG is working for the establishment of a Citizen's Utility Board (CUB). The organization would be voluntarily funded by ratepayers to fight unwarranted utility requests, study long-term energy policy and handle consumer complaints.

• Safe Energy: MontPIRG joined with other citizen groups from across the Northwest in 1983 in support of a twenty-year energy plan that would promote conservation and use of renewable energy sources.

Consumer Protection

• Car Repairs: MontPIRG's lobbying led to the 1983 passage of the Montana “Lemon Law,” which guarantees new car owners a refund after four unsuccessful attempts to repair their “lemons.”

• Cable TV: MontPIRG has led the effort of the Missoula Cable Coalition to ensure the inclusion of fair rates and services for subscribers in a proposed cable television franchise for the city.

• Housing: The organization published a complete guide to rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants in order to help the many student renters avoid unnecessary conflicts or loss of money.

• Child Care: A 1982 report provides a valuable resource for parents choosing a day care center in Missoula by identifying the wide variations in the quality and cost of services.

• Consumer Guides: MontPIRG periodically conducts price surveys on such items as banking services, groceries, bicycle repair and copy services.

• Consumer Advice: MontPIRG staffs a consumer hotline in Missoula to advise students what they can do if they feel cheated or misled by merchants.

Environmental Protection

• Hazardous Waste Clean-up: To help clean up the six identified hazardous waste dump sites in Montana, MontPIRG organized support for the 1983 passage of a state Superfund bill.

• Milltown Health Study: Researchers completed a door-to-door health survey of Milltown residents that found numerous cases of skin disorders and persistent colds possibly related to the contamination of arsenic in the community's drinking water.

• Toxic Waste Investigation: The organization is completing a "cradle to grave" study of the producers, transporters and disposers of hazardous waste in Missoula county.
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT MONTPIRG

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1981, over 4,000 students of the University of Montana supported the formation and funding of MontPIRG by signing a petition;

WHEREAS, ASUM groups, Faculty Senate, Central Board, legislators and Governor Schwinden signed letters supporting students' efforts to organize MontPIRG;

WHEREAS, in 1982 the Board of Regents approved a two-year probationary policy for the fee collection process;

WHEREAS, the student body has shown continued support by participating in MontPIRG as interns, volunteers, paid student staff members and members of the Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, MontPIRG has continually exceeded majority support from the student body as stipulated by the Board of Regents;

WHEREAS, the majority of the student body has the power to terminate MontPIRG's fee collection process;

THEREFORE, _______________________________ encourages the Regents to approve an ongoing policy that allows students the right to fund MontPIRG.

Signature ____________________________
Position ____________________________
Date ________________________________
CURRENT MontPIRG PROJECTS 1983-84

Mountain Bell Rate Hike—Current and forthcoming telephone rate hikes threaten phone service for the rural, poor, fixed-income and student populations of Montana. MontPIRG testified and petitioned the Public Service Commission to adopt "universal access" as a guide in determining future phone rates.

Marketplace Surveys—MontPIRG completes 2 to 5 marketplace surveys each quarter. Past topics have included copying services, banking and supermarkets. Future topics could include recreational equipment, storage facilities and eyewear.

Montana Citizens' Utility Board—With other citizen organizations, MontPIRG is working to give residential utility consumers a stronger voice before bodies that determine our utility prices and planning. CUB would be a statewide, citizen-run organization funded by small donations solicited through utility bills. Montana's CUB is modeled after Wisconsin's CUB which now has more than 80,000 members.

Toxics in Art Supplies—MontPIRG is conducting an investigation into the hazards created by various art supplies used in the classroom.

"Cradle to Grave" Study—Studies by MontPIRG are being conducted on the generators, transporters and disposers of hazardous materials in Missoula County.

Consumer Hotline—MontPIRG staffs a consumer hotline that operates as a service to consumers, helping them solve such consumer problems as landlord/tenant problems, mail fraud, credit and many others. Ten to fifteen calls are received each week.

Air Quality/Energy Conservation—Energy-concerned organizations, along with MontPIRG, are to conduct a neighborhood-by-neighborhood "model" weatherization program designed to save consumers' money and improve the quality of air in Missoula. This is a pilot program designed to expand throughout the city and perhaps statewide.

Loan Insurance Fraud—MontPIRG is conducting an investigation into banking practices concerning insurance for collateral on small loans.

Housing—The organization provides a tenants' rights booklet, a model rental agreement, a check-in sheet and a model security deposit agreement. Research is being completed to provide expanded housing services to the Missoula area.
Consumer Publications—The greatest number of informational booklets on consumer oriented problems come from MontPIRG. Current publications include booklets on child care, tenants' rights and mail fraud. The group is currently working on a guide to the Montana Small Claims Court System.

Recycling/Bottle Bill--The organization is currently studying approaches to encourage recycling, energy conservation, and reduce the solid waste problem.

Voter Registration Drive--MontPIRG has traditionally registered students to vote. It is currently one of several PIRGs hosting a National Student Conference on Voter Registration, designed to teach registration skills and encourage approximately 1 million new voters to register.

Water Quality--The organization is undertaking an investigation into "safe" water, a look at the future of our water supply and some of the challenges we face in this area.

Code of Ethics--MontPIRG will be working to place on the 1984 ballot an initiative for a strong Code of Ethics in Montana. A strong Code would ensure that elected officials reveal their potential conflicts of interest when making public decisions.

Internship Program--Students receive citizen training from MontPIRG while getting credit for working on research, education and advocacy projects.

Agenda for Citizen Involvement--MontPIRG produces a quarterly newsletter that keeps members informed of current activities and contemporary issues.

Citizen Outreach Canvass--Some 1,750 contributing citizen members belong to the organization. These supporting members were identified through a door-to-door canvass that helped bring MontPIRG's issues to many Montanans, provided citizenship training and raised money for continuing research, education and advocacy.

Forums--The organization regularly sponsors debates, forums and conferences on issues such as economic development, energy and water quality.
DIRECTIVE

All monies held by the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) are ultimately state funds and, thus, under the control of the Board of Regents of Higher Education. These funds are collected by the State of Montana University of Montana. Provided they are legal and conform to all state and regential policies, all allocations and expenditures of these funds are controlled by ASUM. In addition to these legal and policy requirements, ASUM is hereby adopting a fiscal policy regarding obtaining and spending these funds.

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

ASUM will fund only those activities which benefit the student population at the University of Montana.

STATUS OF ACCOUNTS

1. Every organization receiving funds through ASUM accounts must submit to the ASUM Business Manager a quarterly report by the last day of each academic quarter concerning the financial status of the organization. This report will include an itemized account of all expenditures made during the reporting period and a statement of all monies received as income or held as assets to supplement ASUM monies for the organization’s activities.

2. Accompanying the quarterly report, each organization must also submit a current list of those persons authorized to request and/or distribute funds from organization accounts (including changes to be made for the next reporting quarter), their correct addresses, and their phone numbers.

3. Any organization not in compliance with the above reporting schedule will be notified within five business days by the ASUM Business Manager and have its account frozen until these requirements are met.

4. Any organization whose budget diminishes within specific line items to below ten percent (10%) of the total yearly budget for those line items will be notified within five (5) days of such occurrence by the ASUM Accountant, each memo listing the line item(s) concerned, current balances, and bearing the signature of the ASUM Business Manager.

5. Invoices for organization expenditures submitted to ASUM will include date of purchase, itemized purchases and costs, total purchase, vendor, and the signature of appropriate organization personnel.

6. All ASUM groups that receive funding in February will be required to have their Adjusted Budget Request forms in by July 1 of the current year and their Student Organization Registration form in by October 31 of the next academic year or their account will be frozen until these forms are turned in to ASUM. Each group will have a two-week waiting period before funds can be disbursed.
SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS

1. ASUM will hold initially each fiscal year a fifteen thousand dollar ($9,000) special allocations fund to be divided equally among autumn, winter, and spring quarters. No more than five thousand dollars ($5,000) may be drawn from this fund in any one academic quarter.

2. Requests made for a special allocation from ASUM must be accompanied by a report form, supplied by the ASUM Business Manager, to be submitted to the ASUM Budget and Finance Committee, including an account of all itemized expenditures made during the reporting period and a statement of all monies received as income or held as assets to supplement ASUM monies for the organization's activities.

3. Requests must be entertained by the ASUM Budget and Finance Committee at least one week prior to the introduction of the requests at a Central Board meeting.

4. A suspension of the rules, provided by the ASUM Bylaws, Division III, Article II, Section 4, approved by 2/3 majority vote by Central Board may allow a request to come before Central Board the same week as it was presented by Budget and Finance.

5. Central Board must approve each special allocation by a majority vote. Central Board may override a disapproved request or amend an approved request of Budget and Finance by a majority vote.

6. No request will be granted for the sole purpose of covering an organization's budget deficit.

7. If a special allocation is not approved by the Budget and Finance Committee, a Central Board member may move to reconsider the request under new business after the week waiting period.

INVESTMENT

No organization receiving funds through ASUM accounts will be allowed to use those funds in part or in whole for the purpose of private, interest-earning investment.

DEFICIT SPENDING

1. Neither an organization within ASUM nor ASUM itself may spend more money than actually exists in the account of that organization without 4/5 approval of Central Board.

2. Any deficit approved by Central Board must be covered by monies from the ASUM general fund.

3. All deficits must be approved by Central Board before they occur. If a deficit is incurred without approval, the budget of the organization concerned in which the deficit is incurred will be frozen until reviewed by Budget and Finance and action taken
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by Central Board. Any group that incurs a deficit will be notified within one week by the ASUM Business Manager.

4. All ASUM account balances at the end of the fiscal year will be carried forward into the next fiscal year.

LIABILITIES

Liability of ASUM for the actions of individuals or organizations is limited to those actions conducted directly with approved ASUM funds.

TRAVEL AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

ASUM shall comply with MCA 2-18-501-502, et seq in computing payments made to employees of the ASUM. Those not covered by the above state laws shall fall under the coverage of the ASUM internal travel and expense reimbursement policy. A "waiver of additional reimbursement" shall be required from those not covered under the State policy.

We define employees to mean ASUM personnel who are:

(1) classified under the State Employee Classification System,

(2) paid by State Warrant, and

(3) traveling on business directly related to their employment.