**ASUM Senate Minutes**

***Wednesday, February 20, 2019***

***Missoula College Rm 122, 6:30 p.m.***

Chair Welch called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm. Present: Senators Akmal, Anderson, Belcher, Corkish, Flanagan, Glueckert, Gregory, Grewell, Hanley, Hiett, Johnson, Koch, Milton, Miranda, Nelson, Pablo, Parsons, Paz, Pease, Powell, Schei, Woody; Business Manager Schafer; Vice President Welch; President Butler; and Advisor Renner-Fahey. Senators Davis and Woody arrived late.

Minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting were approved.

**Public Comment**

* Morgan Corkish
  + ASUM paid positions. Exec recommendations pay students up to 30 weeks, which doesn’t include breaks
  + Kat Olson, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator
    - Budget was turned in late
    - Requests that the ASUM community garden be funded
    - ASUM Sustainability budget was turned in to the accountant but never made it to the executives. Budget has now been seen by B&F.

**President’s Report**

* Steve Thompson, Director of Campus Recreation
  + Campus Rec is carbon neutral
  + March 16 – Griz Glow Run
  + Campus Rec is down 5 staff as a result of budget shortfalls, but hoping to hire one more
  + Mountaineering info session tomorrow night 5-6. Will go to Peru in August
  + Campus Rec will shut down in May for a week for cleaning
  + ASUM rafting trip offer, again
* Wendy Walker, talking about Open Educational Resources (OER)
  + Textbooks are very expensive
  + OER means students can access course content for free
  + Dramatic savings for students
  + Good for student success and retention
  + More flexibility for faculty
  + Challenges:
    - Different kinds of licensing can be complex
    - Transition
    - Faculty are incentivized to create OER material Quality materials are available
  + MUS and OCHE are supportive of OER and helping to facilitate
  + Library and other offices on campus are creating a grant program at UM to incentivize faculty
  + The Library is looking at many ways to incentivize affordable resources on campus
  + UM bookstore is not highly concerned about OER. They make the majority of their revenue in other ways
* ASUM is looking for a new faculty advisor ASAP
  + Please bring your suggestions to the execs
* Day of Action
  + Tuesday, Feb 26
  + Students will share their stories about state aid
  + Every campus in the MUS will have some kind of event
  + Looking for stories from students to share. There will be a Google Doc with specifics
    - Need help getting students to fill this out
    - Will then send this information to their legislators
* Executive Recommendations
  + Incorrect amount allocated to student groups in the first version
  + Marlene’s salary and benefits will be split between administration budget and UMP carryover
  + $78,717 left for Senate to allocate during final budgeting
  + Hiett: How do we decide how much sports and music unions get?
    - Look at the number of teams present and specific budgets
    - If we don’t think a group deserves fund, hard to control at final budgeting. Should be discussed with sports club union president.
    - Can look at past funding for unions
  + Hanley: The first recommendation had a minimum for student groups. Why isn’t that there now?
    - The minimum can be set by the Senate, but won’t be set by Business Manager
  + Parsons: Why did we pull funds from UMP?
    - Traditionally, part of Marlene’s salary has been paid by them, so decided to keep it the same.
  + Hiett: Do execs tell student groups how they made executive recommendations?
    - Yes, Kenzie has been communicating with groups about exec recs
  + Woody: Can the exec rec be more than they request?
    - Yes, there were some where execs recalculated their budgets to make corrections
  + VP Welch: The first, incorrect round of exec recs were only shared with Senators. Only the correct version has been shared.
  + Hanley: Would President Butler send out a spreadsheet with an explanation of line item changes?
    - Yes
  + Parsons: What does ASUM oversight mean for student group funded positions?
    - President is the personnel supervisor for agencies, but not for student groups, currently

**Vice President’s Report**

* Elections Update, Senator Hiett
  + Forms will be available on Monday in the ASUM office
  + Another mock election on the app will happen in March
  + If a referendum will appear on the ballot, it needs to be introduced at new business tonight
  + Class raps over the next two weeks
  + Hanley: Is there an elections grievance policy set yet?
    - Not yet. Info sessions are the first warning and a more formal procedure will be established by then
* Attendance must be put in the Google Drive by Friday
  + Vice Chairs are responsible for attendance
* International Women’s Week
  + VP Welch will speak on March 5 at Main Hall
* Committee udpates
  + Milton: Move to remove Haggart from all committees. Friendly
  + Committees approved unanimously
* Board of Regents
  + If you want to attend, tell VP Welch immediately
  + Will leave about 3 on Wednesday and return at 1 on Friday
* Approval of student groups
  + Gregory: Motion to approve Emmaus Campus Ministry and EPICHummus of Blackstone Launchpad as student groups. Discussion called.
    - Parsons: is this group affiliated with Blackstone Launchpad in the business school?
      * Gregory is not sure.
    - Hiett: What is the process that Board on Members uses to approve student groups?
      * If the groups fill out the form and have their student IDs checked, they should be approved
    - Motion passes.
* A schedule for the weekend will be sent out.
* Grewell: Motion to overturn the decision of the chair regarding seating assignments.
  + Requires a 2/3 vote to overturn the decision of the chair.
  + Increased note passing
  + Co-authors can’t sit together
  + No reward for arriving early
  + VP Welch: Several senators requested a seating chart. If senators have issues seeing, they can inform execs. There were serious issues of side conversations during fall semester.
  + Koch: Should be voted on.
  + Motion fails.

**Business Manager’s Report**

**Zero-Base Carryover: $207,722.64**

**S.T.I.P.: $202,987.47**

**Union Emergency: $6,195 ($2451.05)**

**Special Allocation: $6,582.32 ($6367.32)**

**Spring Travel: $2.851.05 ($2,451.05)**

* UM Pacific Islanders Club Special Allocation Request
  + Hanley: Special allocation fund is lower now.
    - Food for regular meetings is not eligible for special allocation funding.
    - This club has already requested a substantial amount from special allocation this year.
    - Motion passes. Funded at $215.
* Emmaus Campus Ministry Travel Request
  + Request to go on alternative spring break for service learning
  + Allocation is based off of general B and F funding criteria
  + Anderson: Why is this travel request allowed to be seen now, if the deadline has passed?
    - BM Schafer: If requests are submitted past that deadline, they can advance with a 5/6 vote of B&F.
  + Motion passes. Funded at $400.
* Tuba and Euphonium Choir Union Emergency Request.
  + International conference in Iowa City in May
  + Schei: Motion to postpone one week so that student group can come speak.
    - VP Welch wants the group to hear back as soona s possible.
    - Belcher: As a member of B&F, she would want to ask the group questions before funding amendments.
    - Motion passes.
* Final budgeting is this weekend. We will start at 7 am on Saturday.
  + There will be an hour of open discussion at the beginning of budgeting.
  + This is the time to set guidelines. Final budgeting is not the time to put student groups on trial. All groups were approved by the full senate already. If there are questions about whether or not they should be unrecognized, that should happen via Board on Members.
  + Funds allocated during Final Budgeting will not be available until a group is re-recognized in the fall.
  + VP Welch: Food will be provided.
  + Corkish: Will this general discussion be cut off at 8?
    - There will be a vote
  + Hiett: Group members should not speak on those groups.
    - VP Welch: Execs can’t force senators not to speak, but there are many groups not represented by senators who are a member, so it would be better to avoid
  + Belcher: Final budgeting is not the time to try and pull student group funding or recognition without discussing first. Student groups should be able to engage in those discussions.
  + Pease: Do we have to accept the exec recs?
    - No, the recommendations are just a starting point. The Senate can do whatever.
  + Hiett: Concerned that student groups with senate representation had an advantage already in the budgeting process.
  + Schafer: Discussed budgeting priorities with student groups during info session. Did not give specific numbers because they were not known in advance. Exec recs are done differently every year.
  + Hutchinson: Wonders if it’s ethical for ASUM to vote on its own budget
    - VP Welch: ASUM retreats have decreased in cost over the years, intentionally. Senate serves the entire student body, and retreats are very important.
    - Hutchinson is looking at the nonessential part of the ASUM budget. Any student group on campus could say that they serve the entire student population.
  + BM Schafer: Per BOR policy, no one at the University can tell ASUM who to spend their money on, so there is no one else who could vote on the ASUM budget.
  + Schei: Is final budgeting an open or closed meeting?
    - Open. Executive recommendations serve as the agenda.
  + Hutchinson: Would like to know how BOR policy can be changed so that a different group has control over the ASUM administration budget
  + Round 1 of Final Budgeting is most unstructured. Motions can move money between categories but not within categories. Student groups are already able to move within categories as they wish.
  + Round 2 is more limited. 2 pros and 2 cons per motion. Decision of the chair can be overturned, but she thinks this is a good way to start.
  + VP Welch discusses a consent agenda
    - On Round 3, all student groups will be on list. If a senator wants to speak on a student group, they will move to remove the group from the consent agenda.
  + Hanley: Will recency be enacted per group or overall?
    - Per group
  + Pease: How long does Round 1 take?
    - Hoping to shorten it via general discussion at the beginning.
  + Parsons: How many student groups are recognized this year, compared to last year?
    - About 200 recognized last year, 130 in budgeting.
    - About 150 recognized this year, over half in budgeting
* Mock Budget
  + Belcher: Motion to decrease line 62514 by $56. Motion passes.
  + Motion to fund 62514 at -$56. Motion passes.
  + Milton: Motion to fund 62817 by an increase of $675. PQ called and failed.
  + Johnston: Motion to amend increase by $250, total increase of $925.
* Discussion will not be recorded during final budgeting. Motions will be there.

**Committee Reports**

* Hanley: R and A forwarded SB 31 and 32. Transportation met on Monday and forwarded SB33.
* Belcher: UPC discussed how communities of excellence will be developed. OPM meeting to decide on a company. Two will come to campus for demonstrations on March 14 and 15. There will be time for ASUM to ask questions.
* Anderson: Child Care will meet on Tuesday at 8 am. Grad council met and approved new courses, removed GRE requirement.
* Flanagan: Website Update Committee will meet soon with the UC website people.
* Secretary Ward: ASUM Scholarworks is fully updated for the year, and documents for each week’s meeting will now be posted on the website.
* Parsons: Legal will meet on Friday to talk about fee structure changes. Hoping to find more grants.
* Grewell: Interview committee hopes to bring new senators for next week’s meeting.
* Milton: BMAC went to Bitterroot College to meet last week to meet with students and faculty. Will discuss in depth at next meeting.
* Hiett: Dean of Education search committee continues. Candidates should read the Elections bylaws!
* Akmal: Gen Ed met today. March 6 and 13 from 4-5:30 will be Gen Ed forums. Please come to have your thoughts heard. James Randall, Gen Ed chair, will come to an ASUM meeting soon.
* Corkish: Sustainability has decided to meet every other week. Tunnel of Oppression display was approved. Sustainability budget approved.
* Pease: J. Doe committee has met 3 times. February 27 at 7 am will have a training by SARC. Met with Kelly Webster. Office of the President reached out to the J. Doe committee to meet with Title IX compliance officers in March. They will partner on sexual assault awareness week, and are working on their federal grant application.
* Woody: Met with Paul Lasiter and discussed advising.
* Davis: Got access to the office screen again. Email her with display suggestions.
* Schei: Discussed food allergy issues with Camp Howard.

**Unfinished Business**

* SB21-18/19: Resolution Defining the Student-at-Large
  + Hanley gave his authorship. Requirements, definition, expectations, etc have been codified.
  + Hanley: friendly amendment to add James Flanagan to send-to line.
  + Milton: The changes to this resolution are good and it should be approved.
  + Pablo: Motion to add “Missoula College West Campus” to line 36.
    - Clarifying that west campus is included is important.
    - Hanley: suggests changing to “campuses.
    - Motion withdrawn
  + Corkish: Motion to add “campuses: in line 36
  + Grewell: Motion to amend line 33 to capitalize Senate. Friendly.
  + Hiett: Motion to spell out line 1 in line 33. Friendly.
  + Anderson: Students with seats due to GPSA are members on UM committees. Would they be considered SALs under this resolution?
    - President Butler does not see a conflict.
  + Hiett: If this goes into effect, will we go through current SALs and reconfirm then?
    - No, because they are already confirmed. But current SALs will be contacted about the changes.
  + Resolution passes 26Y-0N-0A.
* SB25-18/19: Resolution Supporting the Governor’s Proposed Revenue Enhancements
  + Belcher:gave an authorship. If we are supporting expenditures, we should support putting money in.
  + Grewell: Motion to amend line 26 to remove an extra comma.
  + Powell: This resolution is basically a way to tax lower classes of people to support higher education.
  + Johnston: Do the sponsors have specifics on these tax increases?
    - Belcher
  + Corkish: Sin taxes may focus on lower income people, but doesn’t think that these taxes are very focused. This bill includes a range of taxes.
  + Schei: MUS already receives funding from the lottery, which could also be considered a sin tax. Most of the taxes here affect everyone.
  + Belcher: These taxes are actually intended to target tourists
  + Belcher: Motion to take a 5 minute recess.
    - She will look up the tax details.
    - Akmal: specifics aren’t necessary to vote on this.
    - Motion fails.
  + Belcher: Details of taxes in the proposed bills.
  + Schei: That information was important, because breweries bring tourism to Montana
  + Davis: Many people come to Montana as tourists because of our low liquor prices
  + The resolution passes 22Y-4N-0A.
* SB26-18/19: Resolution Amending ASUM’s Third Legislative Priority
  + Belcher’s authorship: The priority should focus more on student health care, because there hasn’t been much directly on student BCBS
  + The resolution 25Y-1N-0A.
* SB27-18/19: Resolution Opposing HB302
  + Belcher: This bill could make certain types of birth control illegal, which would affect UM students.
  + Davis: Over half of the women at UM use contraception that this bill could criminalize
  + Akmal: This is about birth control criminalization, which affects students directly. This is not about your view on abortion.
  + Schei: We are not discussing views on abortion, we are discussing the effect of this legislation on students.
    - There is a good chance that this will be seen on the floor and pass, so we should be concerned.
  + Anderson: The representative who supported this directly spoke against Native Americans
  + Hiett: UM has 10,644 students, not over 11,000 as the bill states
  + BM Schafer: Move to strike lines 56 and 57.
    - This resolution is for our lobbyist, not directly to the Montana Senate. Directly sending it to them will only make them mad. We have a lobbyist for this reason.
    - Amendment passes.
  + Belcher: Firnedly amendment to change an unplanned pregnancy to a pregnancy.
  + Pease: Doesn’t see how this bill will prevent birth control
  + Pablo: As a Native American mother who has kids, we should oppose this bill.
  + Hiett: Amend line 9 to say 10,000 instead of 11,000.
  + Resolution passes 24Y-2N-0A.
* SB28-18/19: Resolution Regarding Protections of Gender Expression and Sexual Orientation
  + Akmal: These protections aren’t in Montana law, but they are in a few localities.
  + Belcher: This is in collaboration with other partners in the legislature.
    - Failed last leg session.
  + Parsons: Motion to strike lines 52-55.
    - Motion passes.
  + Grewell: Previous question. Discussion is ended.
  + Resolution passes 24Y-1N-1A.
* Senator Hiett moves to suspend House Rules to see SB31-18/19 next so that finalized bylaws can be published.
  + Hanley: We should see this as soon as possible.
  + Motion requires a 2/3 majority vote.
  + Motion passes.
* SB31-18/19: Resolution Regarding “The Source” in Elections Bylaws
  + Resolution apsses unanimously.
* Grewell: Motion to table SB29 until next week.
  + This resolution isn’t time sensitive and wouldn’t go into effect until next year.
  + Motion passes.
* SB30-18/19: Resolution Regarding Section 9.1 of Fiscal Policy
  + Anderson: This address discrimination against law school student groups. Especially important because the MOU didn’t pass.
  + Hanley: Important that discrimination is avoided in fiscal policy.
  + Belcher: Supports because it’s important to show good will toward law students.
  + Parsons: Motion to strike “or discriminated for” in line 37.
    - This implies that we discriminate
    - Anderson: We did discriminate, and this changes the intent of the resolution.
    - Withdrawn.
  + BM Schafer: Amend group to “member organization.” Friendly.
  + Schei: motion to end discussion.
    - Motion passes.
  + Resolution passes unanimously.
* SB32-18/19: Resolution Updating the ASUM Website Upkeep Committee Bylaws
  + Flanagan: This references the ASUM web developer, which hasn’t been hired every year. This resolution clarifies what actually happens.
  + Hanley: Remove all AVP references in brackets. Friendly.
  + Resolution passes unanimously.
* SB33-18/19: Resolution Regarding Transportation Fee Increase Proposal
  + Hanley: Transportation is requesting a fee increase to keep up with inflation. The recommended increase is not sufficient. If this increase does not pass, there will be very significant cuts to ASUM transportation services.
  + Hanley moves to table until the next meeting.
    - Passes unanimously.

**New Business**

* BM Schafer: Resolution regarding final budgeting appeals process to B&F.
* Akmal: Resolution concerning a bylaw change about who can vote during final budgeting
  + Would like to see that people running for future executive positions will not be able to vote on ASUM admin budget to B&F.
* Corkish: Resolution regarding renewable energy at UM, to be sent to R&A and Sustainability.
* Hanley: Resolution regarding Transportation strategic plan, to R&A and Transportation.
* Hanley: Resolution regarding travel rates to B&F, to get rid of lodging maximum.
* Hanley: Resolution removing Dean of Students references from House Rules.
* Hiett: Resolution regarding amount of votes for senate candidates in the ASUM elections, to be sent to Elections.
* Milton: Resolution amending fiscal policy to reflect the SGC position, to B&F.

**Comments**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Daisy Ward

ASUM Senate Secretary