Central Board Meeting  U of M  February 8, 1976

Agenda

1. Call the Meeting to Order

2. Last Week's Minutes

3. Vice President's Report
   a. University Athletic Committee

4. Committee Reports
   a. Student Union Board
   b. Collective Bargaining
   c. Student Lobby
   d. Short Term Loan Fund

5. Old Business

6. New Business

7. Meeting Adjourned
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PROPOSED BYLAWS OF THE MONTANA STUDENT LOBBY

As amended and accepted by ASUM Legislative Committee - 31 January 1978

1. The Montana Student Lobby Steering Committee shall consist of the six institutions associated student presidents and the designated representative of the standing legislative committee of each campus. There shall be no proxies. Each institution will have one vote, cast by the member elected by the respective student body, or by the other member in the event of the elected member's absence. A quorum will consist of at least five institutions being present at each meeting. In the event that one dissenting vote is made from the five institutions present, a vote by telephone from the absent institution will be considered valid. The Steering Committee Chairman shall be elected from the membership of the entire committee to serve throughout the entire legislative session.

2. The Steering Committee is the contractual and governing body of the MSL. The Steering Committee will also formulate up to five student-oriented legislative objectives to be lobbied on.

3. The Steering Committee will pass legislative objectives with no more than one dissenting vote. Any two nay votes will veto any objective. All objectives shall be accepted by the committee before being lobbied on by the MSL.

4. Any school that feels additional legislation should be lobbied on can appeal through the steering committee. If the appeal is approved, the lobby can proceed in its normal fashion of operation. If the appeal is rejected, the school can lobby on its own, but cannot use the MSL or its lobbyist. Appeals will follow the same ratification process by the committee as any other legislative objective.

5. The duties of the lobbyist shall be to carry out the objectives of the steering committee; to communicate with all six institutions at least weekly, through either of the two representatives to the steering committee; to be the coordinator of the MSL (having total responsibility to the students and the committee throughout the entire session). The lobbyist of the MSL will not lobby on any issues that have not been passed by the steering committee.

6. Criteria for hiring the lobbyist of the MSL must meet with all Federal Equal Opportunity requirements. The funding for the MSL shall be broken down on a per student per institution basis.

7. In the event that time does not allow for a regular steering committee meeting, a telephone quorum shall be acceptable. No voting member shall be required to make an immediate decision on any issue, but may vote by telephone within the subsequent 24 hour period.
Montana Student Lobby Bylaws: Explanation of Key Points

Article 1. The lobby is set up to have a steering committee where all schools have an equal vote. In the past, the voting was weighted to student enrollment. The steering committee is made up of the student body president and a designated member of the standing Legislative Committee. The reason for the rather peculiar wording of who actually casts each school’s vote as follows: Northern Montana College wanted the Legislative Chairman to cast the school’s vote at Steering Committee meetings. We felt that this would be inconsistent with our concern that steering committee decisions be truly representative of student feeling since the legislative committee chairman is appointed at UM. The ASUM President should cast the vote for our school. But, since NMC elects their legislative committee chairman, he will cast their vote.

Article 2. Self-explanatory.

Article 3. Five of the six schools must agree on the legislative objectives, in order that they will be lobbied on. Refer to Article 1 in the event one school is absent on a vote.

Article 4. This article is to ensure that self-interest by one school does not dominate the lobbyist's time and efforts.

Article 5. Self-explanatory.

Article 6. At the first Steering Committee meeting (either February 17th or 27th) we will decide how to go ahead with the selection process. The lobbyist will have a salary of $5,000 for the length of the legislative session. The total MSL budget will be $9000 of which UM's share will be $3,000. This figure of $9,000 is less than the last MSL budget of $9,600.

Article 7. Takes care of issues that may develop quickly at the legislative session which need action by the MSL.
The recent letter sent to the Interim Finance Committee by Commissioner Larry Pettit suggests that Dr. Pettit is completely ignorant of the academic crises facing the University of Montana. That the Commissioner would appear less sympathetic to conditions here than the legislators who were responsible for those conditions exhibits an insularity that indicates a complete lack of understanding of the nature of higher education in the State of Montana. In rejecting badly needed funds before they were even appropriated, Commissioner Pettit has forfeited any claim he might have had to the trust and confidence so necessary in his position. We, the elected representatives of the students of the University of Montana call for his immediate resignation or dismissal.

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1. Greatest benefit for the greatest number of students.

2. Users of the space should require accessibility and convenience.

3. Student government and its direct units should get priority whenever practicable in use of the University Center space.

4. Image created by the Center in relation to the appropriateness of function should be considered.

5. When using space in the University Center, the priority should be given to non-revenue generating groups who provide services exclusively to the students.

6. When considering the use of the University Center space, the cost of converting the space should be considered.

7. Revenue generating groups who can provide service to students of the University of Montana should be allowed space on the basis of: (1) the amount of revenue they can generate (2) the amount of students they can serve.
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February 8, 1978
February 6, 1978

Senator William L. Mathers, Chairman
Legislative Interim Finance Committee
P. O. Box 267
Miles City, MT 59301

Dear Bill:

The January 28 meeting of the Legislative Interim Finance Committee and the Students for Justice has resulted in some confusion on the University of Montana campus as to where your committee, the Regents, and the University of Montana administration stand regarding the proposed cutbacks of University of Montana faculty and staff.

We want to go on record with your committee in regard to the faculty cuts. While the process of cutting faculty and staff has been traumatic, we feel that it is not in the best interest of the University of Montana to recede or even appear to recede on our commitment to meet legislative guidelines. To do otherwise at this time would only create an atmosphere of uncertainty and additional false hope for many of the faculty and staff at the University of Montana. The legislature adopted the Regents' recommendation of 19:1 student/faculty ratio, and we are prepared to meet it. The guideline is not unreasonable; however, any labor-intensive institution, such as a university, requires a longer period of adjustment than the University of Montana was given in this case.

In addition, we plan to live within the budget level provided to the University of Montana. Deficit spending is not an acceptable alternative to the Regents. If the legislature is considering financial supplements for the University of Montana, the Regents would be forced to accept such help under the conditions that:

1) the legislature must be willing to commit permanently to a lower student/faculty ratio for the University of Montana so that a restoration of faculty positions now is not merely a postponement of inevitable cuts; and

...
2) The legislature must be willing to provide a supplement to Montana State University so that equity between the two universities will prevail.

We believe our position, though awkward for us, is in the best interest of higher education and the University of Montana in the long run. The Regents are committed to speak to the financial needs of the Montana University System and our past budget requests have reflected that commitment, as well as our earnest conclusion of what those needs are. We recognize, nevertheless, the difficulty the legislature has in allocating scarce financial resources to the many demands with which you are confronted.

We hope this letter makes clear our position.

Sincerely,

Ted James, Chairman

Lawrence K. Pettit
Commissioner of Higher Education

cc: Regents
President Richard Powers
Keith L. Colbo
Representative Francis Bardenoue
Representative Carroll V. South
The meeting was called to order by ASUM Vice President Dean Mansfield at 7:09 p.m. in the Montana Rooms.

Last Week's Minutes - Stand as approved.

Vice President's Report

University Athletic Committee report will be next week.

Sonja Megee resigned from Central Board and all committees. At this time I would like to appoint Greg Fox to chair Legal Services. Needs a motion.
SO MOVED, GLENN JOHNSON
MCCUE SECONDPASSED.

Like to appoint Johnson to Campus Development Committee and this does not need a motion.

One announcement: The Montana Kaimin has challenged ASUM and ASUM Programming to a game of basketball on February 22 at 6 p.m. which would move CB to 8 p.m. The loser is to furnish beer.

Committee Reports

Student Union Board
Pat Olson gave a history about SUB and the reason for the criteria. Olson said SUB would like a vote of approval for these from CB.

MILLER TABLE THIS UNTIL NEXT WEEK.
HOLMOQUIST SECOND.
PASSED TO TABLE IT UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

Collective Bargaining
Holmquist said that there will be ads in the Kaim in and that the deadline is next Tuesday. Eight students have asked about it already. Holmquist said that there was no motion on the floor to table the SUB criteria.

MCCUE MOTION TO VOTE ON SUB CRITERIA.
MCKENZIE SECOND.
HEALD TABLE IT UNTIL NEXT WEEK.
GRAY SECOND.
PASSED TO TABLE IT UNTIL NEXT WEEK.

Student Lobby
Pat Duffy, chairman Legislative Committee gave a history about Student Lobby and explained a little about the 6 Mill Levy.

MILLER asked why UM is giving $3,000 when there are five schools.

There was discussion from Urban, Heald, Gray, Jacobson, Holmquist, and Duffy answered their questions.
Mansfield reminded the Board that these will be taken care of at next weeks meeting.

McCue reported on Budget and Finance.
Student Action Center Fund Balance $700
Increase 651 Contracted Services $500
   681 Advertising & Publicity $200.
This was approved by Budget & Finance

Montana Natural Areas Study (Line Item)
Decrease 626 In-State Travel $25
Increase 562 Printing $25
This was passed by Budget & Finance

Dance Workshop Fund Balance $100
Increase 456 Non-student hourly $100
This was passed by Budget & Finance

ASUM Administration asked for a fund balance of $937.
This did not pass. Budget & Finance would like to wait until next week.

The ASUM Short Term Loan has $4,785 out the amounts range from $50 to $200. There is $5,881 left and the total should grow between now and next quarter. Financial aids is out of money for loans which means ASUM might be getting more applications for loans.

Holmquist asked if this included work study or just short loans. McCue said it was short loans.

Old Business

Discussion on the motion concerning Peer Counseling. Johnson introduced Edie Bennett from Sentinel High School and Ruth Braddock who spoke on Peer Counseling.

There was discussion and questions from Miller, Gray, Jacobson, Conrad, Royland, McKenzie, McOmber, Newman, McCue, Fitzgerald, Karr, and Johnson answered their questions as well as Bennett and Braddock and another representative.

A SUB Committee will be set up to select the 10 students according to Mansfield.

Heald previous question.
Newman Second
Passed.

Roll call Yes votes for: Conrad, Dale, Doggett, Holmquist, Johnson, Karr, McCue, Miller, Newman.
MOTION PASSED TO GIVE PEER COUNSELING $350.