1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 8, 2006; March 15, 2006
4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Jim O’Day, UM Athletic Director
   b. Dr. David Bell, Director, Curry Health Center
   c. Aber Day Report
   d. Students First!
   e. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KBGA @ 8:30 a.m. Thursday
   c. Surprise!!
   d. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT
   STIP - $112,783.92
   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $6,659.71
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,042.03
   a. Model Arab League Special Allocation request - $1,988.50/$1,575 ($600 entertainment, $957 meeting rooms)
   b. Interfraternity Council Special Allocation request - $700/$575
   c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB24-05/06 Resolution regarding Bikes on Campus – in committee
   b. SB39-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article V, Section 2A - Do pass 7-1-0
   c. SB40-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article II, Section 2 Subpoint 3 - Do pass unanimous
   f. SB41-05/06 Resolution to change ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 2, Subpoint 1 - Do pass 7-0
   g. SB42-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article V, Section 4J - Do pass 8-0
   h. SB43-05/06 Resolution to amend ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 7 Do pass 8-0
   i. SB44-05/06 Resolution regarding the University’s Promoting of the Flat Spot - Do pass unanimous
   j. SB45-05/06 Resolution requesting Student Representation in the Board of Regents Selection Process - Do pass 6-0-1

10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT
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| BRAD CEDERBERG      | P         | Y        |
| President           |           |          |
| LESLIE VENETZ       | P         | N        |
| Vice-President      |           |          |
| Vinnie Pavlish      | P         | Y        |
| Business Manager    |           |          |

| FACULTY ADVISORS    |           |          |
| PROFESSOR ANDERSON  |           |          |
| PROFESSOR AUSLAND   |           |          |
Chair Venetz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Cederberg, Venetz, Pavlish, Abaidoo, Buchman, Cox, Duncan, Hagen (6:05), Helling (6:05), Henderson, Hogue (6:05), Hunter, Jacobson, Knobloch, Nalty, Oram, Pipinich (6:39), Prongua, Prosperi (6:29), Samuel and Sparano. Excused was Epperson. Unexcused was Dawson.

The March 8 and March 15, 2006, minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment - None

President’s Report
a. Curry Health Center Director Dr. David Bell and Administrator Rick Curtis reported on budgetary matters and utilization of health services. They distributed information about the Center (Exhibit A).

b. UM Athletic Director Jim O’Day thanked Senate for their work on behalf of athletics and invited all to come to his office and visit with him any time. Cederberg commended him and his staff on the debt reduction.

c. Mission Mountain Wood Band indicated their willingness to participate on Aber Day but later changed their mind. Aber Day will involve service projects between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and a concert from 3-6 p.m. T-shirts will be available for sale. Cederberg read a letter from the committee about previous Aber Day activities. Copies will be given to Senators.

d. Students First! materials were distributed. They will be inserted in freshmen packets.

e. Cederberg introduced his sister, a student at Sentinel High School.

Vice President’s Report
a. Senate approved the following committee removals: Elections - Solveig Listerud; COT Dean Search - Jed Cox. Senate approved the following committee appointment: IT - James Dolph. Provost Search Committee nominees were forwarded for consideration.

b. Cox will represent ASUM on KBGA Thursday morning.

c. Cake and ice cream were served in celebration of Cederberg and Duncan birthdays.

Business Manager’s Report
STIP - $115,490.32
SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $8,700.21
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $116,042.03

Committee Reports
a. Campus Safety Ad Hoc (Nalty) - A task force will move forward with SB33, which passed last week.

b. Relations and Affairs (Pipinich) - SB24 - in committee; SB39 - 7-1-0 do pass; SB40 - unanimous do pass; SB41 - 7-0 do pass; SB42 - 8-0 do pass; SB43 - 8-0 do pass; SB44 - unanimous do pass; SB45 - 6-0-1 do pass.

c. Registrar Search (Helling) - The fourth candidate will be interviewing.

d. COT Dean Search (Helling) - The search is ongoing.

e. IT (Jacobson) - They met with Ray Ford. There are changes on servers.

f. Traffic Appeals (Hunter) - They considered appeals that were made.

g. ASCRC (Prongua) - Irish Studies as a minor is under consideration.
Unfinished Business

To see a list of resolutions in their entirety with the action taken on them, please go to: www.edu/asum/government/resolution.htm

a. SB24-05/06 Resolution regarding Bikes on Campus - in committee
b. SB39-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article V, Section 2A (Exhibit B) was moved by Venetz-Pipinich. A motion by Helling-Buchman to delete "directly" in the first sentence under "A." passed after a previous question call by Nalty. A motion by Hagen-Oram to insert "with the exception of petition signing" after "campaigning" in the first sentence of "A." passed after a previous question call by Knobloch passed. A motion by Pipinich-Cederberg to insert a final paragraph to read "Let It Be Further Resolved that this resolution will not go into effect until the 2007 election cycle" was approved with unanimous consent. A motion by Cox-Hagen to delete "or lobbying a voter" at the end of paragraph "A." failed after previous question calls by Dawson (failed) and Jacobson. A previous question call by Pipinich on the main motion as amended failed. A motion by Helling-Hogue to recommit to the Elections Committee failed. The resolution as amended passed.

c. SB40-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article II, Section 2 Subpoint 3 (Exhibit C) was moved by Pipinich to approve with unanimous consent and met with objection. A motion by Nalty to approve with unanimous consent met with no objection.

d. SB41-05/06 Resolution to change ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 2, Subpoint 1 was moved by Venetz-Pipinich. A motion by Cox-Pipinich to insert "Let It Be Further Resolved that this resolution will not go into effect until the 2007 election cycle" as a last paragraph passed after a previous question call by Hagen. A motion by Duncan-Hagen to insert "under $10" after "Materials" in subpoint 1 passed after a previous question call by Oram passed. Venetz-Oram moved to delete subpoint 2. After previous question calls by Hagen and Dawson failed, a motion by Hagen-Dawson to recommit the resolution passed.

e. SB42-05/06 Resolution to amend Bylaws Article V, Section 4J (Exhibit D) was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Helling.

f. SB43-045/06 Resolution to amend ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 7 (Exhibit E) was moved by Venetz-Helling. Buchman-Knobloch moved to insert a final paragraph reading "Let It Be Further Resolved that this resolution will not go into effect until the 2007 election cycle." A suggestion by Helling-Oram to replace "2007 election cycle" with "next academic year" was accepted, and the motion with this amendment was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Oram. The main motion as amended passed after a previous question call by Oram.

A motion by Duncan-Oram to record an unexcused absence for Senator Dawson passed after a previous question call by Oram.

h. A motion by Buchman-Pipinich to remove SB24-05/06 Resolution regarding Bikes on Campus from the docket passed.

i. SB45-05/06 Resolution requesting Student Representation in the Board of Regents Selection Process was approved with unanimous consent on a motion by Venetz.
New Business

a. Resolution encouraging the Board of Regents to disband EVST at UM
b. Resolution regarding foreign languages
c. Resolution on coordination of sustainable campus community
d. Resolution congratulating men’s basketball team
e. Resolution on oval usage
f. Resolution regarding the LA building name
g. Resolution congratulating Stan Pillman
h. Resolution in support of extended library hours

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Curry Health Center
2005-2006

Health Fee revenue

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CHC Non-clinical activities/programs:

- Stress Less
- Fall Health & Wellness Fair
- Peer Educators (PROs)
- Free, Anonymous HIV testing
- Condom Access (CARE)
- Smoking Cessation kits
- Stress Management
- Relaxation CD
- Promote Safe Drinking
- Walking for Fitness program
- Body Image Fair
- National Depression Screening Day
- AAAHC Accreditation
- Student Internships/Preceptorships
- State Suicide Prevention Network
- International Travel Planning
- RA Training
- Healthy Sexuality presentation
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention
- Peer SARC advocates
- Campus Health-Status Surveys
- Student Health Advisory Committee
- Test Anxiety Reduction workshop
- Healthy Body Image workshop
- Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual support group
- Mutual Respect program
- Native American Women's Talking Circle
- Overcoming Shyness group
- Drug/Alcohol Abuse Prevention
- New/Transfer student orientations
- Health Information Resource for entire campus
- Appropriate Campus Committee participants

2006-2007, CHC Goals:

1. Secure funds to hire a psychiatrist for the purpose of providing services to students with significant mental health issues in an effort to retain these students in their academic pursuits.
2. Develop a long-term capital funding strategy to address standard of care technology issues (i.e., digital radiography, electronic medical records systems).
3. Implement a secure computer network environment utilizing encryption technology, secured server workspace and security applications to protect personal health information in accordance with HIPAA legislation requirements.
4. Work to establish clear priorities in regards to the functions/services that are provided. In doing so, CHC will use these priorities to determine direction and resource allocations.
5. Work in collaboration with Residence Life to develop a Life Skills training program for students for the purpose of retaining students.
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Resolution to Amend Bylaws Article V, Section 2A

Whereas, the wording, "indirectly" of Article V, Section 2 required candidates to say nothing that promote their candidacy;

Whereas, simply stating that a candidate is running indirectly promotes their candidacy;

Whereas, candidates are required to state they are running in order to request student signatures on their petitions for candidacy;

Whereas, the word "indirectly" puts candidates in a compromising position when they are requesting signatures;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the wording of Bylaws, Article V, Section 2A be amended to read:

Section 2. Campaigning

A. Campaigning, with the exception of petition signing, is defined as any activity which directly or indirectly promotes the candidacy of one or more individuals for an office. This includes, but is not necessarily limited to, scheduling appearances, the buying of votes with money, gifts, or alcohol, posting or publishing advertisements, distributing literature, or lobbying a voter.

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that this resolution will not go into effect until the 2007 election cycle.

Sponsored by: Vice President Leslie Venetz

Passed
3/22/06
Resolution to Amend Bylaws Article II, Section 2 Subpoint 3

Whereas, the ASUM Senate spends up to 24 hours in formal lobbying during the week of formally lobbying;

Whereas, this is a considerable time commitment;

Whereas, the expectation of office hours during this week is unreasonable;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved the wording of Bylaws, Article II, Section 2 subpoint 3 be changed to read:

3. The office hours will be started by the Monday before the third Senate meeting and will be held each day that regular classes meet. Office hours will not be required during days when classes are not held, during the week of formal lobbying, or during the week before finals week.

Sponsored by: Vice President Leslie Venetz

Approved with unanimous consent
3/22/06
Resolution to amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 4

Whereas, leadership of ASUM-recognized student groups has a high rate of turnover;

Whereas, new leadership may not be aware of documents submitted by previous leaders;

Whereas, constitutions governing ASUM-recognized student groups can have a significant impact on the functions of that group;

Whereas, it would be beneficial to ASUM-recognized student groups to review and possibly update their constitutions yearly;

Whereas, the Board on Member Organizations Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving applications for groups wishing to be ASUM-recognized;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that a subpoint J be added to Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4 that reads:

J. Each student group must review and make necessary updates to their constitution each year. This document must be included with the application to receive ASUM recognition.

Approved with unanimous consent
3-22-06

Authored by: Leslie Venetz, ASUM Vice President
Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws Article V, Section 7

Whereas, it is imperative for incoming Executive Officers to have an adequate amount of transition time after new executive officers are elected;

Whereas, new Executive Officers would benefit from at least two weeks of transition time before the week of final exams;

Whereas, this means that the elections schedule should begin no later than nine weeks before the week of final exams;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that Bylaws, Article 5, Section 7 be amended to read:

Section 7. Calendar: Deadlines and dates shall follow the below schedule, which the Elections Committee may alter as necessary:
Petitions Available: Monday, 6 weeks prior to the General Election, but no later than nine weeks before the week of final exams
Petitions Due: Friday by 5 p.m., 5 weeks prior to General Election
Informational Meeting: Tuesday, 4 weeks prior to General Election
Campaigning Begins: Monday, 3 weeks prior to General Election
Senate Primary Forum: Wednesday, 3 weeks prior to General Election
Officer Primary Forum: Thursday, 3 weeks prior to General Elections
Primary Election (if needed): Wednesday, 2 weeks prior to General Election
2nd Senate Forum: Wednesday, 1 week prior to General Election
Executive Debate: Thursday, 1 week prior to General Election

Let It Be Further Resolved that this resolution will not go into effect until the next academic year.

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Authored by: Leslie Venetz, ASUM Vice President

Passed 3/22/06
Resolution Regarding the University's Promoting of the Flat Spot

Whereas, taking between 12 and 21 credits costs the same amount of money, called the 'Flat Spot,'

Whereas, the University Office of Budget and Planning Analysis studies attrition and retention rates,

Whereas, these studies have shown that students who consistently take an average of 15 credits have a 50% greater chance of graduating,

Whereas, these studies have also shown that students who take advantage of the Flat Spot graduate in less time, with less debt, and with a higher Grade Point Average,

Whereas, advisors play a large role in helping students be academically successful,

Whereas, there has been controversy regarding the University's promotion of the Flat Spot,

Whereas, the Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) acknowledge that high student loans are a problem for many UM graduates,

Therefore, Let It BeResolved that ASUM encourage students to take advantage of the Flat Spot,

Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM support and appreciate the University's efforts to help students take advantage of the Flat Spot,

Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM encourage advisors to promote the Flat Spot when advising students,

Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM support changing the name of the Flat Spot in order to make it more appealing to students,

Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM send a copy of this resolution to all necessary parties, including but not limited to: Montana Kaimin, Executive Academic Officers, University Executive Officers, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Department Chairs, and the Undergraduate Advising Office.

Authored by: Senator Andrea Helling
Endorsed by: Senator Josh Buchman

Approved: unanimous consent 3/22/06
RESOLUTION REQUESTING STUDENT REPRESENTATION IN THE BOARD OF REGENTS SELECTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, Article X Section 9 of the Montana Constitution authorizes the Board of Regents of the Montana University System to manage the state’s post-secondary educational opportunities;

WHEREAS, Article II Sections 8 and 9 of the Montana Constitution clearly state the public’s right to participate in the operation of state agencies and the right to observe state government deliberations;

WHEREAS, the Montana University System exists to educate, enlighten, and empower the students of Montana;

WHEREAS, a recent resignation created a vacancy on the Board of Regents.

WHEREAS, the Governor of Montana, after an exhaustive and statewide search, selects and appoints Montanans to fill vacancies on the Board of Regents;

WHEREAS, members of the Board of Regents should have knowledge, awareness, and passion for the policy matters facing post-secondary education in Montana;

WHEREAS, in the past, partisan political posturing has polluted the policy deliberations of the Board of Regents;

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents should be focused on completing the work necessary to strengthen the educational opportunities for Montana’s students;

WHEREAS, members of Board of Regents should understand and value student perspectives on policy matters facing post-secondary education in Montana;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Associated Students of The University of Montana humbly request that Brian Schweitzer, Governor of Montana, develop a process to permit three students enrolled in the Montana University System to represent their fellow students during his staff level Regent recruitment and interview processes.

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Schweitzer, the Governor’s Education Policy Advisor, the Governor’s Boards and Appointments Advisor, the Montana Commissioner of Higher Education, the Montana Board of Regents, and the student government leader of each campus in the Montana University System.

Authored/Sponsored by: ASUM President Brad Cederberg

Co-Sponsored By: Senator John Dawson

Approved unanimously 3/22/06