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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 8, 2010

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Greetings
   b. Recommendation of Dani Mackey for vacant ASUM Senate seat
   c. Introduction of Emily Downing, Kaimin Reporter
   d. Mountainside Chat:
      1. Douglas Coffin, President of the University Faculty Association
   e. Agency update: Jennifer Hill-Hart, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator
   f. Follow up items:
      1. Diversity Reception, September 14, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Davidson Honors College Lounge
      2. UM football
      3. Presidential finalist lunch
   g. BOR/MAS
   h. Other

6. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals
   b. KBGA
   c. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION – $17,744.26
   STIP – $131,918.83
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION – $18,000.00
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER – $184,422.12
a. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: President Williams, Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson (6:07); and Senators Amatuzio, Baker, Berry, Carson, Cochran, DeSoto, Gursky, Gustin, Hoggatt, James, Mariani (6:02), Rhea, Sanders, Sims, Spika, Suzuki (6:09), Wren and Yerger.

The minutes from the September 8, 2010 meeting were approved as corrected.

Public Comment – none

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Mariani.

President’s Report
a. President Williams welcomed everyone and hoped that the senators enjoyed the tour of the College of Technology lead by Dean Barry Good.

b. President Williams introduced Dani Mackey, the candidate recommended by the Interview Committee’s to fill the vacant Senate position. A motion by Rhea-Berry to approve the recommendation passed unanimously. Dean of Students Charles Couture presided over the swearing in.

The chair recognized the presence of Business Manager Hanson and Senator Suzuki.

c. President Williams introduced Emily Downing, the Kaimin reporter who will be covering the ASUM Senate.

d. Mountainside Chat:

1. Douglas Coffin, President of the University Faculty Association (UFA) and Professor of Molecular Genetics, spoke to issues and concerns regarding declining state support for higher education funding in Montana. He urged the Senate to join with faculty to continue the campaign for more legislative support of the Montana University System and students. To this end, the UFA has pledged $1200.00 toward a scholarship for ASUM’s Legislative Lobbyist. Additional information in a Power Point presentation will be made available to senators by email (Exhibit A).
e. There was no ASUM agency update.

f. Follow up items:
   1. The Diversity Reception Tuesday, September 14, was a success. There was good food and discussion. Several senators attended though President Williams wished there had been more.
   2. President Williams and Vice President Stovall had a good trip to California for the Cal-Poly game. President Williams was impressed with the athletes she met, finding them very helpful and respectful. She learned about the struggles many of them face juggling school and athletic demands.
   3. President Williams and Vice President Stovall attended the presidential finalist luncheon with Royce Engstrom. They found him to be a highly qualified candidate who is willing to answer hard questions.

g. There will be no Senate meeting next week, September 22, because of the Montana Associated Students and the Board of Regents meetings in Butte.

h. Senator Summers has resigned her Senate position.

Vice President’s Report

a. A motion by Rhea-James to nominate Senator Mackey to the Transportation Board was approved unanimously on a motion by James-Berry to approve. A motion by James-Hanson to approve the slate of committee appointments and removals passed unanimously on a motion by James (Exhibit B).

b. Vice President Stovall introduced Andrea Rhoades, ASUM Administrative Associate, who talked about the podcast of the Thursday morning KBGA “ASUM Live,” programs she plans to post on the ASUM website. Senator Rhea was scheduled to appear Thursday, September 16, but is overbooked and Senator Suzuki will speak in his place. A signup sheet was passed around for subsequent Thursday morning openings.

c. Vice President Stovall welcomed Senator Mackey.

d. Vice President Stovall reminded senators to regularly check their ASUM office mailboxes.

e. Everyone is welcome to attend Soup Friday in the Native American Center Friday, September 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cosponsor this week will be the Registrar’s Office.
Business Manager’s Report

a. There were no special funding requests this week. The next Senate meeting, September 29, will be a busy one because the Budget and Finance (B&F) committee recommendations for fall semester Travel Allocation and a few Special Allocations requests will be considered. B&F will be meeting Monday, September 20, at 5:45 p.m.

Committee Reports

a. Academic Standards and Curriculum Review (Williams) - The committee meets every Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Gallagher 222.
b. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) - The committee tabled the Diversity Plan resolution.
c. UC Board - (Carson) - Candy Holt, UC Director, is resigning at the end of November.
d. Interview (Mariani) - The committee interviewed twelve applicants for the open Senate seat and selected Dani Mackey as their recommendation. President Williams asked members to meet with her following the evening’s Senate meeting.
e. Transportation (Rhea) - The committee is interested in the 3-Plus option for Russell Street. Sunday Streets, featuring a car-free downtown and Higgins Street bridge for several hours, September 12, was a success.
f. Sustainable Campus (Rhea) - The committee meets once a month Mondays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
g. President Williams requested that members of the Student Political Action committee meet with her following the evening’s Senate meeting.
h. MontPIRG (Gursky) - A check for the organization is coming from Chicago. Business Manager Hanson met with Jaime Ebert, a MontPIRG staff person, to discuss a possible restructuring of the fee collection process.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

a. Resolutions amending Bylaws (2)
b. Resolution pertaining to public safety
c. Resolution regarding Fiscal Policy
d. Resolution regarding parking
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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