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A G E N D A

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Last Week's Minutes
- III. President's Report  
    CB Nominations
- IV. Vice President's Report  
    Committee Appointments
- V. Business Manager's Report  
    Line Item Change  
    IFC PanHel
- VI. Committee Reports  
    Legal Services Committee
- VII. Old Business  
    Barrett to discuss his trip to Kansas City, Kansas  
    Student Executive Conference Report  
    by Sue and Cary
- VIII. New Business  
    Special Allocations  
    Alpha Phi Omega  
    United Way  
    by Henderson  
    Students for Justice  
    by Mike Dahlem and Steve Carey
- IX. Meeting Adjourned

Oct. 26

Brown, Stephen

~~Dwire, Tim~~

Fitzgerald, John

Gray, Jeff

Gursky, Larry

Heald, Susan

Holmquist, Cary

Johnson, Glenn

~~Long, Tim~~

Megee, Sonja

Miller, Kelly

Oliphant, Greg

Redman, Cynthia

Royland, Kathleen

Stevens, Sylvia

Yelich, Jim

Henderson, Greg

Mansfield, Dean

Huntington, Steve

Yes

No

Abstained

Wicks, John

Urban, Michael

	Roll Call Yes	TABLE N	FAVOR A			
Brown, Stephen	✓	N	N			
<del>Dwire, Tim</del>						
Fitzgerald, John	✓	N	Y	N		
Gray, Jeff	✓	A	Y	N		
Gursky, Larry	✓	Y	Y	N		
Heald, Susan	✓	N	N	N		
Holmquist, Cary	✓	N	N	Y		
Johnson, Glenn	✓	XN	N	Y		
<del>Long, Tim</del>						
Megee, Sonja	✓	N	N	Y		
Miller, Kelly	✓	N	N	N		
Oliphant, Greg						
Redman, Cynthia	✓	N	N	Y		
Royland, Kathleen	✓	Y	Y	N		
Stevens, Sylvia						
Yelich, Jim	✓	N	N	N		
Henderson, Greg	✓					
Mansfield, Dean	✓	N	N	Y		
Huntington, Steve	✓	N	N	Y		
Yes		3	4	6		
No		10	10	7		
Abstained		1	0	1		
Wicks, John	✓					
Urban, Michael	✓					

The meeting was called to order by ASUM President Greg Henderson at 7:10 p.m. in the Montana Rooms.

#### LAST WEEK'S MINUTES

Stand approved.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Henderson thanked Wicks and Urban for the outstanding job they did in representing not only the faculty but also ASUM at the Octoberfest.

The PUB nomination which came up last week was an oversight on my behalf in not giving my (Henderson) reasons or making it clear to Mansfield what this appointment was. Central Board does not appoint any new members on Publications Board committee, we just select the chairman. Henderson contacted Dan Cobb to see if he would be the temporary chairman for three weeks to allow PUB to select new members. Then Henderson would select a permanent chairman when all members were on the Board. Due to some of the controversy that this stirred up, Dan Cobb does not want anything to do with it. Because of this I would like to appoint Kathy Schwanke as temporary PUB Board Chairman until the vacancies are filled. Then Henderson and Mansfield can look at the old and new members and select a permanent chairman. There is a condition: 1) need the approval of Central Board and 2) Kathy wanted to say something regarding this.

Schwanke said she was sorry that Cobb was not here and she hoped he would help PUB get reorganized.

Barb Miller, Editor of the Kaimin said that Kathy Schwanke is very qualified to run Publications Board on a temporary basis or even a permanent basis.

REDMAN MOTION TO MAKE SCHWANKE TEMPORARY PUBLICATIONS BOARD CHAIRMAN FOR THREE WEEKS. MANSFIELD SECOND.

MOTION PASSED.

Central Board appointments for the vacancies on the Board. It was a very long tedious task. Thanks go to Kelly Miller, Jeff Gray, and especially Glenn Johnson. We were fortunate to have a good cross section of students including some freshman.

At this time I would like to give you the list of nominations for your approval. They are: Monica Conrad, Toni McOmber, Kirk McKenzie, Ed Moore, Tom Dale, and Bob McCue.

Fitzgerald, how are we going to vote on them.

Henderson, vote on them all as a group.

Holmquist could you go through the names again.



They are Monica Conrad, Toni McOmber, Kirk McKenzie, Ed Moore, Tom Dale, and Bob McCue.

JOHNSON MOTION ON THE FLOOR  
HOLMQUIST SECONDED

Royland, can you justify all these people?

Henderson said after sitting through all of the applicants, which is something you did not do, I felt that these people would round out the Board.

Yelich asked if any of these six delegates were a graduate student.

Henderson said no.

Yelich said it would be important to have a graduate student on the Board.

Henderson said there is no slot as far as graduate student representation. The priorities I had were developing some freshman representation and putting a few more female members on the Board if possible. And we do have a senior which was an exception to what I was considering. Kirk McKenzie convinced me that he would spend the time as a senior.

ROYLAND MOTION TO SEE EACH OF THESE CANDIDATES SEPARATELY  
YELICH SECOND

Johnson said how in the world can you decide by looking at a person if he/she belongs on Central Board if you did not sit in on the interviews.

There was more discussion on this matter from Gursky, Heald, Johnson, Gray, Megee, Royland, Brown, Fitzgerald, Miller, and Huntington.

Huntington, what is the nature of a presidential appointment. It is this, these choices are the Presidents' to make with the ratification of the Board. If you vote no, you are saying you do not like one of the candidates or all of the candidates nominated. And I don't think it is the prerogative of the Board to vote no because they think that there is somebody that should be rather than voting no for someone that they don't like.

Royland, there is no point in us having the Board at all. The Board is for a check and balance system.

MOTION IS TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION. Ratify or not ratify the applicants as they are read off. If you vote yes on the upcoming motion, you are voting to go for each applicant and either vote yes or no for the ratification.

Roll Call: CB members voting yes: Brown, Gursky, and Royland.  
CB members voting no: Fitzgerald, Heald, Holmquist, Johnson, Megee, Miller, Redman, Yelich, Mansfield, and Huntington.  
Abstain: Gray. 3 Yes; 10 No; 1 Abstain MOTION FAILS.

Miller, of these six, two of them were my choice. By this slate it implies to me Greg (Henderson) that you do not think Larry Akey is not as competent as these six.

Discussion from Heald, Royland, Johnson, and Miller.

Vote on the motion.

ROLL Call: CB members voting yes: Holmquist, Johnson, Megee, Redman, Mansfield, and Huntington.

CB members voting no: Fitzgerald, Gray, Gursky, Heald, Miller, Royland, and Yelich.

Abstain: Brown 6 Yes; 7 No; 1 Abstain

MOTION FAILS

Henderson hopefully we can come up with a solution.

This would have been under a special allocation if there had been time, but I just received a letter from ASMSU President Taylor Brown requesting upon the outcome of the Bobcat-Grizzly football game that the loser (Student body President) take his pants off on the 50 yard line and give them to the winner.

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Committee appointments. First of all the Student Health Committee is now somewhat phasing out faculty members. One of the faculty positions is up, and I appointed Allen Soo, he is a graduate student. CB does not need to approve this.

I would like to appoint Peter Karr to the Legal Service Committee to take the place of Sonja Megee which Greg (Henderson) and I will be appointing as Chairman of Legal Services.

FITZGERALD MOTION TO APPOINT MEGEE AS CHAIRMAN TO LEGAL SERVICES COMMITTEE. SECONDED.  
MOTION PASSED

Student Union Board did elect their new chairman and that is Pat Olson. I would like to elect Glenn Johnson to fill Olson's position.

There are some more committees that have vacancies on them, however, it looks like the wish of the Board to wait until we get some new Central Board members so as soon as they are filled I will appoint members to these committees.

Royland, I called up Day Care and they said Tim Dwire was the chairman for this committee and he has resigned. Can't you fill this?

Mansfield, I will as soon as we have new Central Board members.

GRAY MOTION TO TABLE THE NOMINATIONS UNTIL NEXT WEEK.  
GURSKY SECOND.

Roll Call: CB members voting yes: Fitzgerald, Gray, Gursky, & Royland.  
CB members voting no: Brown, Heald, Holmquist, Johnson, Megee, Miller,  
Redman, Yelich, Mansfield, & Huntington. 4 Yes; 10 No  
MOTION FAILS

MANSFIELD MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SIX CENTRAL BOARD MEMBERS  
SECONDED

Royland, Board is making a serious mistake.

Johnson, when we were elected to office we did not know what we were  
getting into.

Megee, how do you know the person or persons you want on Central Board  
are better than the ones on the slate if you did not sit in on the  
interviews and compare.

MANSFIELD PREVIOUS QUESTION.

Motion is to accept this slate of applicants.

Redman said we are going to be lucky if we get anybody on this Board  
after tonight.

Fitzgerald made the following comments:

1. I see no reason why you can say outright that simply because I  
wasn't at the interviews that I don't know anything about these people,
2. Is this the best possible slate to add to CB to make an effective  
organization,
3. You did manage to neglect a large portion of the student body;  
namely, the graduate students,
4. We are all being rather coy here. A little personnel matter of  
certain dislikes and likes perhaps yours or perhaps some of ours, and
5. People who sat in on interviews, I would like to hear from  
Miller, Johnson, and Gray to see if they have any different impressions  
about these six people.

Johnson, I did not object to any of these six choices as they were also  
my choices. You could have come in and talked to Henderson if you  
wanted to see someone on the Board.

Gray, there was not a complete unanimous decision.

Henderson passed the gavel to Huntington with the understanding that  
the chair would request the gavel back so as not to vote on the issue.

This was done at Mansfield's request.

Henderson explained the role as far as CB role versus Presidents' in  
the appointments. You have to remember it was my role my decision and  
that's the way the rules are spelled out in the By-Laws and the  
Constitution.

Gavel passed back to Henderson.



## BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

The line item change for tonight will not come up. No other business.

### OLD BUSINESS

Bruce Barrett discussed his trip to Kansas City, Kansas. Was real pleased with the convention. There are now 18 universities that have full fledged attorneys compared to when we started there were only 4 or 5. Only about 3 or 4 of the universities attorneys' go to court to represent the student. Instead of going to workshops, I ended up conducting some of them.

Student Executive Conference report by Holmquist. Tentative agenda. Governor Judge will not be able to come and speak to us. Larry Pettit and Dr. Bowers will be there. There is a short meeting right after this one.

Heald, please come so we can get things finalized.

Henderson said they were putting a lot of time into this convention and that you will be impressed with their effort.

### NEW BUSINESS

Special Allocation Alpha Phi Omega \$29.85. They are a service organization.

Alpha Phi Omega and Spurs are going to whitewash the "M" this weekend. The "M" has not been painted in two years.

Huntington, you realize the Board cannot vote on this until next week.

GURSKY MOTION TO SUSPEND FISCAL POLICY RULES.  
JOHNSON SECOND.

MOTION PASSES TO SUSPEND THE FISCAL POLICY RULES FOR THIS SPECIAL ALLOCATION.

GURSKY MOTION TO GIVE ALPHA PHI OMEGA \$29.85  
Seconded  
MOTION PASSES

United Way: Redman and Henderson are working with United Way. ASUM got involved last year, but they dropped about \$1200 but hope to raise a couple of dollars this year. United Way is sort of a collection agency for 23 local agencies in Missoula. There is a goal set here at the University that the faculty and students hope to raise. The money only goes to the Missoula agencies. There are several. Cancer, Salvation Army, YWCA, etc. Spurs and hopefully Circle K have a book drive. Programming has agreed to give 10 percent of their profits for the month of November. The officers have agreed to give 10 percent of their monthly salary. Donate whatever you can to Henderson or Redman to be turned into United Way.



Students for Justice Mike Dahlem said that the students are concerned with the faculty cuts. Students for Justice are circulating a petition for overextension of the University Budget. Would like to come back next week with a resolution or a proposal. Would like support from the Board.

Miller, like to thank Mike and the others for coming.

Mansfield said that members appointed to committees should be expected to make a commitment to that committee as resignations are hindering the progress of committees. Will be planning some type of orientation for the new members as to what ASUM is.

Wicks reminded everyone that the biggest day of the year is coming up Monday night. Pumpkin night at Shakeys (9 p.m.) Prefunction at 7 p.m. my house, 2525 South Higgins.

REDMAN MOVED TO ADJOURN  
SECONDED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Patricia A. Jackson  
ASUM Secretary

In attendance: Brown, Fitzgerald, Gray, Gursky, Heald, Holmquist,  
Johnson, Megee, Miller, Redman, Royland, Yelich, Mansfield, & Huntington.  
Excused: Stevens  
Unexcused: Oliphant

It was only in 1974 that Governor Thomas Judge's Blue Ribbon Commission on Post-Secondary Education recommended that the University of Montana "should be the state's most comprehensive institution of higher learning." Today, under a legislative mandate to increase the Student-Faculty Ratio(SFR) to 19:1 the university stands to lose between 39-67 faculty members and many other non-academic staff.

Entire programs could be eliminated in a review process which is pitting department against department, individual against individual. Needless to say, morale has plummeted as talk of lawsuits and court injunctions fill the air. A renewed effort to institute collective bargaining is also gaining support. But more than anything else, the complexity of the situation has left students, faculty and administrators in a state of bewilderment, uncertain how to proceed. Recent statements from Commissioner of Higher Education Lawrence Pettit that nothing else can be done has not helped to relieve this confusion.

Most people have heard of the 19:1 ratio used to determine the appropriation made by this year's legislature. Very few people, however, realize how this figure was arrived at. In recent years, as the university system experienced an expansion of programs the concept of zero-based budgeting was instituted as a means to restrict uncontrolled growth. The cost of education was tied to the level of enrollment in determining appropriations. The ~~specific~~ specific 19:1 ratio, however, was introduced after the session began by legislative fiscal analyst John LaFaver. It was based on the model of the Metro City College in Denver. The efficacy of such a model for the Montana University System in general and the University of Montana in particular went unchallenged by all but a handful of legislators.

The budget finally determined for the university was based on a one-year enrollment figure and the 19:1 SFR. This budget called for a 10% increase in faculty salaries, but at the expense of approximately 67 faculty positions. The allocation for non-academic staff was \$650,000 less than the amount needed to maintain the present number of employees. The overall budget increase will not even match inflation. University President Richard Bowers estimated that the loss to Missoula's economy will amount to \$4.2 million over the next two years. Some political observers contend that Gov. Judge's \$30 million homestead relief gambit had at least some effect on the unwillingness of the legislature to appropriate additional funds for the university.

In accepting the 19:1 ratio there is ample reason to believe that the Board of Regents has capitulated its responsibility "to supervise, coordinate, manage and control the Montana University System" as directed by Article X, Section 6 of the 1972 Constitution. In effect, the Regents have chosen to represent the legislature to the university rather than representing us to the legislature.

The 19:1 ratio, other than its ease in administering, has little to recommend it as a uniform standard. At the U of M, for example, the higher number of graduate courses makes adherence to such a standard more difficult. Also, indetermining the ratio, the equivalent of 493 full-time students taking extension courses are totally ignored while 662 summer school students are counted as less than full-time. When you consider the out-of-state tuition increase imposed last year it is little wonder that enrollment is down again. By basing an appropriation on only a one-year enrollment figure it is easy to confirm a self-fulfilling prophecy that the liberal arts are no longer in demand the way they once were. If this state was truly committed to higher education, however, it could find a way to fund the university in lean years as well as in good ones.

Last May, President Bowers' first response to the cutbacks was to announce that faculty cuts would be made on a "last in, first out" basis. The prospect of decimating the ranks of the younger faculty proved so disagreeable that a university-wide program review was initiated. The reviewers were to consider all programs and to recommend cuts from tenured and non-tenured faculty and staff members.

This summer, about 75 of the faculty along with students and administrators labored long

on Program Review. They worked on vertical committees, horizontal committees, and as some may have been given cause to exclaim, upside-down and inside-out committees. Their report is due on the President's desk on November 1 with appeals heard until November 15. Bowers will make his decision by December 1. After that time, it will be up to the courts to hear any additional appeals. Should Program Review find it impossible to recommend the necessary cuts, there will be intense pressure on Bowers both to make additional cuts and to seek additional funds. As of October 18, departments under review had requested an increase of 35 faculty positions.

The loss of up to 15% of the faculty at the U of M will have severe repercussions for the quality of education here and the quality of life throughout the state. The present movement of students into vocational, technical and service-oriented programs reflects an immediate reaction to the uncertainties of the job market. However, a response to that trend which pulls support out of liberal arts institutions ignores the basic goals and values of higher education—that it be a preparation for life, not a training ground for industry. When Larry Pettit tells the university that it should go on a "public relations" campaign to improve its "tarnished image" he fails to grasp that the quality of an institution is not measured by the win-loss record of its football team. When Pettit announces that higher education no longer enjoys the priority it once had, is he lamenting or endorsing this trend?

In a recent appearance on the UM campus Pettit also announced that MSU would begin a similar program review sometime next year taking three years to complete. It seems that what Montana must perform in little more than three months, Montana State will consider over three years. As Donald Habbe, the Academic Vice-President in charge of the review, put it, "It would be great to be able to conduct a rational review." At another institution he spent nine months evaluating three programs, at Montana he must consider 100 programs in scarcely more than three months. In retrospect, it seems unfortunate that the 1972 Constitution vested so much power in the Commissioner's office to represent the university system to the legislature.

On campus, the Students for Justice has initiated a drive to convince students, faculty and administrators that any program review must be able to consider adding faculty as well as cutting them if it is to be conducted in a fair and comprehensive manner. Under the time constraints imposed, the reviewers have probably done the very best job possible. However, it is ludicrous to believe that an adequate amount of time has been allowed for the task. Therefore, it would be far wiser to seek permission from the interim finance committee to overspend the Regents' budget in order to keep the present faculty on for another year. During this time, a well-researched program review could be prepared for presentation to the 1979 legislature. At the beginning of that session, the appropriation bill drafted by the interim committee could reimburse the Regents for its expenditure to the university. A precedent for such an appropriation exists, but it is up to the Board to request permission from the committee. It is up to us to insist that they do so.

The fact that the university has been called upon to justify itself is not what is at issue. Indeed, such a justification is long overdue. What is at issue is the manner in which the justification has been demanded. If the proposed cutbacks are not resisted now, who can guarantee that a similar fate will not greet us two years hence? How much harder will it be then to recruit students to a university quickly becoming a college?

If the faculty so chooses, let it decide to freeze its wages for a year, or declare a moratorium on the hiring of new faculty members and staff until the 19:1 ratio is met. However, we must not allow the legislature to begin the gradual dismemberment of what should be the state's most comprehensive center of higher learning.

--submitted by Mike Dahlem for the  
Students for Justice