### ASUM CENTRAL BOARD TALLY SHEET

**Explanation**

**CB Members**
- Burnham, Charlie
- Butler, Bob
- Dahl. Theodore (Ted)
- Desmulp, Leonard (Bud)
- Feiler, Kurt
- Finney, Shannon
- Goodrich, Sam
- Hafner, Wendy
- Hense, Matt
- Hodge, Chuck
- Johnston, Thornton
- Josephson, Mark
- Keyes, Dave
- Loftus, Peter
- Miller, Libby
- Mitchell, Charley
- Ong, Thomas
- Patterson, Phoebe
- Pedraza, Carlos
- Wolfe, Deloit

**ASUM Officers**
- Bolinger, David
- Jellison, Paula
- Gullickson, Greg

**Faculty Advisors**
- Whitman, Henri
The Special ASUM Central Board meeting was called to order by David S. Bolinger, ASUM President. Members present were Burnham, Butler, Dahl, Finney, Goodrich, Hafner (4:15), Hense, Hodge, Johnston, Josephson, Keyes, Weldon, Miller, Mitchell, Patterson, Pedraza, Wolfe, Jellison, and Gullickson. Desmul, Feiler, and Ong were not present. Whiteman was present as faculty advisor.

Bolinger informed the Board that the Elections Committee had previously met the day before and had decided to invalidate the primary election. Today, the Elections Committee met again and reversed their decision to invalidate the election.

Keyes - Burnham

Motion to accept primary results as is and hold the general election on February 29 as scheduled with only two presidential/vice presidential candidates.

Paul T. Clark, member on Elections Committee, informed the Board that the Elections Committee decided that the primary was valid and the motion to allow all four candidates run failed unanimously and the general election will be held on February 29 with only two candidates. The reasons why the decision made yesterday by the Elections Committee was not valid was because (1) Vice President Paula Jellison voted and she is an ex-officio member; (2) the proxy vote left by Libby Miller, member on Elections Committee, was not exercised properly; and (3) notice was not given to two members on the Elections Committee. The committee discussed situation about Kevin Young's I.D. not being validated. Because the I.D. Kevin used had his picture on it and stickers on the back, the committee decided to drop the issue.

Jellison informed the Board that the reason why the Elections Committee invalidated the primary the day before was because of irregularities in the primary with mistakes and they didn't want their name on an election that wasn't valid. Also, for personal reasons, Dave Sheldon has resigned from the Elections Committee.

Wolfe felt the committee should have disallowed the vote from Kevin Young. Josephson pointed out that because of problems such as this might arise the committee had a back-up system of making every student sign their name as they voted to prevent them from voting twice. Johnston found the problem to be within the Elections Committee. It was finally pointed out that the Elections Committee didn't go back on its decision to invalidate the primary; they only reconsidered the issue. Patterson pointed out that she went through the ASUM Constitution, Bylaws, and election rules and regulations and the only thing she found written was that you had to be an activity fee paying student in order to vote and said nothing about having a validated I.D.

Gullickson - Hense

Previous question. Upon vote, motion passed. Upon vote on main motion, it passed.
Comment Section

Burnham - Glad Dave Sheldon resigned from Elections Committee.

Dahl - Stated since he was not allowed to use the word "bogus" anymore, he felt that this Board should be termed circus; and he feels uneasy about what has happened. He felt that Central Board should have invalidated the primary election.

Finney - Stated she was anxious for next quarter to start and to start working on clear election rules.

Goodrich - Stated he felt angry over what has happened. He stated that ASUM cannot even conduct an election. Every election there has been some kind of an aura to prevent us from doing it right and that there is a lack of communication. He felt something needs to be done and next quarter Sam stated he will volunteer his help in coming up with rules and regulations and to establish some kind of a precedent so that the next election can come across clear.

Hense - Stated he felt it was not Wendy Hafner's fault by allowing Kevin Young to vote with his driver's license. Hense suggested that the Elections Committee get in a group before making their decisions and to then stick behind them. He ended that the committee should make their decisions a strong one.

Thornton - Agreed with what Sam Goodrich said, stated Wendy should be shot, and he ended by saying he disagreed with what Ted Dahl said.

Josephson - Felt the election itself was run well and fair. He felt that some people on the Elections Committee got together and made a hasty decision. He stated the question was if Kevin Young had a valid I.D. He, also, stated that the Elections Committee was approached to submit some type of rules and regulations that they wanted in the proposed ASUM Constitution, but this was never done. However, he does realize that this Elections Committee is composed of different people. But, he is again asking this committee to again do it.

Keyes - Stated he felt that today's Kaimin contained an editorial page that was bent with anger at everyone instead of just a few. Reminder that this Saturday there is a party at Charlie Burnham's house.

Weldon - Stated it was unfortunate on what has happened with the primary election but felt that we should live through this moment and move forward. Weldon stated that ASUM should now try and run responsively.

Miller - Felt that the present members of Elections Committee acted responsively; and she thanked Eric Troyer for writing an excellent article on what has been going on because he could have done a lot worse with the information he had.
Patterson - Stated she was disappointed on what has happened and that it is not written anywhere that you have to show your student I.D. in order to vote. The only thing she has found written is that you must be an activity fee paying student. She also stated she found that there is nothing written that says you get to vote once. She felt that the only thing that is an issue concerning the primary is if Kevin Young was an activity fee paying student.

Pedraza - Agreed with Patterson. The issue is not really the vote of one person rather the votes of the other 895 students who voted. The principles that most elections go by is that you have to have an overwhelming amount of evidence in order to invalidate an election. He hopes to see the elections rules and regulations cleared up, and he also donated his time along with Sam Goodrich to help come up with set guidelines for the Elections Committee to follow. Pedraza, also, informed the Board that he and Jeff Weldon have decided to resign from the campaign and they are throwing their support to Phoebe Patterson and Jeremy Sauter. Pedraza also stated that even though the terms of the current Central Board members is ending he hopes it does not mean the end of their student involvement.

Wolfe - Stated that when a person resigns from a committee we don't need to ask why. He felt that a good comment to say when someone resigns is to say they resigned for personal reasons. He further stated he hoped the Elections Committee got their rules and regulations written down to prevent this situation from happening again. He, also, informed the Board that quite a few people have called him at his house and he even received a standing ovation from people applauding him on his efforts to cut the Kaimin's funding.

Bolinger - Agreed with what Sam Goodrich said. There is a need for reform. Bolinger stated that he hopes to see some rules and regulations written down next quarter that he had hoped would have gotten done this term. He further stated that he felt the primary election was run very well. He agreed with Dave Keyes' disappointed with the Montana Kaimin in the last two days. Bolinger was dissatisfied with the Kaimin in that it took the Kaimin twenty days to publish a letter to the editor and then the Kaimin took four pages of editorials to defend themselves. Bolinger felt the Kaimin should realize that if they spend four pages to defend themselves that they should also give equal coverage to other groups. In the future, he hopes that the Kaimin will be more responsible. Bolinger ended by thanking Eric Troyer for his objective coverage of Central Board.

Jellison - Stated she felt that this was one difficult quarter for the Elections Committee and that the committee is doing its best. Jellison informed the Board that she could not join with the others in condemning Dave Sheldon's actions. Concerning the Kaimin, Jellison felt that the Kaimin is doing what it can. Concerning the issue of being misquoted, Jellison pointed out that it is difficult for someone to hear something and then interpret it as to what is meant. She ended by saying she is glad that Central Board passed putting the comment section on the agenda.
Gullickson - Stated that we really can't point a finger at the Elections Committee. The forum today, he stated, showed what happens to people when something like this happens and that the results were not good. One thing that was brought up at the forum was a problem with perception. He stated that he feels sometimes it is not the organization that is bad but the mistakes that have happen, and these mistakes need to be rectified. Gullickson stated that he stands behind the Elections Committee 100% because of all the work that goes into an election. He ended by wishing the Elections Committee good luck for the general election.

Whiteman - Stated she has a high esteem for the Board. Before taking the position of faculty advisor to Central Board, Whiteman stated she had decided to not be a maternalistic influence to the Board. She further stated that if she operates differently from the last faculty advisor it is because she is highly individualistic. One thing that motivated her as a person is that people have accepted her as she is. She stated that people are people within. We are humans with same capacity to hurt, to cry, to have goals, to err, and to succeed. Whiteman stated she has a high concern level for ASUM, and what has motivated her is excellence. She added she can't stand shoddy thinking. Whiteman continued by saying she had liked to have known what had occurred with the primary election. She would have appreciated to have had time to think about the situation. She stated you can trust her, and she hopes that we have all cultivated trust in her. When the whole issue came up concerning the election process the Elections Committee should have made sure Central Board as a whole was aware of what was happening because they would be the ones held liable and not the Elections Committee. Whiteman then went on to saying that an educated person has command of the English language not of four-letter words and that there is no excuse for mispelled words. What has been going on with the Kaimin can be a learning process. What she has seen in terms of leadership here (meaning Central Board) she said she would go to the polls and vote for them. The whole reason for meeting today is because of a candidate. It (meaning Kevin Young voting with driver's license) could have been anyone else, but it was a candidate. She advised the Board not to do anything that would leave the Board open for question. She stated she was gratified by the trust placed in the Elections Committee, but she advised the Board to keep their lines of communication open. Whiteman doesn't feel a faculty advisor should be around 10-15 years. She felt she should be the advisor as long as she is effective and as long as she is wanted.

Bolinger - Reminded the Board to read through the proposed ASUM Constitution and to be ready to discuss it next Wednesday. There are only two Central Board meetings left. If the Constitution is not approved next week, it won't be up for a vote spring quarter.
Keyes - Wolfe

Motion to adjourn at 5:05 p.m. Upon vote, motion passed.

Submitted by:

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