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ASUM CENTRAL BOARD AGENDA
MOUNT SENTINEL ROOM
MAY 22, 1985
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MAY 15, 1985, MINUTES
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
 - A. ASUM DAY CARE CONFERENCE REPORT - SUSAN GOBBS AND MARCIA MAYES
 - B. UM FOUNDATION SOUTH AFRICA DIVESTITURE - DOE SHULMAN
 - C. ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
6. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
 - A. BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. COMMENTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

Explanation

CB Members

Barbee, Dan

Boyer, Joe

Craig, Mike

Crawford, John

Crippen, Ken

Duval, Kevin

Henderson, Dan

Husseini, Khalid

McKittrick, Ann

Miller, Margaret

Murillo, Trini

Pinter, Juli

Pouliot, Lisa

Solomon, Gene

Stuart, Ford

Sullivan, Pete

Tempel, Scott

Thompson, Judi

Tuss, Paul

Wold, Chantel

ASUM Officers

Mercer, Bill

Johnson, Amy

Gullickson, Greg

Faculty AdvisorDr. CawleyWhiteman, Henri

Montana Kaimin

Jahrig, Gary

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ASUM CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES

Mount Sentinel Room

May 22, 1985

7:00 p.m.

The meeting of May 22 was called to order by President Bill Mercer. Members present were Barbee, Boyer, Craig, Crawford, Crippen, Duval (left 7:25), Henderson, Hussein, McKittrick, Miller, Murillo, Pinter (arrived 7:07), Pouliot (arrived 7:07), Solomon, Stuart, Sullivan, Tempel, Thompson, Tuss, Wold, Johnson, and Gullickson. Dr. Cawley was present as faculty advisor.

1. The minutes of May 15 were approved as written.

President's Report

2. Marcy Mayes, ASUM Day Care Coordinator, and Susan Gobbs, committee representative, came before the Board to give an update on the convention they attended in Chicago concerning day care.

Mayes informed the Board that the children's learning center in McGill Hall can handle 24 children in the center at one time. In addition, the program offers a referral service for day care homes. Currently, the homes handle around 45 children, and next year ASUM Day Care hopes to increase the program to serve 80 children.

Currently, ASUM Day Care provides 50 students practicum experience per year and serves 7 to 9 departments on campus.

The differences that were pointed out to Mayes at the conference were:

- (1) The ASUM Day Care program is a student-sponsored program. Other programs she found were sponsored by student services on campus.
- (2) Other programs were offered free space to run their programs.
- (3) Other programs their University system did the laundry for the day care program.
- (4) Some programs had provided to them free printing services.
- (5) Some programs had food provided to them at reduced rates.
- (6) Some of the justifications heard at the conference for other University's to support a day care program were (a) the University supported the family, (b) the concern for changing enrollment, and (c) the program could be used as a recruitment tool.

Susan Gobbs stated that out of approximately 100 programs represented at the conference the ASUM Day Care program was the only one that had to pay rent. She continued by pointing out that for the size of this University the ASUM Day Care program has an exceptional program. At the conference, ASUM was commended on its family day care program.

Gobbs informed the Board that she will be looking into grant writing techniques and will be looking into Senate Bill 807 that was introduced by Senator Kennedy that would release federal funds for campus child care centers. This bill could help to lower day care costs or to help to expand the program. Currently, Gobbs pointed out that the ASUM Day Care program is not meeting student needs. In closing, the ASUM Day Care committee will be looking into establishing a latch-key program and the possibilities of having a half-day program.

3. Doe Shulman, concerned student on the UM Foundation South Africa Divestiture movement, came before the Board asking them to support a resolution that called for Central Board's support of divestiture of UM Foundation funds from companies investing in South Africa. The resolution was presented to the Board by two University students (including Doe Shulman); Butch Turk, lobbyist for the Student Action Center during the past legislative session; and Peter Koehn, professor in Political Science. Appendix A and B explains the resolution asking for Central Board's support and a pamphlet outlining their side for divestiture, respectively. At next week's Central Board meeting on May 29 this resolution will come up for a vote under new business.
4. Joe Whittinghill, student, presented Greg Gullickson with the "Goat of the Week" award. This is a rotating award.
5. Mercer informed the Board that Programming has gone through the interviewing procedures for selecting coordinators for next year. The interviews are now complete, and Ky Boyd's appointees will be listed in the Kaimin tomorrow. Next week Central Board will be asked to ratify his appointments.
6. Mercer invited the Board to look at a report prepared by the American Council on Education entitled "Perspective: College Actions on South African Investments." The report will be in ASUM for anyone wishing to take a look at it.

Vice President's Report

7. Solomon - Gullickson

Motion to ratify John Dayries to serve on the Building Fees Committee.
Upon vote, motion passed.

8. Tempel - Gullickson

Motion to ratify Matt Thiel, John Velk, Kevin Duval, and John Kutzman to serve on the Elections Committee. Upon vote, motion passed.

Business Manager's Report

9. Gullickson informed the Board that Budget and Finance (1) denied a special allocation request for \$200 for Circle K; (2) denied a special allocation request for Wilderness Institute for \$621.15 for their Rattlesnake project; and (3) tabled a line-item change request for the Montana Kaimin for a computer purchase because no one was present to represent request. Concerning the Kaimin plan and time line of going before Publication's Board then Budget and Finance Committee and finally to Central Board, Gullickson hasn't received anything official from the Kaimin. Gullickson will keep the Board posted on development.

Committee Reports

10. Solomon (Publication's Board update) - PUB has voted to go ahead with the purchase of the computer equipment and approved advisor position for the Kaimin. At this time, a position description has yet to be drawn up for this position; and Solomon shares Greg's reservations to get the Kaimin's plan through this year.
11. Solomon (Yearbook Committee) - Currently, only one application has been received to fill two positions--the editor and business editor positions--on the Yearbook Committee. Since it has been difficult finding applicants to fill these vacancies, a time line for filling these positions have not been established.

Comments

12. Henderson - Hopes that everyone gets over to the UM Foundation to check out other side of the story to the divestiture issue.
13. McKittrick - Informed the Board that she has additional pamphlets and articles on the divestiture issue and encouraged Central Board to look at them.
14. Miller - If Circle K is interested in raising \$200, there is another way. Suggestion: Phoenix is having their annual yard sale. Anybody having anything to sell or donate are encouraged to do so. Also, Phoenix is looking for someone to serve refreshments.
15. Murillo - Today Murillo stated he had a lengthy conversation with a school teacher who is very informed on the divestiture issue. Everything brought up at the meeting he already knew about it. He will, however, make a point of going over to the UM Foundation because he has strong feelings about it. He stated it reminded him too much of what happened to the Indians in the United States.

May 22, 1985

16. Mercer - Stunned by Gene Solomon's comment. Mercer stated he has spent half his life over there. Mercer continued by saying even though he missed a few appointments he tries to be in early in the morning and at scheduled office times. Right now Mercer informed the Board that he is spending more time in the office than his academics can afford. Mercer told the Board that if there is a problem they should set up an appointment. Talk to Lance Grider master programmer in key master work.

Concerning the long debate on the divestiture issue, Mercer hopes that it was informative. Mercer encouraged Central Board members to review the report prepared by the American Council on Education. It will be available in Amy's office. Since there are many factors involved in the South Africa issue, Mercer encouraged the Board to do some independent work on their own. Also, Mercer encouraged the Board to look at the March issue of Newsweek for an article done on corporations.

17. Johnson - When you go out and seek information on this issue, you should understand that most everyone will agree that apartheid is wrong. You should look at the methods and possible solution that can be taken. She stated that Bill and she debated the divestiture issue for hours. She feels that if we do pass this resolution we will not only be saying we think apartheid is wrong but this is the specific method that should be taken.

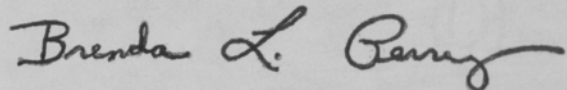
Johnson informed the Board that the goat award will be burned after this meeting. Amy felt that she and Bill are not worthy of this award.

Adjournment

18. Gullickson - Tempel

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Upon vote, motion passed.

Submitted by:



Brenda L. Perry, ASUM Secretary

Whereas Apartheid is a heinous and oppressive system which offends all human decency and is one of the greatest evils the world has known since Nazism; and

Whereas global political and moral pressures for changes in this system have been to no avail; and

Whereas U.S. investments in the Republic of South Africa have the effect of strengthening the economic and military self-sufficiency of the apartheid system, as former Prime Minister Vorster himself admitted; and

Whereas an institution like ours, dedicated to ideals of higher education and sound intellectual endeavors, has a special responsibility to disengage itself from complicity in any form of racism; and

Whereas divestiture as a means of supporting positive change in the Republic of South Africa has been endorsed by the Federation of South African Trade Unions, the African National Congress, and Nobel laureate Bishop Desmond Tutu.

ASUM
Central Board

Now, therefore, Be it resolved by the ~~Faculty Senate~~ of The University of Montana that no University of Montana Foundation funds should remain deposited or invested, or be deposited or invested, in any bank or financial institution, including its parent company, subsidiary, or affiliate that has an outstanding loan to:

(a) the Republic of South Africa or its instrumentalities;

or

(b) a national corporation of, or other corporation organized under the laws of, the Republic of South Africa;

and

Be it further resolved that no University of Montana Foundation funds should remain invested or be invested in the stock, securities, or other obligations of a firm, including its parent company, subsidiary, or affiliate, that is doing business in the Republic of South Africa.

Financial Implication of Divestment

"...Barron's reported on a study comparing the Standard and Poor's 500 stocks for a recent 6 year period with and without companies doing business in South Africa; the performance of the latter portfolios was consistently better."

—Executive Wealth Advisory, 12/26/83

Of the 6350 securities traded on the major U.S. stock exchanges, less than 400 are for firms that operate in South Africa. The Foundation has ample alternatives to South Africa related securities.

At least 5 states, 24 cities, several unions, 16 national and 37 local churches and 40 universities have, to some degree, divested from South Africa. That not one has reinvested in South Africa shows that divestment is consistent with prudent financial management.

Michigan State University's divestment-caused net gain from 3/78 to 12/79 was \$2,034,355 (MSU Trustees Investment Committee Report, 1979).

"...divestiture has proven to have had no significant impact on our pension earnings...careful divestiture can result in net increases in pension earnings."

—Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis

"...an investment community generally opposed to political interference, sensitive to pension law obligations, and unfamiliar with considering the social implications of their actions has raised several questions regarding divestiture. To date, however, there is no evidence that divestiture has negatively impacted a pension fund. In fact, there is a growing accumulation of studies and real examples that show the opposite."

—Joan Bavaria, President, Franklin Research and Development Corporation

U of M's Responsibility

Historically, universities have been at the vanguard of positive change in society. The academic sector has long been an outspoken supporter of our cherished values of freedom, equality and democracy. White South Africa tolerates none of these ideals.

It is a travesty that we, the UM community, should profit from this oppression. We have a responsibility to do everything we can to support majority rule in South Africa.



What You Can Do

- Sign the South Africa divestment petition that is circulating on campus.
- get your student, faculty or staff organization to support South Africa divestment.
- Call, write or stop in at the UM Foundation office at Arthur and University (UM Foundation, U of M, Missoula, MT 59812, #243-2593).
- Write a letter to the Kaimin or the Missoulian.
- For more information visit the Student Action Center office (UC 105) or call 243-5897 or 721-7000.

Appendix B

STOP UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA FOUNDATION AID TO SOUTH AFRICA

Join in the campaign to achieve Foundation divestment of securities in corporations which operate in South Africa and banks which lend to South Africa.



"We want to keep South Africa white—keeping it white can only mean one thing, namely white domination, not leadership, not guidance, but control, supremacy."

—H. Verwoerd, former Prime Minister of South Africa

Why Focus on South Africa?

- 87% of the land has been designated for whites, who comprise 18% of the population (UN Office of Public Information).
- 7 times more money is spent on a white child's education than a black child's.
- One half of all children born on the Bantustans die before the age of 5 (UN Office of Public Information).
- Torture and censorship are extensive. Half of all executions taking place in the Western world last year took place in South Africa.
- For a South African to call for divestment is a crime punishable by up to 20 years in prison (Internal Security Act, 1982).

South Africa's government, alone in the world, claims the right to rule due to racial supremacy. Although there have been some cosmetic positive changes, the situation for blacks is only becoming worse. Since 1960, those receiving virtually no income has increased from 250,000 to 1.5 million, while the number living below the poverty line rose from 4.9 million to 9 million. So far, 3.5 million have been forcibly removed to the crowded, barren Bantustans. 2 million more are to follow. We are witnessing nothing less than the creation of concentration camps by the ideological heirs to Hitler.

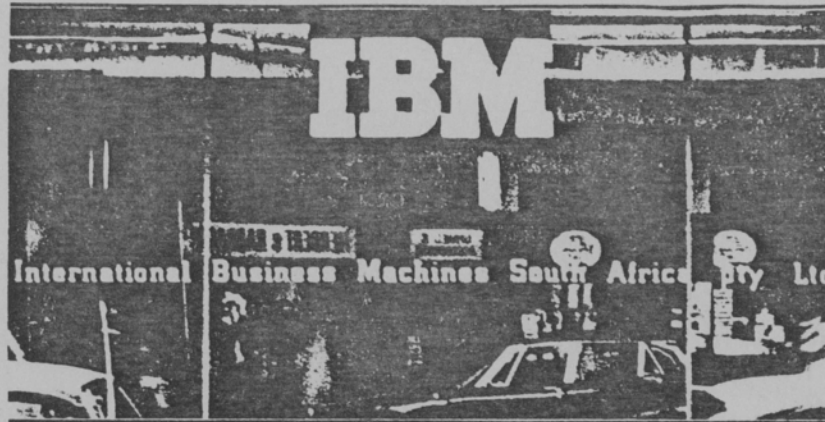
UM Foundation's

South Africa Connection

The Foundation controls assets of about \$6 million. Most of this is invested in a variety of corporate securities. The Foundation has admitted that these securities include stocks in firms that operate in South Africa such as IBM and others.

What Is the UM Foundation?

The UM Foundation is a private organization with an on-campus office. It raises money solely for University of Montana activities. It has spent millions of dollars funding such projects as continuing education, fine arts, athletics, research, scholarships and new buildings.



U.S. Corporate Support

For Apartheid

U.S. banks make loans to this government, U.S. firms pay taxes to it. U.S. corporations provide shock batons to the police, vehicles to the military, computers for enforcement of the pass laws, and have assisted the nuclear program. IBM computers, for instance, are used for the maintenance of racial classification records. Investor confidence which accompanies U.S. investment makes our economic impact even greater than the dollar amount.

"Each trade agreement, each bank loan, each new investment is another brick in the wall of our continued existence."
—former Prime Minister John Vorster

The Effect of Corporate Withdrawal

Besides ending economic support for apartheid, corporate withdrawal would send a clear signal to South African blacks that Americans endorse their quest for democracy. Since majority rule will come to South Africa someday, the question is whether the change will be violent or not. Economic pressure serves to support nonviolent change.

Black Reaction to Divestment

U.S. investment tends to be capital rather than labor intensive and thus supplies more dollar support for the government than jobs for blacks. U.S. firms employ only 120,000 blacks out of a workforce of 8 million. The loss of these jobs could hardly make worse the slave conditions that exist for South Africa's 22 million blacks. Divestment is supported by the Federation of South African Trade Unions (Johannesburg Star, 7/9/84) and the African National Congress.

"I will just say that those investing in this country are upholding one of the most evil systems the world has known since Naziism." "I have called for pressure to be exerted on the South African government...above all, economic pressure."

—Bishop Desmond Tutu, 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Divestment Is Already Working

- Chrysler and Polaroid left South Africa, partially due to employee and stockholder pressure.
- General Electric pulled out of a major mining contract in large part because of such pressures (Financial Times, U.K., 10/12/82).
- A number of companies withdrew from South Africa in 1983, due partially to opposition to investment (The Economist, 7/16/83 and 7/25/83).
- An official of the South African Reserve Bank concluded that increasing political pressures to limit investments has contributed to a change in investment patterns (Rand Daily Mail, Johannesburg, 12/6/82).
- The largest lender to South Africa, Citibank, announced in February, 1985 that it will make no future loans to South Africa (Washington Post, 2/85).