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ASUM CENTRAL BOARD AGENDA
Mount Sentinel Room
November 18, 1987
6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of November 11, 1987 minutes
4. President's Report
 - a. Deloit Wolfe -- Earl's Distributing
 - b. Brad Martin -- MontPIRG
 - 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. Semester System
 - b. Food Service Policy
10. New Business
11. Comments
12. Adjournment

DATE November 18, 1987

CB Members

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ASUM CENTRAL BOARD MINUTES

Mount Sentinel Room

November 18, 1987

6:00 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes of November 11, 1987 were approved as written.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2. Deloit Wolfe Jr., community relations representative for Earl's Distributing, addressed the Board regarding concerns expressed by the Board over Earl Sherron publicly criticizing MontPIRG's funding system. Wolfe assured the Board the University of Montana is very important to Mr. Sherron and that he is also a financial supporter of the University and its programs. Wolfe commented that he hopes students won't retaliate against Earl's Distributing for the comments that Mr. Sherron made censuring MontPIRG. Wolfe added that he didn't wish to make any public comments, at this time, addressing the can and bottle bill that MontPIRG has endorsed.
3. Brad Martin, MontPIRG Director, responded to Deloit Wolfe's comments by assuring the Board that students do support MontPIRG. Martin feels that Mr. Sherron's attack against MontPIRG's funding was a cheap way for the industry to try and get rid of the issue (MontPIRG's support of the can and bottle bill) instead of debating it openly. Martin expressed his interest in returning to the Board, at a later date, to debate the merits of a can and bottle bill.
4. Sue Vining, UM Food Service Director, presented the Board with a fact sheet about the UM Residence Hall Food Service program and what it has to offer its consumers. Vining answered several questions from Board members regarding her recent changes in the Food Service meal-hosting policy.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5. Mathison - Johnson motioned to approve Carrie House to serve on the International Committee. Upon vote, motion passed.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

6. Fickler reported that the Budget and Finance Committee approved a line-item request from EVST Advocates and discussed Kaimin personnel issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Hiatt, ASCRC, reported that the committee is concerned with academics at the School of Business because some classes now offered are being dropped.

OLD BUSINESS

8. Approval of the Semester System Resolution passed upon vote. (Appendix A)
9. Approval of the Food Service Resolution passed upon vote. (Appendix B)
10. Approval of the University Center Development Fee Resolution II failed upon vote. (Appendix C)

NEW BUSINESS

11. Mathison - Isern motioned for the Board to send a letter to Mr. Earl Sherron, Earl's Distributing, addressing his recent public comments about MontPIRG. Upon vote, motion passed.

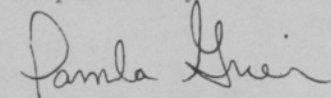
COMMENTS

12. Brooks (read by Hurlbut) - First of all, I'm sorry I couldn't stay for the whole meeting to make this comment--work called. I just wanted to thank everyone for making my term on the Senate so enjoyable. I look forward to serving ASUM in the future after my return from the University of Georgia. Good luck to all of you with budgeting and in 1988. Thanks again.
13. Bell - The new Food Service policy is like shooting first and asking questions later. The march was great. I think that it's true that ignorance breeds racism. This was proved when I saw one of the racist signs--humanism was spelled huminism.
14. Harmon - I would like to strongly object to including the word "irrational" in the letter to Mr. Sherron. This is an unnecessary personal attack on Mr. Sherron's integrity, no matter what the Board's feelings are on this concern.
15. Fickler - Would also like to strike the word "irrational" from the letter to Mr. Sherron.

ADJOURNMENT

16. Fickler - Mutch motioned to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Upon vote, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,



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A RESOLUTION OF THE ASUM
IN OPPOSITION TO THE
SEMESTER SYSTEM AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

- WHEREAS, this institution serves a significant non-traditional student population who in many cases cannot afford to attend school longer than one quarter;
- WHEREAS, there is a significant proportion of the student population that relies on the quarter summer schedule for work;
- WHEREAS, the variety of faculty exposure to students would be decreased;
- WHEREAS, there will be constriction of the catalog by approximately one-third with some expanded courses;
- WHEREAS, the new and innovative courses will be the first to be sacrificed in that constriction;
- WHEREAS, the student would be less inclined to take part in study-abroad programs or internships as they would require greater commitments, all of which is counter to the priority for broad based education, and
- WHEREAS, this is a liberal arts institution in which a variety of courses and experiences is valued.

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT the Associated Students of the University of Montana stand opposed to the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education in their decision to force the University of Montana to adopt the semester system.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the ASUM Administration and its agencies actively oppose the semester system among students and administrators in an effort to overturn the regential policy.

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President*

*Michael Mathison
Vice President*

*Kyle Fickler
Business Manager*

Scott Snelson, ASUM President
Approved by Central Board 11/18/87



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- WHEREAS, the Lodge Food Service is a branch of Auxiliary Services which serves all students; and
- WHEREAS, the Lodge Food Service has implemented a new policy on host passes in order to handle the unfortunate situation of counterfeiting of meal passes; and
- WHEREAS, this new policy also affects the practice of selling and purchasing meal passes, and virtually all students have engaged in the purchase or sale of meal tickets; and
- WHEREAS, the Lodge Food Service changed the policy of buying and selling meals without prior notification to students and during the middle of Fall Quarter; and
- WHEREAS, students were accustomed to this practice and planned their meal purchases and budgets accordingly; and
- WHEREAS, student suggestions were not solicited on the new policy change that directly affects students; and
- WHEREAS, viable alternatives to handling the crisis presented by the counterfeiting without eliminating the selling and purchasing of meals have not been seriously considered by the Lodge Food Service; and
- WHEREAS, students on the University of Montana campus are expressing their vehement opposition to this policy change;

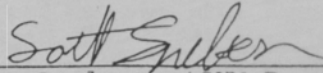
LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT the ASUM Central Board:

- 1) supports the corrective measures of validation implemented to stop the counterfeiting and wishes to express an interest in finding a mutually beneficial solution to this problem
- 2) opposes the new hosting policy's drastic elimination of the practice of selling and purchasing meal passes
- 3) seeks a resumed practice of selling and purchasing meal passes for the remainder of Fall Quarter, 1987
- 4) requests the formation of a committee, subject to the approval and ratification of Central Board, composed of students at-large and administrators involved in the policy change, to review alternatives to eliminating the selling and purchasing of meal passes.

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- Whereas University of Montana students have overwhelmingly indicated that they are in favor of being relinquished of the financial responsibility of the University Center Development project; and
- Whereas the University of Montana administration is financing other redevelopment/rejuvenation projects on the UM campus by means other than mandatory student fees; and
- Whereas a reasonable time frame for the start of the actual construction phase of the UC Development project has been allowed and exceeded; and
- Whereas any delay of construction could be construed as an extension of an already uncertain five-year fee collection period; and
- Whereas the uncertainty of when the UC Development fee will cease to exist presumes an unfair financial advantage over UM students; and
- Whereas ASUM Central Board is in a position to deny recommendations of any new business in the University Center according to Item 51-103-R0686 of the policy of the Board of Regents of the State of Montana, approved June 20, 1986, under section (4), which states:
- "4. In the event that no businesses are recommended by ASUM for location in the University Center, all planning costs incurred will be paid and no further fees (UC Redevelopment or Development fee) will be collected thereafter."

Therefore, be it resolved that the ASUM Central Board does assert its authority to deny the recommendation of the location of any new business in the University Center according to the stipulation referred to in Item 51-103-R0686 of the approved policy of the Board of Regents of the State of Montana unless an alternative funding method is adopted for the continuance of the UC Development project; and

Be it further resolved that, upon the approval of this request by the Board of Regents, ASUM respectfully asks the Board of Regents to consider that any unused and refundable monies be administered by ASUM.

The Residence Halls Food Service is designed to serve the students residing in the Residence Halls at the University of Montana. Our goal is to provide attractive, nutritious, and well-balanced meal choices, with excellent service, at a reasonable price.

Food Service receives no financial support from outside sources such as federal or state funds. Food Service is a part of campus Auxiliary Services and must be a self-sustaining operation. Fees for meal plans pay for more than the expense for the food. Other expenses such as building mortgage payments, utilities, labor, maintenance of building and equipment, and sanitation services are a substantial part of the cost of each and every meal plan.

All on-campus students must purchase a meal plan at the beginning of each quarter. Each student is encouraged to choose the plan that best meets their attendance, lifestyle, and nutritional needs. Residence Halls Food Service meal plans operate similar to a charge account. Several plans are offered:

- Plan A - 170 points
- Plan B - 150 points
- Plan C - 112 points

(Plan C will allow a student to eat approximately 50% of the available meals provided at the Food Service. It does not provide for minimum adequate nutrition. The individual purchasing a Plan C must be expected to be absent from campus for extended periods of time, and to supplement their meal plan with the purchase of additional meals elsewhere.)

During Fall Quarter there are 78 serving days and 214 meal periods.

Students may use their points in the following manner:

1. Regularly Scheduled Meals:

There are two dining rooms offering one main entree and thirteen sub-entrees every meal. There are a wide range of meal choices open to each individual, all with unlimited portions. (charge: one point per meal)

2. Regency Room:

The Regency Room is a formal dining room featuring waiter/waitress service and a gourmet menu. It is designed to provide students with the opportunity to "dine out" and pay the cost with their Food Service points. (charge: two to six points depending on the menu)

3. Take-out Meals:

Sack lunches are available for the student to order who has a conflict with class, work, or recreation plans. (charge: one point per meal)

4. Sick Trays:

If a student is ill, but not too sick to be confined at the Health Service, a sick tray may be ordered from the Food Service. A food tray will be prepared and delivered to the individual in their dormitory room. (charge: one point per meal)

5. "We Care Package":

The "We Care Package" program was created originally for parents to send their son or daughter a special gift. It has recently been expanded to allow the student on a meal plan to order these gifts for a friend, and have it charged against their meal points. The "Package" may be a hand-decorated birthday cake, home-baked goodies, midnight snack assortment, fruit basket, "Cookie of the Month Club", or an "Exam-Week Kit" of sandwiches, soda and good luck charm. (charge: four to thirteen points)

6. Host Program:

Any meal pass holder may bring a family member or friend into the Food Service for a meal and charge it to their account. The guest must be present with the meal pass holder; and the meal pass and host pass must be presented at the time of entrance into the dining room for verification of computer numbers. This is necessary to insure the security of the student's investment in their meal pass. (charge: one point per meal)

7. Transfer of Points:

In the event a student has over-estimated their needs, and not fully utilized the meal plan they have purchased, they may transfer their unused points to another meal pass holder on campus. (This does not apply to Plan D pass holders, which is sold to off-campus students) Both parties must come to the Food Service Office to verify the transaction.

In addition, the student who has under-estimated their needs may purchase additional meal points for the food cost amount of \$1.40. These meal points are for their use only and may not be transferred or used for the host program.

The Residence Halls Food Service program offers a wide range of options and services to students. Administration of the program has been flexible in order to accommodate the various lifestyles and desires of students. However, over the past three years during which the program has been in existence there have been an increasing number of abuses:

1. Sale of Meal Points:

Students have obtained host passes for from one to twenty meals and sold them to non-meal-pass holders. (Under the old procedure the meal pass holder did not have to accompany the host pass holder to the Food Service) These host passes have been sold for from \$.50 to \$1.50 per meal. The meal points have cost the student (or their parents or scholarship fund) from \$2.85 to \$3.60 per point depending on the meal plan chosen.

This practice has created a problem of multiple unknown individuals entering the Food Service. 3800 host passes have been issued to date, each of which could potentially be used from one to twenty meals. Any one valid meal pass could easily have 10 or more people using it, and at any one time we could have 4000 people attending a meal service. The inability to predict the attendance at meals has created great

difficulty in estimating food production and cost, staffing, and custodial needs, all of which have increased costs to the Food Service and ultimately to the student.

2. Unauthorized Meal Plans:

Some individuals have taken advantage of our Host Program and policy which allows students to purchase additional meals in the event they have under-estimated their needs. The individual purchases a large meal plan (Plan A) and transfers most of their points to host passes. These host passes are then sold to another individual and the original person returns to the Food Service to purchase more meals for his or her own use. In effect a complete new meal plan has been created on paper, and out of the control or review of the Food Service computerized record-keeping system.

Only one of the individuals has paid the base cost of Food Service operation, which is built into every meal plan. Further, these "paper passes" are not protected from theft or loss.

There now exists a "black market" for the purchase and resale of host meal passes.

3. Theft:

During 1986 several blank host passes were stolen, forged, and attempted to be used. This was investigated and the passes were recovered.

4. Altered Passes:

Some individuals have changed the number of meals originally issued on the host pass or changed the dates. (Each pass issued is valid only for the current quarter.)

5. Counterfeit Passes:

Recently a host pass was confiscated because the authorized signature was identified as being forged. The pass was matched with the original carbon copy and proved to be counterfeit. Upon further investigation by Campus Security and the Printing Department, it was concluded that the pass was printed on a printing press, most likely located out of town. Someone has gone to considerable time and expense to identically duplicate the host pass. This must be considered a very serious abuse.

Due to the most recent counterfeiting and the long list of abuses, a decision was made to change the administrative procedure for continuing a host program. Following discussions between Director of Housing Ron Brunell, Director of Auxiliaries George Mitchell, Dean of Students Barbara Hollman, and Fiscal Vice President Glen Williams, the following action was taken by the Residence Halls Food Service:

1. All host passes issued prior to 11-9-87 were recalled to verify against the original carbon copy. These passes will be honored for the rest of the quarter. This action was taken to protect students from purchasing a counterfeit pass and potentially suffering a monetary loss as a result.
2. Host passes issued 11-9-87 or later are required to be

presented by the original meal pass holder with their guest present for both to obtain admission into the dining room of the Food Service. This has been done to protect the meal point credit balance purchased by each student and to insure that in the future it is being used as the original meal plan purchaser intended it to be. Further, the Food Service Administration will regain control of the operation and thereby be able to continue to offer high quality service at the lowest possible cost to future generations of students.

None of the original benefits for valid Food Service meal pass holders have been changed. Students continue to have a wide range of options available to them for use of their meal points. They are now better protected from misuse of their meal plans and the potential resulting financial loss or excessive increased rates.

An advisory committee of Residence Hall students is currently being formed to participate in advising the Food Service. Continued efforts will be made to meet the needs and changing lifestyles of students.

INTRODUCED BY: Michael Mathison

DATE: November 18, 1987

IT IS MOVED THAT:

Due to the insulting nature of recent comments made by Earl Sherron of Earl's Distributing directed toward the student body of the University of Montana, ASUM Administration is directed to issue the following letter to Earl Sherron.

Dear Mr. Sherron,

As the head of the representative body for students of the University of Montana, I have been gravely concerned over the recent public comments you have directed toward us. I recognize your long history of support for the University of Montana and for this reason I am puzzled over these recent actions.

It has been an ongoing commitment of ASUM, MontPIRG and all student groups to recognize and adhere to our responsibilities as viable participants in public affairs. The students at the University of Montana are sensitive to the world around them and seek to improve upon it. We draw from a pool of some of the brightest new minds the State of Montana has to offer. It is for this reason that we are a success in organizing.

We find your methods in advocating the destruction of MontPIRG through the elimination of its student supported fee system reprehensible. We have a right to direct our resources in whatever manner we choose. If MontPIRG is to be eliminated, it will be rightfully done at the hands of students, not by an irrational individual.

With that, I now inform you that ASUM is considering action against Earl's Distributing which may include a boycott among other things in the absence of a public apology for your past comments regarding students' ability to participate in the public arena responsibly. Furthermore, I challenge you to operate your anti-bottle bill campaign within the generally accepted parameters that responsible student organizations find easy to identify and work within.

Sincerely,

Scott Snelson, ASUM President