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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 28, 2009

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Mountainside Chat:
      1. Cherie Peacock, University of Montana Sustainability Coordinator, and Erica Bloom, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator
   b. Resignation of Olivia Riutta and the future of the Off-Campus Renter Center
   c. Strategic budget planning recap
   d. ADSUM representative coming to MAS-BOR 11/18 – 11/20 and conference call
   e. Advertising space on white boards
   f. RSVP 11/14 brunch
   g. Event:
      1. Juried Student Art Show opening reception 11/5 in the Gallery of Visual Arts, Social Sciences Building, from 5 – 7 p.m.
   h. Six-month mark
   i. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals –
   b. KGBA
   c. Food Drive
   d. Academic Strategic Plan
   e. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $16,820.00
   STIP - $216,158.31
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $12,822.08.00
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $166,261.24

   a. ASUM Administration Zero-Base request - $2500.00/2500.00
   b. Fencing Club STIP request - $1,050.00/1,050.00
   c. Fencing Club STIP request - $1,000.00/360.00
d. Fencing Club STIP request - $600.00/0
e. Fencing Club STIP request - $998.00/401.66
f. Latter Day Saint Student Association Special Allocation request - $505.00/115.00
g. UM Climate Action Now! Special Allocation request - $2,424.20/287.00
h. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair May called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: President Fennell, Vice President May, Business Manager Armstrong, and Senators Brewer, Carson, Chuang, Davis, Dusek, Engum, Guilhemotonia, K. Kettering, M. Kettering, Kilts, Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Smartt, Stovall, Summers, Torti, Wilke and Williams. Senator Barhaugh was excused.

The minutes from the October 28, 2009 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
- Michael Paine, Program Advisor for the University Center (UC) Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development, provided the update of UC events. There will be an opening for the new exhibit of works by Pamela Caughey in the UC Art Gallery 11/5. An Xbox tournament will be taking place in the Game Room 11/3. Senate participation was encouraged for the 12/1 Leadership Summit being held starting at 6 p.m. in the UC Theater.
- Jared Trilling of MontPIRG provided an update on the organization’s activities. Fundraising has resulted in the raising of $1500 to be applied to the debt owed The University of Montana (UM). The organization expects to have the balance paid off by the end of the semester. Five hundred copies of a survey regarding issues of greatest importance to students have been distributed on campus.
- Zach Porter of UM Climate Action Now (UM CAN) spoke in support of the emergency travel allocation request which would help fund 19 students who want to attend Power Shift West, an environmental conference taking place 11/6 – 11/9.

President’s Report
- Mountain-side Chats:
  1. Cherie Peacock, UM Sustainability Coordinator, and Erica Bloom, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator, provided an update on the UM Climate Action Plan (UMCAP), the draft of which is almost complete. (Exhibit A) The purpose of UMCAP is to develop strategies for reducing UM greenhouse gas emissions. A chart detailing the cost and effectiveness of various strategies was distributed. (Exhibit B) The deadline for reporting back to President
Dennison on UMCAP is 1/15/10. On 11/17 there will be an open house in the UC Theater for anyone interested in giving feedback on the draft.

b. President Fennell announced the resignation of Olivia Riutta, director the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center (OCRC). Olivia spoke about housing policy issues in Missoula and advocacy for individuals with housing problems. She will work part-time as the OCRC director in the weeks to come and help with the transition. The OCRC Board has stepped up and has been speaking on behalf of student renters in Missoula. The OCRC office and Board have been working on a survey designed to provide insights and information on how to do better and more strategic work on behalf of student renters.

c. President Fennell attended the 10/30 meeting of the Strategic Finance Committee, the goal of which is to consider viable proposals for addressing the budget shortfall. The UM will face in 2011 with the withdrawal of federal stimulus funding. Twenty-nine proposals to either reduce expenses or increase revenue were considered.

(Exhibit C) Fennel-Davis moved to recess for three minutes so the Senate could read through the proposals. A motion by Davis-Armstrong for the Senate to discuss and vote on each proposal individually was approved. The results:

1. There being no discussion the first proposal passed unanimously.
2. Failed to pass on a 6–12 roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)
3. Passed unanimously following the end of discussion.
4. Passed with one dissenting vote.
5. Previous question was called by Guilhemotonia-Armstrong and unanimously approved. The proposal failed 1–17.
6. Unanimously opposed following a previous question call by Wilke-Rose.
7. Passed following the end of discussion with one abstention.
8. Passed unanimously following the end of discussion.
9. Passed unanimously following a previous question call by Armstrong-Guilhemotonia.
10. Unanimously opposed following the end of discussion.
11. There being no discussion, the proposal passed with one dissenting vote.
12. There being no discussion, the proposal passed unanimously.
13. Defeated 3–15 following the end of discussion.
14. Defeated unanimously following the end of discussion.
15. Passed following the end of discussion with one dissenting vote.
16. Passed unanimously following the end of discussion.
17. There being no discussion, the proposal passed unanimously.
18. Passed unanimously following the end of discussion.
19. Passed unanimously following the end of discussion.
20. Failed on a roll call vote of 3 – 15 (see Tally Sheet) following a previous question call by Armstrong-Guilhemotonia.
21. There being no discussion, the proposal passed unanimously.
22. A previous question call by Summers-Guilhemotonia passed on a roll call vote of 13 – 6. (see Tally Sheet) The proposal failed on an 8 – 12 roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet)
23. Failed unanimously following a previous question call by Rhea-Williams.
24. Failed on a voice vote following a previous question call by Rhea-Williams.
25. There being no discussion, the proposal passed unanimously.
26. Previous question was called by Carson-Davis. The proposal passed with one dissenting vote.
27. No vote – informational only.
28. Passed 15 – 3 on a voice vote following a previous question call by Brewer-Guilhemotonia.
29. There being no discussion, the proposal failed on a voice vote called for the nays.

President Fennell called for a ten-minute recess.

d. Representatives of the Alliance for Disability and Students at The University of Montana will be accompanying Senate members to Bozeman 11/19 – 11/20 because they are concerned about the Department of Student Services and want to address the Board of Regents (BOR) personally. All the Montana Associated Students’ presidents and Regent Todd Buchanan will be participating in a conference call 11/10 to discuss student involvement within a BOR work group.

e. The possibility of ASUM buying advertising space on a dry-erase surface calendar was discussed. Several Senators questioned the efficacy of this kind of promotion for ASUM.

f. Senators have until 11/10 to RSVP the invitation from the President’s Office to the 11/14 brunch and football game.
g. Event:
   1. The Juried Student Art Show is on display for the next two weeks in the Gallery of Visual Arts in the Social Science Building.

h. The Senate has arrived at the end of the first six-months of its term. Senators were encouraged to think about the impact each wants to make during the remaining time.

Vice President’s Report

a. Committee Appointments/Removals - none
b. Senator Carson will speak on behalf of ASUM during the KBGA radio Thursday morning program.
c. Food Drive - The Office of Greek Life is asking for ASUM support 11/15 - 11/19. Senators are needed to accompany sorority members to leave requests for donations in specific neighborhoods to be picked up later. All donations will go to the Missoula Food Bank. A signup sheet was passed around.
d. Academic Strategic Plan (ASP) - Faculty are still unhappy with the Plan and the Faculty Senate (FS) has yet to approve it. Vice President May’s suggestion is for the Senate to stand behind the faculty until the FS has approved the ASP. President Fennell and Vice President May will be meeting with faculty to discuss the matter.
e. The ASUM Transportation Board (ASUMTB) is taking on the proposed northwest Amtrak route project which would provide passenger train service from Chicago to either Seattle or Portland. Vice President May and the ASUMTB met with President Dennison and Executive Vice President Foley and both seemed supportive. Research is going to be done to determine what other schools lay along the proposed route.

Business Manager’s Report

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STIP - $215,158.31
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A motion by Mariani-Carson to consider all the special funding requests as a slate was defeated.

   a. The ASUM Administration Zero-Base request recommended by the Business and Finance Committee (B&F) for $2,500 was
approved for same following a previous question call by Rhea-Smartt.
b. A motion by Rhea-Summers to consider the four Fencing Club STIP request recommendations as a slate passed on a voice vote. The four STIP requests were approved: $1050/1050, $360/360, $0/0, and $401.66/401.66.
c. There being no discussion, the Latter Day Saint Student Association Special Allocation request for $115, and recommended by B&F for same, passed unanimously.
d. UM CAN submitted a request for an Emergency Travel Allocation which B&F recommended for $287. Torti-Davis moved to increase line 625 to $500. Following discussion the amendment was defeated unanimously. At the conclusion of discussion, $287 was approved on a voice vote.
e. Rhea-Davis moved to suspend House Rules in order to consider a Special Allocation request from the National Community Pharmacists’ Association. This was approved with one dissenting vote. A motion by Wilke-Summers to recommend $250 for line 625 was approved. Previous question was called by Rhea-Chuang and approved. The Special Allocation of $250 passed on a voice vote.

Committee Reports
a. Student Political Action (Williams) – a meeting with Doug Coffin of the University Faculty Association is scheduled for 11/5 at 5 p.m.
b. Board on Members (Wilke) – A motion by Rhea-Armstrong to accept the list of groups to be recognized as a slate was approved unanimously. (Exhibit D)
c. Transportation (Rhea) – bids have come in lower than the $400,000 which was budgeted to build the new bus barn. The committee will be meeting 11/5 at 7 p.m.

Unfinished Business
a. None

New Business
a. Resolution regarding Climate Action Plan
b. Resolution regarding hard copy of President’s memos going electronic
c. Resolution regarding student emailing
d. Resolution regarding Employee Free Choice Act
e. Resolution regarding electrifying the UC
f. Resolution regarding The University’s Coke contract
g. Resolution amending Fiscal Policy on the Contingency Fund
h. Resolution amending Fiscal Policy with regard to Special Allocations
i. Resolution regarding medical marijuana
j. Resolution regarding gas cards
k. Resolution regarding lunches with international students
l. Resolution amending Personnel Policy
m. Resolution amending House Rules

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

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