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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 16, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Board of Regents and Montana Associated Students update
   b. Mountainside Chat:
      1. Mark Raymond, COT Welding Technology Instructor
   c. Out of office, March 15 - 21
   d. Other

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

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT - none

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $15,328.26
   STIP - $146,349.74
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $468.64
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $182,941.96

   a. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB22-10/11 - Resolution Regarding COT West Campus
   b. SB24-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Swing Dance
   c. SB25-10/11 - Resolution Regarding ASUM Transportation Fee
   d. SB26-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Student Affairs Fee
10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: President Williams, Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson; and Senators Amatuzio, Baker, Berry, Carson (6:04), Cochran (6:04), DeSoto, Edmunds, Gustin, Hoggatt, James (6:13), Klapmeier (6:04), Mackey, Mariani (6:21), Rhea, Sanders, Sims (6:04), Spika (6:04), Suzuki, Wren and Yerger.

The minutes from the February 16, 2011 meeting were approved.

The chair recognized the presence of Senators Carson, Cochran, Klapmeier, Sims and Suzuki.

Public Comment

- James Ross, a second-year student of the COT West Campus Welding Technology Program (WTP), expressed his joy with the opportunity to work with Mark Raymond, Director of the WTP. He also spoke to concerns regarding the lack of a drinking fountain in the welding facility; the quality of food, especially for diabetics; the lack of time for hands-on work; and the inadequacy of raw materials to work with.

- Rob Olsen, Board Chair of MontPIRG, provided the organization’s update. MontPIRG has two legislative lobbyists working in Helena. They continue to work on lobbying for bills and coalition building. On February 26, MontPIRG launched its second campus campaign to protect the Renewable Energy Standard. The organization has also gathered 3000 signatures in support of protecting the North Fork of the Flathead River. The MontPIRG board has nine new student members, four of whom are graduate students.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator James.

- Brandon Wilson, a first-year WTP student, expressed his frustration with the UM’s office of the Coordinator for Veterans Affairs. For two semesters in a row it has taken so long for his paperwork to be processed that he has lacked funds several weeks into the semester.
President’s Report
a. Mountainside Chats:
   1. Mark Raymond, COT Welding Technology Instructor, described the history of the COT West Campus and welding instruction. The WTP has grown over the years and is now a two year college level program. He thinks of technology as the practical end of science and the WTP reflects this in its equal emphasis on academics and practical skills. The goal of the program is to train welders who meet national standards. The program is a strong one that could continue to grow but is hindered by having to rely on equipment that dates from the 40’s, 50’s and 60’s.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Mariani.

b. The Board of Regents (BOR) and Montana Associated Students (MAS) met last week in Helena. MAS nominated three individuals for the position of Student Regent. The current Student Regent also submitted her own name for reappointment.

c. President Williams will be out of the office next week and will return March 21.

d. For those senators who will be running for ASUM Senate again, President Williams recommends attending the BOR meeting in May as the question of increased tuition will be addressed. She also recommends keeping an eye on the Student Regent situation.

Vice President’s Report
a. Committee Appointments/Removals - A motion by Williams-Hanson to approve the committee appointment and removals as a slate was approved. (Exhibit A)

b. Senator Wren will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, March 10.

c. Vice President Stovall reminded senators that the ASUM back conference room is for their use and they need to take responsibility for keeping it clean and picked up.

Business Manager’s Report
a. A motion by Rhea-Amatuzio to approve the Budget and Finance committee (B&F) Persian Student Association Special Allocation Request recommendation of $300.00 for same passed on a voice vote.
b. A motion by Rhea-Sanders to approve the 1000 New Gardens - Missoula S.T.I.P. Request of $622.00 for $525.00 passed on a voice vote.

Committee Reports
a. Elections (Berry) - The committee met for the first time, March 4, and has gotten off to a good start. Help is needed with tabling in the dorms. At the next meeting, March 11, the committee will be figuring out when to table and in which dorms. The committee has begun compiling a notebook of information for future Elections Committees.
b. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) - The committee considered six resolutions at its last meeting: SB22, SB24, SB25 and SB26 received do pass recommendations; SB21 and SB23 were tabled.
c. Web (Cochran) - The committee met February 28. A new Cyberbear login procedure will go into effect March 15.
d. Transportation (Rhea) - The committee met to finalize the Transportation Fee referendum language (see SB25-10/11).
e. Child Care (Rhea) - Senator Rhea congratulated President Williams on her successful support of the effort to make child care services available on campus for faculty and staff. Currently, the committee has no chair and Senator Rhea requested the other senate members of the committee meet with him following the evening’s meeting.
f. Student Political Action (Edmunds) - As part of the last Student Lobby Day, the Capitol Rotunda in Helena has been reserved for a Bring Your Legislator to Lunch event, March 18, with food being prepared by COT Culinary Arts students. Earlier in the day there will be a letter writing campaign to representatives and senators prior to the House vote on funding for higher education, March 14.
g. Magic (G. Wiz) - It was announced that the committee’s report would be presented in the form of an outdoor fireworks display immediately following adjournment.

Unfinished Business
a. SB22-10/11 - Resolution Regarding COT West Campus - A motion by Berry to amend line 32 was accepted as friendly. Previous question was called by James-Sanders and approved. The resolution as amended passed unanimously on a motion by Williams. (Exhibit B)
b. SB24-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Swing Dance – A motion by Hanson-Williams to table the resolution passed unanimously on a motion by Hanson. (Exhibit C)

c. SB25-10/11 – Resolution Regarding the ASUM Transportation Fee – A motion by Rhea to amend line 25 was accepted as friendly. A motion by DeSoto to amend line 18 was accepted as friendly. Previous question was called by Suzuki-Williams and approved. The resolution as amended passed on a voice vote. (Exhibit D)

d. SB26-10/11 – Resolution Regarding the Student Affairs Fee Proposals – previous question was called by Williams-Sims and unanimously approved on a motion by Gustin. The resolution passed unanimously on a voice vote. (Exhibit E)

New Business
   a. Resolution regarding indexing referendum language
   b. Resolution regarding Kaimin fee increase
   c. Resolution regarding online course feedback
   d. Resolution regarding legislative session
   e. Resolution regarding student health
   f. Resolution regarding COT West Campus
   g. Resolution regarding athletic fee

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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