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ASUM CENTRAL BOARD AGENDA  
MOUNT SENTINEL ROOM  
NOVEMBER 20, 1985  
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 13, 1985 MINUTES
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - A. STUDENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION PROPOSAL - JEFF WELDON
  - B. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
  - A. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS
    1. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
KEVIN CONNOR -- SOPHOMORE/GENERAL/HONORS
6. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
  - A. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
8. OLD BUSINESS
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. COMMENTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

DATE November 20, 1985

### Explanation

### CB Members

Barbee, Dan

Boyer, Joe

Craig, Mike

Crawford, John

Crippen, Ken

Duval, Kevin

Henderson, Dan

Husseini, Khalid

McKittrick, Ann

Miller, Margaret

Neuman, John

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 Advisor

Cawley, Gregg

Montana Kaimin

~~Jehrig, Gary~~

CB:cbtally

## ASUM CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES

Mount Sentinel Room

November 20, 1985

7:00 p.m.

The ASUM Central Board meeting was called to order by Mercer, ASUM President. Members present were Barbee, Boyer, Craig, Crawford, Crippen, Duval, Henderson, Hussein, Miller, Neuman, Solomon, Stuart, Sullivan, Tempel, Thompson, Tuss, Wold, Gullickson, Johnson, and Cawley. McKittrick, Pinter, and Pouliot were excused.

1. The minutes of November 13, 1985 were approved as written.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2. Jeff Weldon, chairman of the Legislative Committee, presented the Board with a proposal to revamp the Legislative Committee called Student Legislative Action. Weldon said that the reason he revised the duties of the Legislative Committee was because he wasn't happy with the way the lobbying efforts went. The proposal has three functions: communication, monitoring, and lobbying. He asked the Board to look at the proposal until the December meeting when it would be voted on.
3. Mercer Announcements
  - . Mercer introduced Krista Denney to the Board. Krista will be taking over the Central Board duties while Pam is on leave of absence during Winter quarter.
  - . Mercer presented each member with a copy of a memo from Dean Reinhardt. that recommends delaying the implementation of the Exit Writing Exam for one full year.
  - . Mercer reported that the positions on the School of Education Dean Search Committee have been filled. Two students still need to be appointed to the Dean of Forestry Search Committee. These positions will be filled with one undergraduate and one graduate student.
  - . Mercer commented that he was discouraged with the way the CB appointments went last week. He asked the Board to please try to keep their appointments because it is good chance to talk on an individual basis. Mercer added that the next four weeks will be very busy so it would help if members would stop and confirm their appointments if they are unsure of the time to meet.
  - . Mercer announced that agendas and minutes of the Board of Regents' meetings will be posted to keep CB members informed.



#### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4. Sullivan - Gullickson -- Motion to approve Kevin Connor as a member of the International Student Advisory Committee. Upon vote, motion passed.
5. Johnson reported that a complete committee list will be posted by the end of the week.
6. Johnson announced that there will be a CB sub-committee formed to review each student committee. If anyone is interested, please let her know.

#### BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

7. Gullickson informed the Board that ASUM Child Care has asked for a special allocation of \$750 for new carpet. He is hoping that the funding can possibly qualify for building fees funding.
8. Gullickson reported that the Mini Art Film Series requested by ASUM Programming will be tabled for the time being because of a lack of funding.
9. Gullickson announced that the Special Allocation request for the Student Recreation Association will be posted and voted on next week.
10. Gullickson informed the Board that Budget and Finance has voted that the pay increases for the new Fiscal Policy will go into effect on November 1, 1985.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

11. Temple presented the Board with the Student Union Board Office Space Policy. He said that the reason people are getting moved around is to make space available for Panhellenic.

Temple reported that he and SUB members Henderson, Hiatt, and Pinter went to Bozeman this week and toured MSU's SUB building. He added that our SUB will be sending out letters to all ASUM groups for input on what should be done with the space available in the UC.

12. Sullivan reported for Campus Development that the move into Corbin Hall does not appear to be progressing as smoothly as initially planned.
13. Crawford reported that the Student Health Committee is currently looking at alternatives to avoid Blue Cross increases this spring.
14. Tuss reported that ASCRC is still in the process of reviewing course additions, deletions and description requests. He added that the Math Department wants to overhaul their classes which would affect the General Education Requirements.

15. Boyer reported that there will be an Elections Committee meeting next Tuesday at 5:00 to discuss procedures and time lines for the upcoming ASUM elections.

#### OLD BUSINESS

16. **Sullivan - Crippen** -- Motion to have Fiscal Policy pay increases take effect on December 1, 1985 instead of November 1, 1985 as proposed by Budget and Finance. Discussion followed.

**Boyer - Sullivan** -- Previous question. Upon vote, previous question passed. Upon vote, main motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

17. Johnson presented the Board with a tentative library proposal to obtain more funding for the library. Tuss, Pinter, Stuart, and Husseini were asked by Johnson to form a CB sub-committee to look over the proposal and suggest necessary additions and/or deletions. Johnson also added that she has received a list from Dean Patrick of what the library needs and how the money could be used.

#### COMMENTS

18. **Solomon** -- Can understand Budget and Finance's stand on the pay increases, but I feel that since the next CB meeting isn't until December we were procedurally correct to take action this week.

A big thank you to the ASUM Child Care for a great spaghetti dinner last Friday night.

19. **Cawley** -- Tomorrow is the vote on the faculty salary contract. If the contract is not ratified then I think you will see things heat up again. There may be a motion to strike and arbitration may be necessary. I hope the faculty ratifies it.
20. **Miller** -- We have a library that definitely needs help. We are paring down curriculum and faculty, closing dining rooms and residence halls because of lack of funds. Family housing has lost their social center in favor of a bar because we need the revenue. I can't believe we still have plenty of money to build a stadium.

#### ADJOURNMENT

21. **Crippen - Temple** -- Motion to adjourn at 8:20. Upon vote, motion passed.

Submitted by,

*Krista Denney*  
Krista Denney

## STUDENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION

By-Law: Draft 4

Division \_\_--Student Legislative Action

Article I--Role and Scope

The ASUM office of Student Legislative Action shall communicate with, monitor, and lobby local, state, and federal governmental bodies and regulatory agencies regarding any action that effects the University of Montana and its student population.

As a student organization, the SLA shall act as representative of student interests, both academic and economic, before the various governmental bodies that affect student life. As a student organization, the SLA shall provide valuable academic, political, and social experience for all students who participate in SLA activities.

Article II--SLA Organization and Staff

Section 1--The SLA Director

a. The SLA Director shall be appointed by the ASUM president and shall be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the ASUM Central Board. The SLA Director shall remain in said position for a term of one year, with successive terms reappointed by the president and approved by Central Board.

b. The SLA Director shall:

1. design, with the assistance of the ASUM president and the SLA staff, specific goals and strategies for ASUM governmental lobbying efforts. General SLA goals and strategies shall be presented to Central Board at least three months before the efforts are scheduled to begin.
2. coordinate and be responsible for the business and activity of the SLA.
3. maintain an SLA staff.
4. prepare and present an annual SLA budget to the ASUM president.



5. chair the ASUM Montana Legislative Lobbyist Selection Committee.

a. the Lobbyist Selection Committee shall consist of the ASUM president, the SLA director, one C. B. member (appointed by the president), and two individuals (appointed by the SLA director) with knowledge of the Montana Legislative process.

b. the ASUM Lobbyist shall be selected by a simple majority vote of the selection committee and ratified by a simple majority vote of C. B.

6. be present at the University of Montana during the Montana Legislative session.

7. upon the completion of his/her tenure in office, file a written report with the ASUM president narrating the SLA's efforts during his/her term; the report shall also contain recommendations for future SLA activity.

### Section 3--The SLA Staff

a. The SLA Director shall select and be responsible for an SLA staff consisting of the following positions: the Montana Legislative Action Coordinator, the Missoula City Council Representative, the ASUM Legislative Activities and Volunteer Coordinator, and the SLA Administrative Assistant. The SLA Director may at any time remove an SLA employee for not satisfying assigned duties or responsibilities.

b. The Montana Legislative Coordinator shall:

1. be familiar with Montana governmental processes, politics, and history.

2. be knowledgeable of UM administrative processes, politics, and history.

3. work with the SLA Policy Committee and the SLA Director in designing SLA activities.



4. organize the ASUM Lobbyist selection process.
5. brief and assist the ASUM Lobbyist before and during the Legislative session.
6. be present at the UM during the Legislative session.

c. The Missoula City Council Representative shall:

1. be familiar with Missoula's city government and politics.
2. attend the weekly Missoula City Council meetings.
3. report to and work with the SLA Director concerning all issues before the City Council that may affect the UM.

d. The ASUM Legislative Activities and Volunteer Coordinator shall:

1. maintain an active SLA volunteer list of at least 25 students.
2. organize and carry out any SLA activities such as Student Lobby Day, legislative receptions, and phone and letter lobbying efforts.

e. The SLA Administrative Assistant shall:

1. maintain and manage any and all financial, office and budget matters for the SLA.
2. assist the SLA Director in preparing an annual budget for the SLA.

Article III--Financial

Section 1--Funding

The SLA funding shall be derived from annual student activity fee allocations from the ASUM Central Board.

Section 2--SLA Budget

The SLA Director, assisted by the SLA Administrative Assistant, shall prepare and present the annual budget to the ASUM president. The SLA Director shall be responsible for maintaining a balanced SLA budget.

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

DATE: November 12, 1985

TO: Donald Habbe, Academic Vice President  
Tom Roy, Chair, ECOS

FROM: Howard E. Reinhardt, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences *HER*

RE: The Exit Writing Exam

The purpose of this memo is to recommend that implementation of the Exit Writing Exam be delayed one full year so that students who have earned more than 95 credits by the beginning of fall quarter 1986 would be exempt. (The strongly stated wish of the faculty senate was that only those who completed 95 credits by the beginning of fall quarter 1985 would be exempt.)

Discussions about implementation of the writing exam have brought to my attention a number of matters which must be attended to and others which should be attended to before the writing exam. Among those are the following:

- A director must be designated, either by reassignment within the university or by hiring a person part-time specifically for that task. The first of these seems nearly impossible; the second seems to be a feasible approach.
- If hired externally, a director will need to become acquainted with our goals, our methods and our staff.
- Graders must be hired and trained.
- Exam questions should be written and validated with the trained graders working through a simulated exam (Professor Bari Burke has volunteered her law students to be the writers of exams in such a test. Advocates may be another source of guinea pigs.)
- The Computer Center must modify its student records program to allow us to identify students who are exempt, to identify those who have passed, to identify those who are eligible to take the exam and (among the latter group) those who are newly eligible. Needed programming for the Financial Aids Office should take priority over this project.
- The logistics of giving the exam, notifying students, providing security to minimize the chance of one student taking the exam for another and posting results (to students and to the students' records) must be clarified.
- The appeals procedure must be clearly defined.

For the writing exam to be a fair hurdle for students I feel the following, at least, are necessary:



- 1) A student must be able to take the exam as soon as he/she becomes eligible. This would require giving the exam during winter quarter this year.
- 2) The exam should be given and graded well before the deadline for adding courses, preferably during the first week of the quarter, so students can take supplementary coursework immediately.
- 3) Examples of prototypical exams should be available to students.
- 4) Faculty offering "W" courses should have a clear notion of the method of grading the exam. "W" courses shouldn't teach toward the exam, but they should be helpful preparation for the exam.
- 5) The Writing Laboratory should be functioning.

Of these, only the fifth of these necessary conditions has been met. The first is still possible; I think the second is not; the third and fourth certainly are not.

There is general agreement that we should not implement the exam until we can do a good job of it. Postponing implementation for a year gives us a chance to take care of the above listed problems/tasks. The best way to proceed would be to hire, as soon as possible, the director and let him/her proceed with implementation. That person should be hired part-time, preferably with variable hours. Once the exam is established a budget of \$10,000 per year for the exam should be adequate. Start up costs would be different (requiring more of the director, but with no grades and grading).

I have had the help of a number of colleagues in developing this memo--Bob Hausmann, Beverly Chin, Robert Lindsay, Phil Bain, Nancy DeCou, Jim Lucke, Jim Flightner and the deans. I appreciate their help, but I am responsible for sins of omission and commission and for the recommendation to postpone the implementation.

I would be willing to meet with ASCRC, ECOS, the Senate, the deans, the 8:30 group, ASUM or any other interested constituency.

HR/ng

xc: Bill Kerschner

✓ Bill Mercer

Bob Hausmann

Beverly Chin

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Council of Deans





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September 12, 1985

Because the library is a "visible service" that all students use, we feel many students would applaud an effort to obtain more resources for the library.

**PROPOSAL:**

- 1) A referendum to ask students to pay a mandatory \$10 fee per quarter for the 1986-87 academic year. This fee would generate 1/4 million dollars for book acquisition and student facility improvement of the library.
- 2) The referendum would be voted on during fee payment Winter quarter 1986. Upon passage by the student body the "Student Library Material Acquisition Fee" will be proposed to the Board of Regents for their approval.
- 3) In the event the State contribution to the library fails to remain constant, the intent of the resolution will be void.

*Bill Mercer  
President*

*Amy Johnson  
Vice President*

*Greg Gullickson  
Business Manager*

# 'Radical' idea nets \$3 million library allocation

A "radical" funding concept originated by the University's student body president has resulted in a special \$3 million allocation for libraries at the state's colleges and universities.

ASUU President Spencer Hill called on Utah students to voluntarily pay a \$1 million one-time tuition surcharge on condition the Legislature appropriate double

that sum, or \$2 million, with all the funds to be earmarked for libraries. The 1985 Legislature bought the proposal.

The typical full-time University student will pay a \$12-\$15 per quarter surcharge during 1985-86. The surcharge is expected to net about \$475,000. The University will receive \$950,000 from the \$2 million legislative appropriation, bringing

the University share of the special allocation to \$1.4 million.

"It was the student initiative, the student sacrifice if you will, that got the appropriation through the Legislature," President Chase Peterson told a meeting of the University Senate. The Senate passed a resolution commending students "for

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Spencer Hill

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# Review

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## \$3 million library allocation

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their unselfish and statesmanlike efforts."

Student leaders felt a tuition increase in 1985-86 was inevitable, explains Hill. Surveys by the Associated Students of the U of U indicated students would feel better about the increase if some of the money was directed to a visible service all students use. When the special library appropriation was suggested, it "got great support from students," he says.

However, notes Hill, the surcharge was a "very radical" idea to present to

regents and legislators because for the first time students were seeking to influence just how tuition dollars would be spent.

Hill first outlined the proposal to the Utah Student Association, an organization of student body presidents from all Utah public and private colleges. USA endorsed the proposal and USA executive director Bruce Robinson, a University junior, became a key lobbyist for it.

The idea then went to the State Board of Regents where it initially met opposition. The regents were considering an 8 percent base increase in tuition.

With the student proposal, the regents faced dropping the permanent increase to 7 percent in order to keep the overall hike within the 8 percent figure. That meant a drop of \$500,000 in permanent net revenue. A regents' subcommittee recommended against the one-time surcharge.

However, students got support from other regents, and Brad Howell, a Weber State College student and ex-officio student regent for this year, gave an articulate explanation of the plan to the full board. The proposal ended up passing the board unanimously.

Later, then Gov. Scott M. Matheson backed the plan and included it in his budget. The proposal then went to the Legislature and the Higher Education Appropriations Committee.

"We were planning to recommend \$980,000 for libraries statewide," says Rep. Richard Carling, R-Salt Lake, committee co-chairman. But when students offered to pay a tuition surcharge legislators said, "Let's kick in another million."

"Libraries ended up with \$1.1 million more in state funds than they ordinarily would have received," he says. "I'm sure

it never would have happened without the student initiative."

Libraries were one of the hardest hit areas of academia during the 1979-83 recession. The knowledge explosion was unabated and at the same time the cost of books and journals rose sharply. Yet there were repeated cuts in state support.

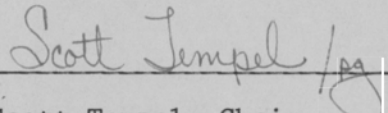
The stature of University libraries declined significantly during that period, says Roger K. Hanson, director of libraries. In 1973, the library was purchasing 88 percent of newly issued American periodicals. In 1983, it was buying 61 percent.

Hanson says the special appropriation will be used to buy a greater percentage of the current publications output, for book purchases that have been postponed, for buying items in microfilm rather than book form to ease crowding at Marriott Library, and for publications needed in graduate student and faculty research.

STUDENT UNION BOARD OFFICE SPACE POLICY

The Student Union Board of ASUM hereby grants on this 14th day of November, 1985:

- I. 1) The ASUM Legislative Committee to move from Room 105A to Room 110A, where it will share equal space with the Complaint Officer.
  - 2) The ASUM Interfraternity Council to move from Room 110A to Room 105A, where it will share equal space with Panhellenic.
  - 3) Each respective group shall have only one desk and one file cabinet to be provided by the University Center.
    - a) The file cabinet will be made available as soon as one is purchased.
    - b) The Complaint Officer's desk shall be given to Panhellenic for use. The Complaint Officer will be provided a desk at the beginning of Winter Quarter.
  - 4) Office 110A shall have two phones.
  - 5) Office 105A shall one phone which shall be used equally.
  - 6) Interfraternity Council and Legislative Committee phones shall be transferred to the proper phone location.
  - 7) Space allocation shall be reviewed again in the spring.
- II. The ASUM work area shall be divided at Cabinet #11, straddling the phone jack to create two separate work areas. A work table will be provided for each space.

  
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Scott Tempel, Chair  
Student Union Board