I. Meeting called to order

II. Last Week's Minutes

III. Appointments
   A. Central Board
   B. Center for Student Development Advisory Committee
   C. Campus Recreation and Sports Committee
   D. Scholarships and Financial Aids Committee
   E. Legislative Committee
   F. Security Officer
   G. Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee
   H. Alumni Relations Board
   I. Student Union Board
   J. Health Service Committee

IV. Officer's Reports
   A. President's Report
      Discussion of Athletic Options
   B. Vice President's Report
      Montana Student Lobby
   C. Business Manager's Report
      Line Item Changes - Campus Rec and Legal Services

V. Committee Reports
   A. Traffic Board
   B. Campus Development Committee

VI. Old Business
   Student Action Center Special Allocation

VII. New Business
   Fund Balance - Debate and Oratory

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

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The meeting was called to order by President Dave Hill at 7:05 p.m. in the Montana Rooms.

Last Week's Minutes. Short requested that on Page 3 under NEC, the words "along with himself" be eliminated since Rick wasn't attending the conference but rather sending someone from his group. Minutes approved with the change.

APPOINTMENTS

Central Board. MOVED BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY HOLMQUIST, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN HEALD TO CENTRAL BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY FITZGERALD, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KATHLEEN ROYLAND TO CENTRAL BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

MOVED BY PORTROY, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF TOM LIVERS TO CENTRAL BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

Center for Student Development Advisory Committee. MOVED BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MANSFIELD, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF DEIRDRE SHAW TO THIS COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

Campus Recreation and Sports Committee. Out of ten people who applied for this position, Hill chose Tim Furey to fill it. MOVED BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MANSFIELD, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF TIM FUREY TO THIS COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

Scholarship and Financial Aids Committee. MOVED BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY OLIPHANT, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF DONALD KITTSON TO THIS COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

Legislative Committee. MOVED BY MANSFIELD SECONDED, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: DAVE CLARK, TONI NAPOLITANO, STEVE ROHDE, JEFF MONAUGHT. MOTION CARRIED.

Search Committee for the Manager of Safety and Security. MOVED BY MANSFIELD, SECONDED BY CLARK, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF ANDRE FLOYD TO THIS COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee. MOVED BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MANSFIELD, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KATHY ROYLAND TO THIS COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

Alumni Relations Board. MOVED AND SECONDED TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF DEIRDRE SHAW TO THE ALUMNI RELATIONS BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

Health Service Comm. MOVED BY HOLMQUIST, AND SECONDED, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF GWEN HOPPE TO THE HEALTH SERVICE COMMITTEE AND ALSO TO THE AD HOC HEALTH SERVICE COMMITTEE (which is going to look over the next year's budget and help cut corners where necessary). MOTION CARRIED.

Legal Services Committee. MOVED BY ALEXANDER, AND SECONDED, TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF SUSAN HEALD TO THE LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.
Student Union Board. MOVED BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MANSFIELD TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF ROSS BEST TO STUDENT UNION BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Montana Student Lobby. Some things touched on by Pat Pomeroy.

Thanked people for helping with the survey.

Meeting of NSL Steering Committee will be held on Monday, January 24, in Helena; they also will meet with the UM Appropriations Subcommittee.

Recommendation on HB 30 - Tenant-Landlord Act - received a do-pass vote.

The "Bottle Bill" will go before the Business and Industry Committee on Thursday, January 20, and Hill, Oliphant, and Steve Gates will be testifying for that.

A legislative calendar is being made up and will be in the Legislative Committee Office - across from Terry's desk in the ASUM Offices.

The letter-writing campaign got off to a slow start because of a few mishaps in the advertising of it. It will continue, however, and it will be advertised more.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Line Item Changes. The following line item changes were requested by Campus Recreation (Acct. #902-1):

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Special Allocations Account. Currently, the Special Allocations Account has $12,128 left in it.
COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic Board. Larry Gursky gave some examples of what the Traffic Board does and who it deals with. They take care of people who appeal parking tickets. Recently, there has been a proposal made to pave part of the parking lot near the Fieldhouse and start a shuttlebus system to help alleviate the parking problems.

Constitutional Review Board. John Maugh stated that this committee was originally formed to decide upon questions regarding the ASUM Constitution and By-Laws. It hasn't done anything, so far; but Maugh thought something should be done about updating the By-Laws and correcting some of the out-dated language and wording in the Constitution. Nothing definite was decided.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mandatory Athletic Fee Question. There was discussion between Central Board and Sid Thomas, Student member of the Board of Regents, along with comments from students in the audience. They discussed the merits and disadvantages of Sid Thomas' counter-proposal to Jack Peterson's proposal for a mandatory Athletic Fee to be imposed on the students in the Big Sky conference and the Frontier Conference. Some students didn't think Thomas's proposal was the answer to the question. Thomas thought that the students at UM should if they feel strongly enough about it support their original stand in complete opposition of student support of athletics. Thomas also thought they should write up a statement of the scope and role of student government. MANSFIELD MOVED TO SUPPORT THOMAS'S RESOLUTION AND THAT STUDENT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD WRITE UP A STATEMENT OF SCOPE AND ROLE OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Student Action Center Special Allocation. BJORNSOH MOVED FOR ALLOCATION OF $1,500 TO THE NORTHERN PLAINS PROJECTS AND $1,500 TO THE NORTHERN ROCKIES ACTION GROUP; SECONDED BY MANSFIELD. SAC has stated that they are planning, in the future, to make this request during budgeting and have it put into their regular budget for contribution to these groups. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Fund Balance - Debate and Oratory Assn. The Debate and Oratory Assn. would like to budget their fund balance of $173.70 all into Line Item #552 - Meet Expense - in order to help pay for the Big Sky meet in Spokane. SHORT MOVED TO BUDGET AS REQUESTED, SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Pat Hill - ASUM Secretary

Absent: Matt

Excused: Johnson
TO: BOARD OF REGENTS

FROM: JACK PETERSON

Re: Policy on Intercollegiate Athletics

After reviewing the athletic reports and analysis prepared by Dr. Pettit and Mr. Cook, and noting that mandatory fees paid by students for program support such as student activity fee and student building fee are in theory acceptable to student government officers as well as the Board, I propose that an additional mandatory fee for the support of Intercollegiate Athletics be imposed at all units beginning Fall, 1977, in the following amounts:

Big Sky Conference Schools-$20.00 per quarter.
Frontier Conference Schools-$10.00 per quarter ($15.00 per semester).

The fee would be assessed on all students enrolled for 7 or more credits per quarter (or its semester equivalent).

As a condition to imposing the fee, all use of student activity fees for funding Intercollegiate Athletics would be prohibited and free admission to all athletic events would be granted each qualifying student. This, of course, has definite off-setting cost benefits to students in all units which pay a portion of their student activity fee for Intercollegiate Athletic or otherwise purchase club memberships to support the program.

I propose this fee structure in order to give all programs in the six units stability in financing their operations and to maintain equality among
conference schools. In opposing the Commissioners suggestion that student activity fees should be voluntary, student newspapers and government officers strongly contended that such type of funding would destroy the needed stability which student groups and clubs require in planning their programs. I submit the same stability on all campuses is required in Intercollegiate Athletics.

Since it has been suggested that a general tuition raise would be a subterfuge for funding Intercollegiate Athletics, I offer this proposal to meet the issue head on. Because this Board has defined Intercollegiate Athletics as a College or University Program and general fund monies are properly used to assist in financing such program, I feel annual student support of the program on a definite basis is a needed and vital part of properly financing this University or College function. Further, since the Big Sky schools rank at the bottom of the Conference in total student contributions and State appropriated funds, yet are two of the top three in booster club contributions, I submit this proposal is a strong argument to spur sustained general fund support not only for this program but for all University endeavors.

In conclusion, I hope you all show a champion spirit in supporting this proposal. When the going gets tough, the tough gets going. Let's get going.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
TO: BOARD OF REGENTS
FROM: SID THOMAS
RE: FUNDING OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

After examining Jack's funding proposal, I would offer the following as an alternative:

1. State support for intercollegiate athletics shall be limited to the institutional operating budget. No student activity fees may be allocated to the intercollegiate athletic program. No registration or incidental fees shall be earmarked for the support of intercollegiate athletics.

2. Student governments are encouraged to re-examine the amount and function of the student activity fee in the context of this policy. Student governments are further encouraged to consider a reduction in the student activity fee concomitant to the amount offset by the absorption of athletic funding by the institutional operating budget.

3. Each campus shall formulate procedures to insure student participation in decisions concerning the intercollegiate athletic program.

4. This policy shall be effective July 1, 1978.

In essence, this alternative places the primary responsibility for athletic funding decisions in the hands of campus administrators. It provides a more stable source of athletic funding than the current method does by removing discretionary student funding; however, the proposal still guarantees that the athletic program must justify its program through the annual budget process in the same manner that every other campus program does.

This policy minimizes the risk that tuition increases will serve as a subterfuge for athletic funding by providing a phase-in period, thereby allowing each campus to build the increased cost into its budget base. The phase-in should reduce the necessity for offsetting fee increases.

Finally, while the proposal removes students from the athletic funding process, it provides an assurance that students will have at least an advisory role in athletic decision-making.
I believe that there are strong reasons why a mandatory athletic fee should not be adopted as a solution to the athletic funding problem. First, an additional student fee will impose a hardship on students without offering increased services or advantages. The mandatory athletic proposal contemplates a radical increase in direct student financial support of athletics. Currently, students directly support athletics through the student activity fee in the amount of about $230,000 system-wide. Direct student financing of athletics under the mandatory fee proposal would amount to about $1,200,000. At M.S.U. alone, the direct student financial support would increase from $90,400 to $500,000. To many students, this additional fee ($60/year at the Big Sky Conference schools; $30/year at the Frontier Conference schools) would pose a significant financial hardship. There are no offsetting advantages to the mandatory fee for the student. Athletic events can be attended on each campus for less than $10 per quarter, so that free admission in return for a $20 per quarter fee will prove small comfort.

Second, an earmarked athletic fee is against the principle of assuring maximum program accountability. The Board has assured the legislature and others that each program will be carefully analyzed on an annual basis to insure that the taxpayers are getting the most out of state education funding. To automatically provide any education program with an unquestioned, guaranteed source of income each year seems to me to fly in the face of the Board's responsibility to examine programs and funding priorities.

Third, to this point no justification has been offered for the infusion of an additional $1,200,000 into the state's athletic program. Currently, the total athletic budget for the system is $1,964,050 (excluding fee waivers).

Fourth, a mandatory athletic fee does not promote equality of funding between schools—especially Frontier Conference schools. Schools with larger enrollment will generate more direct money into athletics. Dramatic shifts in enrollment (note the EMC drop and gain) will also create some funding instability. Further, there are programmatic differences between campuses that will create inequity (NMC's football program, for example).

Finally, and probably most importantly, I believe that the imposition of a mandatory athletic fee would have a significant demoralizing effect on the entire university system. At a time when funding cutbacks threaten every program, faculty and students will find it hard to accept Board action which would significantly increase student fees for the sole support of an essentially non-academic program. Students and faculty have already gone on record as opposing a mandatory athletic fee.

I do not pretend that my alternative guarantees athletics with a new source of increased funding or that the alternative promises a new "tough" scrutiny of athletic funding. It does neither. However, I believe that it does provide a more stable basis for athletic funding while insuring that the program will examined within the priorities of each campus on the same basis as every other campus program. The proposal also places the primary responsibility of athletic funding on the campus level, where the individual campus needs and opinions of local students, faculty and alums can be taken into consideration.

I agree with Jack --whatever course we take, let's get the issue decided.