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October 8, 1974

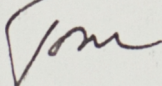
Tom Stockburger, ASUM President
University Center
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Dear Tom,

When I took the Student Action Center directorship last spring, I was working under the assumption that I would be in school this fall, completing my final year of undergraduate work. Over the course of the summer I was offered a full time staff position with the Northern Plains Resource Council which I accepted. Unfortunately the time demanded by this job precludes me from doing what I consider to be an adequate job of working with the Student Action Center.

I therefore am submitting my resignation to you. I would like to recommend Pat Smith for the position of SAC director. He has been active in the programs conducted by SAC, and has an excellent grasp of the issues which students should be involved in. I will continue to work with whomever Central Board chooses to head Student Action Center, advising them on both the management and policies of the office.

With best regards,



Thomas France

October 9, 1974

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Tom Stockburger in the Montana Rooms of the University Center.

Minutes: In Business Manager's report the \$80,000 figure should read \$30,000 with (up to \$80,000) inserted after the \$30,000. Minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:

Stockburger read the resignation of Tom France, Director of the Student Action Center. France recommended that Pat Smith be hired in his place. DELEGATE LEROY BERVEN MOVED TO RATIFY THE RESIGNATION OF TOM FRANCE. DELEGATE RON OST SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. Stockburger said applications for the position will be open until October 18, at which time interviews will be held.

We will have agendas prepared for each member for Wednesday meetings. Please submit agenda items to the ASUM office by noon on Wednesday.

BUSINESS MANAGERS REPORT: There was an increase in student population this quarter which had not been expected which results in an increase in student fee monies that CB may budget. Nockleby believes it to be approximately 7-8 thousand dollars but will give an accurate report next meeting.

DELEGATE JIM MURRAY MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO DISCUSS THE KAIMIN EDITOR BUSINESS. DELEGATE DON HARRIS SECONDED. MOTION FAILED.

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: NOCKLEBY MOVED THAT CB ALLOCATE \$405 TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE FOR HOLDING NINE WELL CHILD CLINICS AT THE UNIVERSITY CENTER DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR. MURRAY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

NOCKLEBY MOVED THAT CB ALLOCATE \$3,500 TO THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER. MURRAY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The recommendation of Budget and Finance on the short-term loan program is to reduce the interest rate to 0% annually and raise it to 5% after the due date of repayment. Committee member, Jan Konigsberg, stated that the rationale for these rates was that ASUM should not be making a profit from giving out the loans and felt that if people were not required to pay interest that the rate of repayment on the loans would be greater. NOCKLEBY MOVED THAT THE ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING A NEW SHORT-TERM LOAN FUND BE POSTPONED UNTIL HE HAD TIME TO RESEARCH THE PROGRAM AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO CB. MOTION SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF REGENTS SELECTION COMMITTEE: Chairman Amanda Rosenberg reported that advertising for the nominations had been taken care of, the interviews had been held Wednesday afternoon, and three nominees had been chosen: Lynne Huffman, Mars Scott, and John Burke. Rosenberg also

presented the criteria that had been used in selection: interest, representative of all students in the University system and ability to keep in touch with the students of the state, articulate, good ideas, sense of diplomacy. ROB STARK MOVED RATIFICATION OF THE NOMINEES. NOCKLEBY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. Rosenberg suggested that the resumes be submitted to the Governor with the list of names. She also added that anybody still interested should submit their names directly to the Governor for consideration.

OLD BUSINESS:

STUDENT AFFAIRS ASSISTANT SELECTION: Stockburger gave the history of the reorganization program of the Student Affairs office. He read a memo written to Del Brown, Director of Student Services, from George Mitchell, Administrative Vice President, requesting the selection of a new student to serve as Student Affairs Assistant with Tom Stockburger Fred Weldon, Del Brown and two students to serve on the selection committee. The two students chosen were Lynne Huffman and Lori Mitchell. Four people applied for the position and Mike Halligan was chosen by the committee. Berven asked what advertising had been done for the vacancy and also for the selection committee. Stockburger stated that there had been advertising in the Kaimin and fliers printed for the vacancy but no advertising had been done for the openings on the selection committee. Murray had heard that the student chosen for the Student Affairs Assistant had made the statement that he did not even know the position existed before he was asked to apply for the job. Murray asked Halligan if this was true. Halligan stated that Fred Weldon had told him of the position.

NEW BUSINESS:

R74-8: Huffman presented a Resolution of Annual Sessions. OST MOVED ADOPTION OF R74-8. NOCKLEBY SECONDED. GREG MURPHY MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO DELETE THE FIRST PHRASE OF THE SECOND WHEREAS. THIS WAS ACCEPTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROGRAM COUNCIL BUDGET REQUEST: HUFFMAN MOVED THAT THE BUDGET REQUEST SUBMITTED BY DAVID SNYDER, PROGRAM COUNCIL DIRECTOR, BE REFERRED TO BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. DELEGATE DAVID IRION SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL BUDGET REQUEST: NOCKLEBY MOVED THAT CB ALLOCATE \$2,500 TO THE COUNCIL TO DO RESEARCH ON THE COLSTRIP ISSUE AND PROVIDE THE INFORMATION TO THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITIES OF THE STATE. MURRAY SECONDED. DELEGATE TIM THOMPSON MOVED TO REFER THIS QUESTION TO BUDGET AND FINANCE AND THAT A LINE ITEM BUDGET BE SUBMITTED FOR THIS ALLOCATION. HUFFMAN SECONDED. Konigsberg warned that any information put out in this form may be more to the benefit of the large companies such as Montana Power rather than the benefit of the students. MOTION CARRIED.

PUB BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT: Dan Shea, Missoula Attorney, was present to represent Ms. Carey Yunker, Kaimin Editor, on the issue of her dismissal. Stockburger called a ten minute recess.

Stockburger announced that Kermit Hummel had requested Pub Board's presence at the CB meeting. Stockburger asked Mr. Shea to make his statement on Yunker's behalf.

Shea stated that Yunker was very upset by the decision of Pub Board. He stated that Huffman had presided over the meeting on Tuesday, October 8. He said it was the Yunkers' belief that PB had full power in hiring and firing of the Kaimin Editor or Business Manager. Mr. Shea however, felt that CB could override that Board's decision if they so decided; he backed his opinion by reading Division V, Article I, Section 4 of the ASUM Bylaws. He said he did not know the politics that had been behind this action but that regardless of whether she was right or wrong, she has the right to the basic decency of receiving notice of dismissal.

Shea stated that due process of law should have been followed; PB should have notified Yunker that she had done wrong and give her time to defend herself. He felt that CB in the interest of common decency reinstate Carey Yunker into her position of Editor of the Kaimin. If PB decides to prefer charges against her, they should do it right. They should list the complaints and the names of those posting the complaints. Then she deserves the chance to defend herself.

Shea said that this action is setting a sorry precedent for the future, especially for the next editor. He said he felt this is gross censorship of the highest degree. He said that the women's lib movement has a long way to go because Ms. Yunker was not treated fairly at all. He said this will be on her record and because this is important to her future in journalism she should have a fair hearing with evidence against her presented to give her the chance for a defense..

Stockburger said that since the other side does not have legal council that the Board should defer action until they have reviewed the actions of PB and have legal council. HUFFMAN MOVED THAT CB SEEK COUNCIL ON THIS ISSUE. MOTION SECONDED. BERVEN ADDED A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT THAT THE MATTER BE TAKEN UP AT THE NEXT MEETING IF LEGAL COUNCIL HAD BEEN SECURED.

THOMPSON MOVED THAT CAREY YUNKER BE REINSTATED UNTIL WE HAVE COUNCIL AND HAVE TIME TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER SO SHE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND HERSELF. Stockburger ruled this motion out of order.

John Kafentzis, PB member, presented PB's side of the argument. He read the criteria for dismissal of Yunker. He said these were not written up as crimes but for the reason that her employer, PB, has dismissed her. He said this is not a legal question. He said any employer has the power to hire or fire an employee if that employer is dissatisfied with the person's work. He felt CB does not need legal council in this question.

FRED RICE MOVED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION. MURRAY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE UNTIL LEGAL COUNCIL IS OBTAINED:

YES: Anderson, Berven, Garlinghouse, Huffman, Irion.

NO: Dakin, Harris, Hogan, Hummel, Konigsberg, Lackman, Murphy, Murray, Nockleby, Ost, Ribí, Rice, Stark, Thompson.

MOTION FAILED 5-14-0.

MURRAY MOVED THAT CENTRAL BOARD OVERRULE PB'S DECISION AND REINSTATE CAREY YUNKER. MARION DAKIN SECONDED.

Berven asked if Yunker requested a delay or did she merely refuse to come to the meeting. Shea went through Yunker's description of the activities that took place on Tuesday evening. At 8:30 p.m. Kafentzis called and asked Yunker to come to the PB meeting at 10:00 p.m. He said the meeting was about Yunker and events that had taken place since she had become editor. Later Rich Ecke and John Kafentzis came to the Kaimin to ask Yunker to attend the meeting. She told them she couldn't come. At 12:00 p.m. Lynne Huffman and another PB member came to the Kaimin and said they had some bad news. Again, they asked her to come to the meeting. Her response at that time was that she wanted to prepare a defense and have an attorney present. She asked that the meeting be held at a later time, and that written charges be presented.

Shea stated that a PB member had told him that the reason for asking Yunker to attend the meeting was not to hear her defense but to explain the reasons to her for her dismissal.

John Kafentzis explained his side of the story: He called Carey at 8:30 p.m. PB was not meeting at that time. He said PB was upset about the second and third pages of the Tuesday Kaimin. He said she was asked to attend the meeting at 10:00. She said she would be there so Kafentzis called the other members to meet at 10:00. Yunker asked Kafentzis if they were going to be judge, jury, and prosecutor. She again said she would be there. She didn't show up so the Board called her at 10:20 p.m. and Yunker said she wouldn't be able to come to the meeting.

Ecke and Kafentzis went to the Kaimin office to urge Yunker to attend the meeting. She asked them to call the meeting later but they said it was impossible. She asked them to let her know the outcome. Kafentzis then read the minutes of the PB meeting. The reason PB did not go to her and warn her against her actions is that they thought this would constitute censorship. The Board decided to either live with her or fire her.

Murray felt the discussion should be on the issue of how Yunker was fired rather than why. He asked PB why they had to dismiss Yunker last night and could not give her more time to form a defense. Larry Jackson said that if the action had not been taken that night they would have to wait several weeks until a new PB had been selected and then the new Board would not have been familiar with the problems. Another member of PB said they would never have any assurance that Yunker would attend the meetings as she had been asked to attend several meetings before with no response.

Konigsberg felt their rationale was very poor. He suggested they set up some kind of criteria for hiring and firing and not leave it up to each PB to decide. He said that with any editor there are going to be complaints and they did not have very good reasons for their action. Kafentzis stated that he felt the number and quality of complaints

constituted her removal. Robin Evans, former PB member, gave his testimony which gave more detail into the reasoning behind the dismissal of Ms. Yunker.

Dr. John Wicks, faculty representative, offered a friendly amendment to read, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A FORMAL HEARING WITH APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES TO PROTEST THE RIGHT OF MS. YUNKER FULLY TO PRESENT HER CASE SHOULD PUBLICATIONS BOARD DESIRE TO PURSUE THE MATTER FULLY. This was accepted.

MURRAY MOVED THE PREVIOUS QUESTION. RICE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO REINSTATE MS. YUNKER etc.

YES: Dakin, Garlinghouse, Harris, Hogan, Huffman, Hummel, Irion, Konigsberg, Lackman, Murray, Ribl, Rice, Stark, Thompson, Waite.

NO: Berven, Murphy, Ost.

ABSTAIN: Anderson.

MOTION CARRIED 15-3-1.

Jackson asked CB for an idea of how they will react if PB does pursue the matter. Kafentzis felt that CB had reinstated Yunker permanently because he didn't think she would ever cooperate with their procedures. Konigsberg stated that CB would probably go along with PB's decision after the criteria has been set up and followed. Stockburger stated that it is now up to PB to pursue the matter. Berven asked Konigsberg if he felt PB should come back to CB to approve their guidelines. Konigsberg said no. Hummel suggested the Board consider the idea of ~~appointing~~ ^{electing} the Kaimin Editor at the same time as the ASUM officers.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Stockburger appointed David Irion as chairman of the Legislative Committee. MURRAY MOVED RATIFICATION. RIBI SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Stockburger announced that Matt Tennis, Monte Beck, and Mike Halligan will present a panel discussion on the office of Student Affairs for CB's information. CB decided to hold the discussion on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. Attendance will be required.

Fred Rice announced that for the next week there will be programs presented as an alternative to the World Affairs Seminar being held in Missoula. They will be held in the U.C. Ballroom at 8:00 on Thursday, October 10, Tuesday, October 15, Wednesday, October 16, and Thursday, October 17.

Virginia B. Ogle
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ASUM Secretary

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT