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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - November 3, 2010

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Mountainside Chat: President Royce Engstrom
   b. Stand Up To Hate/It Gets Better update: Senator Suzuki
   c. Holiday party
   d. Cat/Griz game
   e. Montana Associated Students/Board of Regents
   f. Other

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

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $17,744.26
   STIP - $129,684.43
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $11,539.63
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $184,679.92

   a. Mortar Board Special Allocation Request - $5053.00/623.00
   b. Oval Literary Magazine S.T.I.P. Request - $252.00/252.00
   c. Montana Anthropological Student Association Special Allocation Request - $250.00/250.00
   d. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: President Williams; Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson; and Senators Amatuzio, Baker, Berry, Carson, Cochran, DeSoto, Gursky, Gustin, Hoggatt (6:03), James, Klapmeier, Mackey, Sanders (6:05), Sims, Spika, Suzuki and Yerger. Excused: Senators Mariani, Rhea and Wren.

The minutes from the October 27, 2010 meeting were approved as amended.

Public Comment

- Megan Riggs, Student Coordinator for University Center (UC) Art Exhibits, provided the update of UC events: Leadership Workshop - The Politics of Citizens: Lobbying Elected Officials, November 9, 6 to 9 p.m. in UC 326; “Prose & Poems” in the UC Gallery, November 9, 7 to 9 p.m.; International Coffee Hour, 7 p.m., November 10, in UC 330; Griz/Cat football ticket distribution, November 14, doors open 9 a.m. and ticket sales start at 3 p.m.; and a showing of “Food, Inc.”, November 17, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Katie Koga of the Office of Civic Engagement encouraged those in attendance to contribute to the “Can the Cats” campaign, an effort to help the Griz win the competition with Montana State University to see which school can collect the most donations for their local food banks. Donations are being accepted until November 20, and can be dropped off in room 015 of the Davidson Honors College. A Food Bank truck will also be on campus to collect donations the afternoon of November 19.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Hoggatt.

- Jeff Edmunds of MontPIRG announced the Higher Education Rally will be held in the free speech area between the UC and Mansfield Library and will start at noon, November 18. There will also be a free Dead Hipster Dance Party for Higher Education, a benefit show to raise awareness of the funding crisis facing The UM, from 8 p.m. to midnight, November 17, at The Elks.
- Thomas Vincent, Britt Herring, Joachim Kleinmann and Jeff Edmunds provided an update of Zoo Crew activities.
President’s Report

a. UM President Royce Engstrom reported on activities from his first month as president, namely four mechanisms for improved communication: a weekly video update, the establishment of a University Council, making visits on and off campus with the many UM stakeholders, and working with a leadership team. There are six primary directions President Engstrom sees The UM moving: student success, responsiveness of the two-year institutions, redesigning the undergraduate educational experience, developing the strategic growth of graduate programs, building research capacity, and creating the most effective and vibrant learning environment possible.

The UM focus for the upcoming legislative session will include efforts to ensure state support for maintaining an excellent educational experience without shifting the financial burden to students; maintain the highest quality and competitiveness of University personnel by means of competitive salaries; and improve physical infrastructure, especially of the College of Technology (COT).

Other items President Engstrom spoke to include the search for a new chancellor at Montana Tech in Butte; the upcoming decision whether or not the football program will join the Western Athletic Conference; and, after reviewing research on the environmental impacts of different car models available on the website of the Society of Concerned Scientists, the purchase by The UM of a new car for the new president.

b. Senator Suzuki spoke to the “It Will Get Better” campaign to counteract LGBT suicides and the negative affects of bullying. The first day of filming took place earlier in the day from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The second day of filming will be November 17, from 3 to 5 p.m., also in the lounge area of the Student Organization Suite.

c. Senator Amatuzio is working on the Holiday Party to be held one weekend in December. Senators are to let her know which weekend works best for them.

d. The Griz-Cat football game is November 20. ASUM will be tabling in the UC Atrium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., November 14, during ticket sales.
e. Senators are required to attend the Montana Associated Students (MAS) meeting November 17, during which a lobbyist will be selected to represent MAS during the upcoming legislative session. Senators are also to let President Williams know when they will be available to attend Board of Regents sessions.

f. Candy Holt, director of the UC, will be retiring at the end of November. Thank you cards for her were passed around for senators to sign.

Vice President’s Report
a. Clark Grant, General Manager of KBGA Radio since last April, provided an overview of KBGA. It is a 24-hour radio station run by part-time student employees and volunteers. Founded fourteen years ago, there are currently 75 programs broadcast within a twenty mile radius of campus.

b. Committee Appointments/Removals – A motion by Hanson-Yerger to approve the list of appointments and removals as a slate was approved unanimously on a motion by Berry (Exhibit A).

c. The MAS meeting will be held in UC 330, November 17, starting at 5:30 p.m.

Business Manager’s Report
a. The Mortar Board Special Allocation request for $5053.00, and recommended by Budget and Finance’s (B&F) for $623.00, passed with unanimous consent.

b. The Oval Literary Magazine S.T.I.P. Request for $252, and recommended by B&F for same, passed with unanimous consent.

c. The Montana Anthropological Student Association Special Allocation Request for $250.00, and recommended by B&F for same, passed with unanimous consent.

Committee Reports
a. University Council (Williams) – Dates, times and locations of future meetings will be posted.

b. Student Health Advisory (Spika) – The committee is looking at increasing the health fee and increasing hours.

c. Housing Board (Spika) – The board is looking to take on two interns – one as a policy advocate and the other to provide neighborhood outreach.

d. UC Board (Carson) – The board met earlier in the day and approved the budget.
e. Student Political Action (Gursky) – The SPA is one of sixteen coalition members sponsoring a Higher Education Rally to show support for the campaign for accessible and affordable higher education. The rally is taking place November 18, in the free speech area between the UC and Mansfield Library starting at noon and will feature food, music and speakers.

f. MontPIRG (Gursky) – MontPIRG let go its one staff member. Two new ones are due within a week.

g. COT (Berry) – The committee will be meeting November 14.

h. Wizarding (G. Wiz) – The committee met to discuss changing the color of flame and demonstrated the ability to do so by reciting the following incantation:

"If to Ravenclaw you’re true,
Make this cauldron burn bright blue
If you aspire to Hufflepuff,
Fill this vessel with yellow stuff
If with Slytherin you’re seen
Infuse this flame with hints of green,
If in Gryffindor you’ll bed,
Touch these flames with shades of red.
My wizardly skills can shape and mold,
This cauldron into sparks of gold
Show these Muggles a wizard’s might,
Fill this bowl with silver light!
I am the great and powerful G. Wiz!"

Unfinished Business - none

New Business
a. Resolution regarding course repeat fee
b. Resolution regarding free speech zone

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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