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ASUM CENTRAL BOARD AGENDA

Mount Sentinel Room

November 11, 1987

6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of November 4, 1987 minutes
4. President's Report
 - a. Dr. James Koch, University of Montana President
 - b. Robert Hausmann, UM English Professor
 - c. General Announcements
5. Vice President's Report
 - a. General Announcements
6. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Budget and Finance Committee Report
7. Committee Reports
8. Public Comment Period
9. Old Business
 - a. Johnson Resolution
10. New Business
 - b. Semester System Resolution
 - c. Food Service Policy Resolution
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

ASUM CENTRAL BOARD TALLY SHEET

DATE November 11, 1987

Explanation

CB Members

Bell, Rob

Breidenbach, Patti

Brooks, Cindy

Dare, Mike

Deschamps, Kristin

Flynn, Debbie

Harmon, Kevin

Henderson, Will

Hiett, Nancy

House, Carrie

Hurlbut, Sonia

Isern, Jennifer

Johnson, Chris

McConnell, Jessi

Mutch, William

Dumar, Bachchi

Palmer, Wendy

Shultz, Bruce

Williams, Paul

Wimmer, Jay

ASUM Officers

Snelson, Scott

Mathison, Mike

Fickler, Kyle

Faculty Advisor

Maloupka, Bill

Montana Kaimin

Mann, Jim

CB:cbtallv

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ASUM CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES

Mount Sentinel Room

November 11, 1987

6:00 p.m.

The ASUM Central Board meeting was called to order by Snelson, ASUM President. Members present were Bell, Breidenbach, Dare, Deschamps, Flynn, Hiett, Henderson, House, Hurlbut, Isern, Johnson, McConnell, Mutch, Oumar, Palmer, Shultz, Williams, Wimmer, Mathison, Fickler and CB Advisor Chaloupka. Brooks and Harmon were excused.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of November 4, 1987 were approved as written.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2. Dr. James Koch addressed the Board with his concerns regarding issues currently facing UM students. President Koch assured the Board that he is not going to lobby the Board of Regents to abolish MontPIRG nor will he lobby strongly for MontPIRG. He added that the position that he will present to the Board of Regents is the opinion of the students.

Concerning the recent food service policy, he commented that neither his office nor the Dean of Student's office was consulted in advance of this policy being enacted. Dr. Koch expressed his interest in what the Board had to say on the issue and he feels that individuals who use the food service need to be taken care of in an equitable fashion.

Dr. Koch indicated his belief that the University of Montana and the Missoula community don't stand for views that support racism and hate literature, and that UM is prepared to take action if the hate literature leads to physical or verbal harassment. He announced that there will be a President's March for Human Dignity, an anti-racism event, next Tuesday, November 17, 3:00 p.m. President Koch welcomed ASUM to cosponsor the event.

3. Dr. Robert Hausmann, UM English professor, addressed the Board with his views on the proposed semester system and presented CB members with a list of 14 points arguing against the conversion to a semester system. He feels that if students get behind the issue that the Board of Regents will listen. Dr. Hausmann urged members to directly contact the Board of Regents, lobby with other University System students and pass a resolution against the semester system.
4. Snelson informed members that a local beer distributor is publicly criticizing, over the radio, MontPIRG's funding system. He will play it during the comment section.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5. Mathison - Isern motioned to approve Shelly Schneider, physical therapy, and Susan Lloyd, pharmacy, as student members of the Dean of School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Services Search Committee. Upon vote, motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

6. Bell, SLA Director, announced that there will be a meeting on Monday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m., in the ASUM office.
7. Mathison, Member Organizations, reminded members that if they are also members of other student organization to make sure those groups have returned their registration forms to ASUM. Groups that have not already returned their registration forms will have their funding frozen immediately.
8. Henderson, Health Service, reported that they are discussing costs and he will keep the Board informed.
9. Palmer, ASCRC, reported that they have deleted four business classes from next year's curriculum. The classes have been deleted because of funding shortages or they aren't meeting the needs of the Business School.

OLD BUSINESS

10. Johnson - Fickler motioned to table Johnson's constitutional amendment resolution. Upon vote, motion failed. Johnson withdrew his constitutional amendment resolution.
11. Palmer - Williams motioned to approve ASUM's cosponsorship of the President's March for Human Dignity. Upon vote, motion passed.

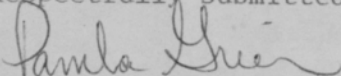
NEW BUSINESS

12. Isern - Johnson motioned to approve a resolution of the ASUM in opposition to the Lodge Food Service policy enacted 11/8/87. Resolution will be voted on next week.
13. Mathison - Johnson motioned to approve a resolution of the ASUM in opposition to the semester system at the University of Montana. Resolution will be voted on next week.
14. Mathison - Henderson motioned to approve the University Center Fee Resolution II. Resolution will be voted on next week.

ADJOURNMENT

15. Johnson - Palmer motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Upon vote, motion to adjourn passed.

Respectfully submitted by,


Pamla Grier

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

DATE: November 10, 1987

TO: ASUM

FROM: Robert Hausmann, Professor, English; Chair, Linguistics Program

RE: Arguments against conversion to semester system

1. Decreased contact between students and faculty (65 different courses and/or instructors under a quarter system but only 43 on semester)---down 22 faculty.
2. Decreased variety of courses (again, 65 3 credit courses on quarter, 43 on S.)
3. Decreased employment opportunity on early semester. In a state where most of the summer work is in the woods, resorts, or in agriculture and a summer from the middle of June to the end of September, for students to be available for work between early May and last August means few job opportunities in the summer.
4. Decreased opportunity for students--especially non-traditional students--to enter the University (half a year's tuition and 16 weeks' commitment versus 1/3 a year's tuition and 10 weeks' commitment).
5. More difficulty for students who have a bad academic term to get off probation (a student who gets a 1.0 one term and 2.3 from then on will take 5 terms to get off probation. That is $2\frac{1}{2}$ years on semester but only $1\frac{2}{3}$ years on quarter).
6. Much more difficulty for student teachers to teach in the Missoula area. With 1000 teacher education students (1 in 8 students) having to student teach (330 a year), on semester 165 per term must find schools. On the quarter, only 110 must find positions. The result will be that many more students will have to relocate out of the Missoula area in order to student teach.
7. Small Business Administration internship program (under contract) will lose up to \$16,000 in grants on the conversion for fewer students will be able to work in local businesses. A loss to the University of cash and public relations contacts from UM students working with and helping Montana businesses.
8. With a smaller number of courses to select from and more pressure on student courses for graduation, students will be able to package themselves less well for the job market and for graduate school. Instead of taking a minor here and a concentration of courses there, students will look very much like other students from other universities; consequently, they will be less competitive.
9. Dramatic pressure on interdisciplinary programs. The chairs of Humanities, Wildlife Biology, Study Skills, Native American Studies, Linguistics, Environmental Studies, Asian Studies, Western Studies, and Study Abroad have all signed a statement predicting a destruction of their interdisciplinary programs. They feel that a constriction of curriculum will necessarily squeeze out their programs.
10. With a cut in courses, we will cut one of the most attractive drawing cards the University has--an opportunity for faculty to teach courses in their specialities on a regular basis and offer unique or unusual courses. A cut, therefore, will have a negative impact on recruitment and faculty development.

11. Sabbaticals (=renewal and retraining) for faculty will be much less attractive on semesters. We now have a full year on research or retraining at 2/3 pay or 2 quarters at full pay. Under semesters, we'll get 1/2 pay for a full year or 1/2 a year at full pay. Faculty will have less release time or, if they take the full year, will do so at impossible wages. The result will be that fewer faculty will benefit as much as they currently do.
12. Early retirement. Under the quarter system, a faculty member close to retirement can take retirement and teach 1/3 time (10 weeks) for 1/3 of his or her last year's pay. At best, under the semester system, a faculty member might teach 1/2 a year at half pay. But the point of the system is to get the 2/3 of the salary of the older, better paid faculty member in order to hire a younger, more recently trained faculty member. With only half a faculty member's salary to work with, there will not be enough money to hire a full time replacement faculty member. Further, with half a year's responsibilities, fewer faculty will retire. Retirement will simply not be as attractive to faculty members.
13. The Rhodes Ranking. We are now 21st of all universities in the country, a remarkable fact given our funding over the years. Some interesting facts:
 - 1) Rhodes died in 1902; the first scholars were selected in 1903.
 - 2) UM got one Rhodes Scholar in 1904 and one more in 1906.
 - 3) UM had no Rhodes Scholars between 1906 and 1919.
 - 4) Directly after conversion from semester to quarter in 1918, we got several Rhodes Scholars
 - 5) That is, we got one Rhodes Scholar in 1919,
one Rhodes Scholar in 1920,
one Rhodes Scholar in 1921,
and one Rhodes Scholar in 1923.While the conversion from semester to quarter may not be causal, still virtually all of our Rhodes have come from the quarter system and very few came from the semester system. To change back is to toy with success.
14. Last, and certainly not least. Having just put what may be a model general education requirement into place (one that took years to form), we faculty are being asked to revise every course we teach, every course our colleagues teach, and all general education and major requirements in the University. To force the lowest paid faculty in the US to do this on top of the faculty's other responsibilities at a time when the State of Montana has frozen our salaries for two years is guaranteed failure. What is maddening is that we are being asked to do this on the Board of Regents' whim.