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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 2, 2009

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Mountainside Chat and recommendation of:
      1. Beki Hartmann, Director of the Off-Campus Renter Center
   b. December 2009, Missoula County Elections Proposal
   c. Montana Association of Students and Board of Regents update:
      1. Student Regent Interviews
      2. Montana University System student survey
   d. Student Political Action Director vacancy
   e. Tours: 2/17 Athletics at 5 p.m.
   f. Event:
      1. Speaking Volumes: Transforming Hate now through 3/6
   g. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals -
   b. KGBA
   c. Bearfoot signup
   d. Strategic budget meeting
   e. Resignations
   f. Office hours and tabling
   g. Haiti
   h. 2/12 Soup Friday with AISS
   i. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $15,125.00
   STIP - $212,920.92
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $12,535.08
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $164,209.43

   a. Kaimin Business Manager
   b. Business & Finance committee meeting January 31
   c. Other
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair May called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: President Fennell, Vice President May, Business Manager Armstrong; and Senators Barhaugh, Brewer, Carson (6:10), Davis, Dusek, Guilhemotonia, Kilts, Mariani, Rhea, Rose, Smartt, Stovall, Summers (6:10), Torti, Wilke and Williams. Excused: Senator Chuang. Unexcused: Senator K. Kettering.

The minutes from the December 2, 2009 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
- Emily Brock, of the Women’s Resource Center and graduate student in Public Administration, spoke in support of the efforts of senators to increase awareness, and to pass resolutions in support, of healthy sexuality, sexually transmitted disease prevention, family planning, and access to reproductive care.
- Josh Crismore introduced himself as the new President of Lambda Alliance. The group’s next meeting will be January 31st at 7 p.m. in University Center (UC) room 331, to which all are invited.
- Candy Holt, Director of the UC, welcomed the senators back from break and provided an update on some building developments. The chairs which have served the UC so well for 41 years will be replaced soon. The remodeling of the first-floor restroom next to the Griz Card Center will be completed soon, making it fully accessible. The allocation of office space on the Student Organization Suite has been finalized for the semester.
- Neil Bennett provided the MontPIRG update. The group is working to restore Amtrak service to the southern part of Montana and recently paid off its $7000 debt to The University of Montana (UM).

President’s Report
a. Mountain-side Chat:
   1. Beki Hartmann was introduced as the new Director of the Off-Campus Renter Center (OCRC). Since starting in December, she has doubled the size of the OCRC website, worked with Mayor John Engen on a team to address the need for low-income housing in Missoula and made arrangements to publish a weekly article in the Kaimin on housing issues of concern to students.
May-Davis moved that Beki Hartman be approved as the new director of the OCRC. The motion passed unanimously on a motion by Rhea.

b. Last December 16th President Fennell and Vice President May attended a County Commissioners meeting and spoke against a proposal to close the UC as one of the county’s election polling locations. As a result, the UC will remain a polling location based on the understanding that The UM will provide paid poll workers and volunteers for future elections.

c. President Fennell attended Board of Regents (BOR) and Montana Association of Students (MAS) meetings earlier in January.
   1. A Student Regent needs to be selected for the next academic year and ASUM may recommend up to three students for the position. Interviews will be conducted and candidates voted on by the full Senate February 19. The next MAS meeting will be March 3.
   2. MAS has been asked by the BOR to conduct a survey of students on each of the state’s campuses. ASUM needs to come up with a survey specific to The UM. The responses will be used to gather support for higher education and to build enthusiasm before going before the state Legislature next year.

d. The position of Director of the Student Political Action office is vacant again. President Fennell would like to explore the possibility of streamlining the process by finding someone to recommend outside of the committee process.

e. There will be a tour of the Athletics Department for Senators Wednesday, February 17, at 5 p.m. Senators are to meet in the Hall of Champions. Additional tours will be arranged for some of the new buildings on campus.

f. Event:
   1. President Fennell recommends the current exhibit, Speaking in Volumes: Transforming Hate, a traveling collection of art created from white-supremacist literature. The exhibit is sponsored by the Montana Museum of Art and Culture and can be seen through March 6th at the Mansfield Library.

g. Over the break President Fennell was sent a link to an Organizing Guide (OG) published by the AFL/CIO regarding the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA). The ASUM Senates of 2008/09 and 2009/10 have passed resolutions in support of the EFCA and the resolution from 2008/09 was included in the OG as a sample university resolution.
The Chair recognized the presence of Senators Carson and Summers.

Vice President’s Report

a. Committee Appointments/Removals - Davis-Dusek moved to approve all the committee appointments and removals as a slate. (Exhibit A) The motion passed unanimously on a motion by Smartt. There are vacant positions available on the Transportation Board and Budget and Finance committee. Senators can also let Vice President May know if they are interested in serving on the committee that will select the new director of Residence Life.

b. Senator Kilts will speak on behalf of ASUM during the KBGA radio Thursday morning program.

c. Free tickets are available to Senators who would like to attend the February 19 Bearfoot concert. A signup sheet was passed around.

d. There will be a meeting at 3 p.m. on January 28 in the Continuing Education building to discuss the Strategic Budget initiatives.

e. Senators Engum and M. Kettering have submitted their resignations. These openings will be advertised in the Kaimin starting January 29 and applications are due February 5. Interviews will take place the weekend of February 6 – 7.

f. Senator office hours will be handled differently this semester in that each senator is expected to select a project they will work on over the course of the semester. Vice President May is compiling a list of things that need to be done. Atrium tabling needs to be done more consistently on a weekly basis and this could be one of the projects.

g. Vice President May would like to add links to the ASUM website for making donations with well established and reputable organizations providing relief for Haiti. She encouraged suggestions from the Senate.

h. ASUM will be co-sponsoring Soup Friday with American Indian Student Services on February 12. A signup sheet was passed around for Senators interested in helping to plan and prepare the menu.

i. There will be a Student Group Fair held in the atrium of the UC on February 17. Student groups have been invited to participate and there might be an ASUM table as well, featuring Students First materials.
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a. The Publications Board met and selected Rachel Gundlach as the new Kaimin Business Manager. Rhea-Guilhemotonia moved to approve the appointment. The motion passed unanimously following a motion by Davis.
b. The next Budget and Finance committee meeting will take place at 5 p.m. January 31.
c. Budgeting Informational sessions will be held February 1 and 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the UC Theater. It is mandatory for a representative of each student group wanting to participate in the Spring Budgeting process to attend one of these sessions.
d. Formal lobbying for student groups that have submitted budget requests will take place February 22 – 25 from 5 to 10 p.m. on the third floor of the UC.
e. Final budgeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 27, starting at 8 a.m. and lasting as long as necessary.

Committee Reports
a. Board on Members (Wilke) - A motion by Rhea-Torti to accept the list of groups to be recognized as a slate was approved unanimously on a motion by Davis. (Exhibit B)
b. Transportation (Rhea) - The board will be meeting every other Thursday this semester.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business
a. Resolution regarding the Stupak amendment
b. Resolution regarding veterans issues
c. Resolution regarding new co-signer policy adopted by Lambros Realty

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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