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ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Mansfield Library/Montana Rooms
October 18, 1989
6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of October 11, 1989 Minutes
4. Presidents Report
 - a. Library Automation Tour
 - b. Reconvene in Montana Rooms
 - c. Liz Gupton - Semester Transition
 - d. SLA and City Council nominees
 - e. Committee Appointments
5. Business Manager's Report
 - a. Budget and Finance report
6. Committee Reports
7. Public Comment Period
8. Old Business
 - a. Warden Resolution regarding memorial for students killed in China
9. New Business
10. Comments
11. Adjournment

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SENATE MEMBERSROLL
CALL

Behr, Rob

Berg, Tim

Bernardini, Tracie

Burrington, Carson

Byars, Brandon

D'Angelo, Frank

Dahlberg, Tim

Fairbanks, Lisa

Gay, Carla

Henderson, Cory

Pierce, John

Pouncy, Calvin

Price, Pat

Sebald, Paige

Sliter, Paul

Smith, Brian

Solem, Ted

Warden, Christopher

Wilkinson, Nathan

Young, Steve

Ex-officio

ASUM OFFICERSAylsworth, Aaron
PresidentLong, Andrew
Vice PresidentCate, Darren
Business ManagerFACULTY ADVISOR

Edgar, Pat

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
October 18, 1989
Mansfield Library/Montana Rooms

Chairman Aylsworth called the meeting to order in the Mansfield Library Conference Room. Members present were Behr, Bernardini, Byars, D'Angelo, Dahlberg (6:15), Fairbanks, Gay, Pierce (7:00), Pouncy, Price, Sebald, Solem, Warden, Wilkinson, Young, and Business Manager Cate.

Approval of Minutes

Fairbanks - Bernardini moved to approve the minutes of October 11, 1989 as written. Upon vote, the motion passed.

President's Report

1. Aylsworth introduced Dean Ruth Patrick, Dean of the Library. President Koch has earmarked \$400,000 for computers for the library to improve services for students and faculty. The system is called library automation. Dean Patrick explained many cost savings and time savings that occur with the system. The Mansfield Library is a member of the Western Library Network which allows it to access information from other libraries. An improvement of services will occur due to investments in the computer system.
The benefits of the system is an online catalog system which the library wants to purchase. This would allow easier access for finding topic, information on topics, books, etc. It will also save time by using bar codes to check out books. A student can place a hold on a book from any of the terminals and the system will provide better circulation information which will allow the library to know which books are being used the most thus developing the collection better. The costs to get this type of a system was outlined. To be more cost-effective, the Mansfield Library could do a consortium with the Missoula Public Library.
Dean Patrick urged the Senate to send a message to President Koch expressing our feelings on the purchasing of the system. She also pointed out that Montana State University has had such a system for two years now. The current Compact ROM system was demonstrated. Dean Patrick responded to questions
2. Senate reconvened in the Montana Rooms at 7:11 p.m.
3. Aylsworth introduced Liz Gupton who has started a petition drive against the semester transition. Liz talked to Andrew with her idea which came to her because all she heard about the switch was negative reactions. Some arguments that she has heard for the semester conversion are: everyone else is on semesters, cost savings which she stated is either nonexistent or minimal, and this will not effect me.
There may be a referendum on the next ASUM General Election.
4. Aylsworth - Pierce moved to approve John Crocker as the new SLA Director. Upon vote, motion passed. Byars - Warden moved to accept Alice Hinshaw as the Missoula Ex-Officio City Council Member. Upon vote, motion passed. Hinshaw discussed last Monday's City Council meeting. Crocker discussed the mayorial race. SLA will be sending out a questionnaire to the two candidates.

Business Manager's Report

1. Budget and Finance Report
Cate announced that Budget and Finance met yesterday and denied a Special Allocation request for the International Students, passed a S.T.I.P. request for a microcomputer for ASUM Programming, and passed a Special Allocation request for ASUM Administration. These will come before the Senate next week.

Committee Reports

1. Fairbanks reported on the University Athletic committee. There was an update on the paying for the stadium from state money and designated funds. Also, there are UM Alumni who will be broadcasting the Bobcat - Grizzly game in their places of business so the game will be televised world wide.
2. Bernardini reported on the Admissions advisory committee. They have had increasing complaints from high school counsellors and have drafted a letter for the Board of Regents and Carroll Krause requesting that they be more flexible on the new entrance standards.
3. Warden announced that the Student Union Board is considering space for student groups on campus and will announce later the groups that are to occupy the area of the old Information Desk in the second floor student lounge.

Old Business

1. Warden resolution - Warden yielded the floor to John Crocker to discuss a memorial for the Chinese Students killed in the massacre in Tiananmen Square. Pierce - Dahlberg moved to table the proposal until a formal resolution is brought before the board. Upon vote, the motion to table passed (see proposal, exhibit A).

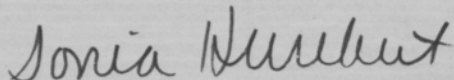
New Business

None

Adjournment

Warden - Dahlberg moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. No quorum present.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sonia Hurlbut
ASUM Administrative Assistant

*****PROPOSAL*****

TO CREATE, AND WITH A PUBLIC CEREMONY DEDICATE, A MEMORIAL PLAQUE
IN HONOR OF THE STUDENTS KILLED IN THE SPRING UPRISING IN CHINA.

In the spring of 1988, the Mansfield Center was sponsoring a Conference on Human Rights in China. As it was taking place, a pro-democracy uprising began in China, led primarily by Chinese students.

Because the Mansfield Center had gathered some of the foremost experts on China for the conference, U of M became one of the focal points for American coverage of the events. The three major television networks sent people to cover the Conference and interview the the speakers.

Thus, because of the rather amazingly coincidental timing of the Conference (it had been planned months in advance, and wound up taking place at the exact time of the uprising), U of M found itself uniquely connected to the events in China.

As the world knows, the uprising was settled in Tiananmen Square in a sudden and brutal fashion.

The memorial plaque is designed to do three things:

1. To act as an expression of awareness.

College is a place where thought is naturally turned outward towards the world, towards an increasingly global and interdependent human civilization. The plaque will be both a demonstration and an encouragement of that opening of thought. To take the struggle for democracy in China into account in our own personal lives is to use the freedom of thought and expression we possess in the most noble of ways.

2. To act as an expression of solidarity.

The second reason for creating a public memorial is because our fellow students in China cannot. It is a reminder that while China isn't in the news much anymore, there are still people inside and outside of China that believe in the pro-democracy movement. We will be honoring those who were killed, those who are imprisoned, and those whose voices are presently silenced. In China today, the students that died are not honored, but condemned by the government.

3. To act as a personal gesture of our concern.

The third purpose of this memorial is to serve as a statement of our concern; a simple, humble gesture that transcends racial boundaries, and tells the Chinese still in the country that we, at least in a small way, care about their lives and support their yearning for a freer and more open society.

Every effort should be made to make this as big an event as possible. The project should emanate from the ASUM Senate, as an expression of the student body. Efforts should be made to involve the Administration, and the Mansfield Center, in an effort to make it a Campus-wide expression. Governor Stephens should be invited to the ceremony. In fact, President Bush should be invited to send a statement, to be read at the ceremony, if he wishes.

The local, regional, and national press should be invited to the event.

And, it goes without saying that all those Chinese students presently living in Montana should be invited.

I believe this project could be an unusual way of affirming all that is positive about ourselves, our University and our way of life (so often taken for granted), while at the same time giving support and encouragement to those people whose battle has just begun.

One final point. During the last few years, the University system in this country has gotten a lot of bad press. Various pundits have produced remarkable studies showing that, as college students, we are apparently historically and culturally illiterate. We allegedly have little sense of history or the world at present, and almost no feeling for ethics or social responsibility.

This project will be our answer to those who would paint us in such a light.