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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Iraqi Refugees - Lilly, Kevin Nalty
   b. Selection of Student Regent Nominee(s)
   c. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   STIP - $146,290.55
   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $8,730
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $111,787.06
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $4,093
   a. Students for Economic and Social Justice Special Allocation request - $300
   b. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB32-07/08 Resolution Supporting the Exploration of a Program Allowing Academically Qualified Iraqi Translators to Attend The University of Montana as Students

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Ness called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: President Leffridge, Vice President Ness, Business Manager Henderson; Senators Chapman, Cossitt, Cox, Dodds, Fennell, Fulton (6:11), Gosline (6:25), Harrison, Herrera, Hunter (6:11), Kiki, Morrison, Nalty, Rand, Smillie, Tabibnejad and Tolton. Unexcused were Senators Effertz and Ferguson.

There were no meeting minutes to approve.

Public Comment
*Dean Couture noted that he would be away next week and so will not be attending the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday of that week.

President’s Report
a. An Iraqi woman who was a translator for the U.S. military is in the United States on a visa. She spoke about her homeland, friends, relatives, Iraqi orphans and the danger for translators and their families.

b. Senator Tabibnejad, Chair of the Interview Committee, spoke about the process and selection of ASUM’s nominee for the Board of Regents student regent position.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Fulton and Hunter.

Nominee Cedric Jacobson thanked Senate for holding this special meeting to select a nominee before this week’s Board of Regents meeting, at which time MAS will meet to consider candidates. He answered questions Senators posed to him.

The Chair recognized the presence of Senator Gosline.

A motion by Tabibnejad-Gosline to approve Jacobson’s nomination was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by Cox.

b. Due to time constraints during lobbying and final budgeting, Senator Tipton resigned his position. Svein Newman, a former Senator, was nominated by the committee to fill the Senate vacancy for the remainder of Senate’s term, since he has prior knowledge of its workings. A motion by Morrison-Nalty to appoint him was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by Hunter. Dean Couture presided over his swearing-in.

c. Petitions for ASUM executive and senator positions will be available next Monday for those who want to run for office.

Vice President’s Report - None
Business Manager’s Report

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a. ASUM Bylaws and House Rules were suspended on a motion by Leftridge-Nalty to consider a Special Allocation request.
b. Students for Economic and Social Justice’s Special Allocation request for $300 passed on a motion by Cox-Chapman.
c. Henderson thanked Senate for the time and effort they spent during lobbying and final budgeting.

Committee Reports

a. SPA (Harrison) - They will meet tonight at 7:30 to finalize plans for the College Republicans-College Democrats debate.
b. Housing (Harrison) - They will meet Wednesday at 2:30 in UC224 to work on the mission statement, as it expires and needs to be approved so that Director Henderson can move ahead with plans.
c. UC Board (Hunter) - Capital allocations and maintenance issues were discussed. Some discretionary funds were approved for spending.
d. Relations and Affairs (Hunter) - SB32 was given a do pass recommendation.

A motion by Leftridge-Harrison to reinstate ASUM Bylaws and House Rules was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by Cox.

Unfinished Business

a. SB32-07/08 Resolution Supporting the Exploration of a Program Allowing Academically Qualified Iraqi Translators to Attend The University of Montana as Students (Exhibit A) was presented as amended in committee. A friendly amendment by Tabibnejad to strike “wish to” in line 45 was accepted. A friendly amendment by Hunter to insert “Iraqi or Afghan” in line 42 after “qualified” was accepted. A motion by Tolton-Fennell to delete “selflessly” in line 10 failed. The resolution as amended was approved by unanimous consent on a motion by Leftridge after a previous question call by Leftridge-Chapman.

New Business

a. Resolution to amend ASUM Fiscal Policy (2)
b. Resolution on bulk advertising contract with Karmin
c. Resolution to amend ASUM Bylaws (2)
d. Resolution on rental discrimination

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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