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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 9, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. President Williams in Helena with President Engstrom for College of Technology bond hearing
   b. Mountainside Chat: Student Affairs Fees
      1. Dr. Teresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs
      2. David Bell, Director of Curry Health Center
      3. Keith Glaes, Director of Campus Recreation
      4. Liz Roosa Millar, University Center Interim Director
   c. Recommendation of Jeffrey Edmunds for ASUM Senate
   d. Jen Gursky, ASUM Lobbyist, reporting from Helena
   e. Other

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

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION – $15,488.26
STIP – $140,109.78
TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION – $468.64
ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER – $184,147.52

   a. UM FLAT S.T.I.P. request – $970.00/299.00
   b. Forestry Student Association S.T.I.P. request – $549.95/549.95
   c. Djebe Bara Community Drum & Dance Special Allocation request – $261.80/61.80
d. Il Circolo Italiano Special Allocation request – $500.00/375.00

e. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB17-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Curry Health Fee
   b. SB18-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Legislative Session
   c. SB19-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 280
   d. SB20-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Legislative Session

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson; and Senators Amatuzio, Baker, Berry, Carson, Cochran, DeSoto, Gustin, Hoggatt, James (6:02), Klapmeier, Mackey, Mariani (6:04), Rhea, Sanders, Sims, Spika, Suzuki, Wren and Yerger. Excused: President Williams

The minutes from the February 9, 2011 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

o Grace Malato of the UM Equestrian Team (UMET) thanked the Senate for its support. The UMET won the team championship at the UM Western competition and four members qualified for regionals.

o Rick Curtis, Curry Health Center Administrator, spoke on behalf of the Montana University System Student Insurance Plan in support of SB19-10/11. He explained that a Self-Funding Student Health Insurance Plan is an ideal tool to deal with the health insurance needs of a stable population of primarily young healthy adults. Supporting Montana State SB280 would result in the best price, best quality and best practice for UM students.

o Steven Mumblo gave the MontPIRG update: refunds are still being issued; the MontPIRG lobbyists continue to meet with state legislators regarding the Renewable Energy Standard, the Montana Environmental Policy Act, and Amtrak; the board approved the hiring of another campus organizer, Jared Trilling.

o Josh Crismore, speaking on his own behalf, spoke in support of SB18-10/11. Repeal of the Missoula Ordinance Number 3428 (Exhibit A) would have a direct impact on himself and members of his community.

o Spencer Veysey of the Men’s Rugby Team (MRT) criticized ASUM for not approving the team’s Special Allocation Request for “technical reasons.” (Office Manager note: according to ASUM Bylaws, as a member of the Sports Union, the MRT is not eligible for Special Allocations.)

President’s Report

a. Vice President Stovall announced that President Williams was unable to attend the evening’s meeting since she was
attending a hearing in Helena regarding potential funding for the College of Technology.

b. Mountainside Chats:
   1. Teresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs (SA), introduced the three SA directors, David Bell, Keith Glaes and Liz Roosa Millar, giving mandatory fee proposal and departmental updates (Exhibit B). Representatives of SA departments make presentations every other year to keep the Senate apprised of fee increases.

The chair recognized the presence of Senators Mariani and James.

   2. David Bell, Director of Curry Health Center (CHC), described the availability of new services, including digital x-ray, electronic health records and the ability for students to log onto a secure site to obtain health assistance. UM enrollment has increased 28% over the last decade while full-time staff at CHC has only increased 12%. Consequently, CHC has fallen behind in its ability to provide accessibility to healthcare.

   3. Keith Glaes, Director of Campus Recreation (CR), has been doing his best to control expenses over the last two years and CR is unique in its ability to charge for some usage. However, the building is ten years old and some fixtures and equipment are wearing out so a 1% fee increase is being proposed for FY13.

   4. Liz Roosa Millar, Interim Director of the University Center (UC), explained that the UC is not proposing a fee increase until FY 2013. The UC Board approved the FY12 budget last November.

c. Vice President Stovall read President William’s letter of recommendation (Exhibit C) of Jeffrey Edmunds for the open Senate position. After addressing the Senate and answering questions, a motion by Cochran-Amatuzio to confirm Jeffrey Edmunds as ASUM Senator was approved unanimously on a motion by Hanson. Dean of Students Charles Couture presided over the swearing in.

d. Jen Gursky, ASUM lobbyist, was not available for a Skype report as she was also attending the budget hearing in Helena.

Vice President’s Report
   a. Committee Appointments/Removals - none
b. Senator Sanders will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, February 10. Senator Yerger volunteered for the February 24, program.

c. Vice President Stovall reminded senators that Student Lobby Day at the State Legislature in Helena is February 21. Buses will be leaving at 8 a.m.

d. Vice President Stovall asked senators to encourage members of their student groups to attend the Ready Set Lead Student Leadership Conference, February 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the third floor of the UC.

Business Manager’s Report

a. A motion by Sanders-Sims to approve the Budget and Finance committee (B&F) UM FLAT S.T.I.P. Request recommendation of $299.00 for same passed with unanimous consent on a motion by Rhea.

b. A motion by Cochran-Suzuki to approve the B&F Forestry Student Association S.T.I.P. Request recommendation of $549.95 for same passed unanimously on a motion by James.

c. A motion by Berry-Sims to approve the B&F Djebe Bara Community Drum & Dance Special Allocation Request recommendation of $61.80 for same passed unanimously on a motion by Suzuki.

d. A motion by Rhea-James to approve the B&F Il Circolo Italiano Special Allocation Request recommendation of $375.00 for same passed unanimously on a motion by Gustin.

Committee Reports

a. Transportation (Rhea) - The committee met with the General Manager of Mountain Line who is very supportive of ASUM Transportation. Senator Rhea is still working on the Transportation Fee referendum language.

b. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) - The committee considered four resolutions - SB17, SB18, SB19 and SB20 - at its most recent meeting and all received do pass recommendations.

c. Board on Members (Gustin) - A motion by Sanders-Hanson to approve the list of student groups recommended for recognition as a slate passed unanimously on a motion by Berry. (Exhibit D)

d. Web (Cochran) - The committee has finished the set of standards for all groups using the umt.edu domain.
e. Student Political Action (Edmunds) – A rally in support of funding for higher education will be taking place in the UC Atrium at noon, February 18. The committee is conducting a phone bank effort with the goal to reach 1000 people over the next few days. Senator Edmunds reminded everyone that Student Lobby Day is February 21. A planning meeting will be held in the ASUM conference room February 17.

f. Vice President Stovall has learned that some senators are not attending their University Committee meetings. Senators are to contact her if they have any scheduling conflicts.

Unfinished Business

a. SB17-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Curry Health Center Fee – A motion by Suzuki-Sims to approve the resolution passed unanimously on a voice vote. (Exhibit E)

b. SB18-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Legislative Session – A motion by Hanson-Suzuki to approve the resolution passed unanimously on a voice vote. (Exhibit F)

c. SB19-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 280 – A motion by Cochran-Berry to approve the resolution passed unanimously on a voice vote. (Exhibit G)

d. SB20-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Legislative Session – A motion by Hoggatt-Berry to approve the resolution passed unanimously on a motion by Hanson.

New Business

a. Resolution regarding ASUM Transportation Fee referendum language

b. Resolution regarding West Campus COT

c. Resolution regarding legislative session

d. Resolution regarding Tester Wilderness Bill

e. Resolution regarding Athletic Fee

f. Resolution regarding Student Affairs Fee

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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