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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - March 9, 2011

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   a. Greetings from Montreal
   b. Mountainside Chat:
      1. Lucy France, Director of Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action
      2. Jean Gee, Associate Athletic Director
   c. Other

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

7. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT

   SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $15,028.26
   STIP - $146,349.74
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - $468.64
   ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - $182,941.96

   a. Mortar Board Special Allocation Request - $38.00/38.00
   b. A Single Suit S.T.I.P. Request - $1397.00/400.00
   c. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB28-10/11 - Resolution Regarding Student Health

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT
Chair Stovall called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Present: Vice President Stovall, Business Manager Hanson; and Senators Amatuzio, Berry, Carson, Cochran, DeSoto, Edmunds, Gustin, Hoggatt, James, Klapmeier, Mackey, Mariani (6:03), Rhea (6:03), Sanders, Sims, Spika, Suzuki, Wren and Yerger. Excused: President Williams and Senator Baker

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

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Rhea.

Public Comment

- Emily May, Student Coordinator of the University Center (UC) Center for Leadership Development, provided the update of upcoming UC events: March Madness will be taking place March 17 and 18, all day, in the UC Atrium; tours of the Tunnel of Oppression are being offered March 21 – 23, in the UC Ballroom; Open Mic Night is March 24, from 8 p.m. to midnight, in the UC Game Room; the film “The Kids Are Alright” is being shown as part of the Diversity Film Series, March 30, at 7 p.m.

The chair recognized the presence of Senator Mariani.

- Kate Lufkin of the Equestrian Team displayed the trophy the team earned by winning the regional team championship. Eighteen members will be travelling to California in April to participate in the competition for best collegiate team in the western zone.

- Hallie Swain gave the MontPIRG update: the MontPIRG student lobbyist in Helena has compiled a scorecard with information on how elected representatives voted on key issues; the Renewable Energy Standard and North Fork of the Flathead River campaigns are winding down; MontPIRG and coalition partners are calling on Representative Denny Rehberg to restore funding to the Pell Grant program; three new campaigns are being launched - Cheaper Textbooks, Consumer Protection, and Hunger and Homelessness.

- Sarah Olafson spoke in support of SB28-10/11, Resolution Regarding Student Health, which she co-authored.
President’s Report
a. Vice President Stovall announced that President Williams is in Montreal and unable to attend the evening’s meeting.
b. Mountainside Chat:
   1. Lucy France, Director of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, Jean Gee, Associate Athletic Director, and Teresa Branch, Vice President for Student Affairs, spoke to assessment processes and requirements of Title IX and how these apply to the entire University (Exhibit A). A determination of compliance has indicated The UM needs to improve in two aspects: gender equity in athletics and diversity. A survey was conducted and competitive intercollegiate women’s softball has been determined to be the most appropriate option for correcting the latter. Vice President Branch co-chairs a NCAA certification committee and a report on UM Athletics is due to be submitted April 29. It costs approximately $500,000 to adequately establish a new sport on campus and efforts are underway to put resources and a viable plan in place in order to achieve The University’s goals with regard to Title IX compliance.

Vice President’s Report
a. Committee Appointments/Removals – A motion by Suzuki-Sanders to approve the list of appointments and removals as a slate was approved (Exhibit B).
b. Senator Suzuki will appear on the KBGA program, ASUM Live, Thursday, March 17.
c. Vice President Stovall raised the issue of inappropriate removal of informational postings. All postings are to be respected and not subject to removal based on individual whim.

Business Manager’s Report
a. A motion by James-Amatuzio to approve the Budget and Finance committee (B&F) Mortar Board Special Allocation Request recommendation of $38.00 for same passed with unanimous consent on a voice vote.
b. James-Sims moved to reduce the B&F A Single Suit S.T.I.P. Request recommendation of $400.00 to zero. Previous question was called by Suzuki-Amatuzio and approved on a voice vote. The motion as amended passed on a voice vote.
Committee Reports

a. Relations and Affairs (Suzuki) – The committee considered two resolutions: SB27-10/11 was tabled and SB28-10/11 received a do pass recommendation.

b. Elections (Berry) – The committee is tabling in the dorms: Jesse and Aber Halls, March 15; Turner and Knowles Halls, March 16; Craig and Pantzer Halls, March 17; and Turner Hall, March 22. There will be an ASUM Senate Open House from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., March 18, in the ASUM office suite. Senate candidates are welcome to enjoy pizza and pop and learn about serving on Senate from current senators.

c. Student Political Action (Edmunds) – The next Student Lobby Day in Helena is March 18, and will feature Bring Your Legislator to Lunch in the Capitol Rotunda. The committee will be delivering letters to legislators written as part of a letter writing campaign. Senator Edmunds encouraged senators to join the committee for phone banking from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., March 17.

d. UC Board (Carson) – Senator Carson asked members of the committee to meet with her following the Senate meeting.

e. Radio Board (Rhea) – The board will be meeting soon to hire a new general manager for KBGA.

f. Child Care (Rhea) – Senators are invited to share an afternoon snack in the McGill Hall center, March 17, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

g. Transportation (Rhea) – It appeared there might be an issue with the fee referendum language but this turned out not to be the case.

h. Publications Board (Hanson) – The board will be meeting soon to hire a new manager of the Kaimin. The board’s recommendation for the position will be presented to the Senate for approval on March 23.

Unfinished Business

a. SB28-10/11 – Resolution Regarding Student Health (Exhibit C) – Motions by Suzuki and Rhea to amend the list of authors and lines 11, 12, 22, 33, 36, 37, 38, 43 and 44 were accepted as friendly. A previous question call by Gustin-Sanders was defeated 4 – 16 on a roll call vote (see Tally Sheet). A motion by Suzuki-Sims to delete lines 43 and 44 was approved following a previous question call
by Gustin-Suzuki. Previous question was called by James-Sanders and approved. The resolution failed on a voice vote.

New Business
a. Resolution regarding ASUM Bylaws
b. Resolution regarding West Campus COT
c. Resolution regarding legislative session
d. Resolution regarding UM softball team
e. Resolution regarding Board of Regents
f. Resolution regarding Pell Grants
g. Resolution regarding UM recycling
h. Resolution regarding Kaimin fee increase
i. Resolution regarding Kaimin fee referendum language
j. Resolution regarding West Campus COT transportation
k. Resolution regarding swing dance
l. Resolution regarding MontPIRG

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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