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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**  
**University Center 330/331 – 6 P.M.**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 7, 2012**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Blake Bjornsen, Associated Students of Montana State University President
- b. Board of Regents update
- c. Legislative priorities
- d. State of the Community Event – Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m., University Theater
- e. Elections Committee approval
- f. Elections schedule
- g. Constitutional Review Board approval
- h. Other

**6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - none**

**7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**

**SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$13,909.10**

**STIP - \$187,947.94**

**TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$962.50**

**ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$164,337.39**

- a. Japanese Student Association Special Allocation - \$500/500
- b. UM Club Baseball S.T.I.P. Request - \$2,069.44/1,100.00
- c. UM Triathlon Team Emergency Union Travel Allocation - \$3411.60/337.00
- d. Keyboard Society Emergency Union Travel Allocation - \$2085.60/264.00
- e. Persian Student Association Special Allocation - \$570.66/249.00
- f. Changes to Fiscal Policy
- g. Other

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. SB39-11/12 – Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Student Group Fee
- b. SB40-11/12 – Resolution Amending ASUM Constitution
- c. SB41-11/12 - Resolution Regarding ASUM Constitutional Referenda Language
- d. SB42-11/12 – Resolution Regarding Reagrding Protected Senate Seats
- e. SB43-11/12 – Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Increased Senate Delegation Size

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

## **11. COMMENTS**

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

**ASUM Senate Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**  
**University Center 330/331 - 6 p.m.**

President Gursky called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: President Gursky, Business Manager Sims, Professor Smith; and Senators Bennett, Boslough (6:09), Coon, Dantic, Dickmeyer (6:09), Gordon, Klapmeier, LaFortune (6:01), Molgaard, Nielsen, Overturf, Patten, Selph, Simpson, Springmeyer, Williams, M. and Williams, T. Excused: Vice President Edmunds and Senators Brown, Hohman, and Suzuki.

The minutes from the March 7, 2012 meeting were approved.

**Public Comment**

- Kip Faircloth, member of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, thanked the Senate for the allotment they received. Upcoming events include Justice Week and partnering with the Compassion International leadership program. There is a blacklight/highlighter party on March 16, from 8-11 p.m. (Exhibit A)
- Patrick Rhea, the board-chair of MontPIRG, asked the Senate to table SB 40 until the Constitutional Review Board (CRB) can review the proceedings. Additionally, earlier in the day Students as MontPIRG filed for the establishment of a MontPIRG chapter on the University of Montana campus. To see the referendum language, senators may look at a letter submitted to Senator Suzuki (Exhibit B).

**President's Report**

- a. Blake Bjornsen, President of the Associated Students of Montana State University, sang the Grizzly fight song after losing a bet with President Gursky as to who would win the Griz-Cat football game. He also expressed his appreciation for working with President Gursky to represent the 40,000 college students in Montana.
- b. Board of Regents Update – The Board of Regents discussed sexual assault responses and dialogue, as well as holding a summit the following Saturday. Some of the Greek students went to the summit and will be invited to the Senate to give a report. The Board of Regents also approved the new Arabic minor, the master's program in global public health, the Gilkey Center, Athletic and Academic Success Center, and the ASUM remodel will be on the agenda for approval in May.
- c. Montana Associated Students legislative priorities:
  - 1) Staff and faculty support and pay
  - 2) Research and post-baccalaureate work - The University of Montana does not match up to its cohorts in being able to obtain and retain research funds.
  - 3) Need-based aid needs to come from a state-based level.
- d. A State of the Community Address will be held Thursday, March 15, 7 p.m. The President, the Mayor, and County Commissioner will be discussing the state of the community.
- e. Elections Committee Approval - A motion by **Patten-Simpson** to approve recommendations, with the addition of Alec Short and Missy Lacock, Students-At-Large (SALs), as an updated slate (Exhibit C) passed unanimously on a motion by **Dantic**. The committee still needs three SALs.

- f. Regarding the elections schedule, petitions for all Senate positions are available and are due by March 21, at 5 p.m.
- g. The Constitutional Review Board recommendation had five members, with Miranda Carson as an alternate, and was approved as a slate (Exhibit D) on a motion by **Williams, M.-Patten** that passed by voice vote (VV).
- h. During her visit to Washington D.C. last week President Gursky was able to meet with the Senators and Representative of Montana and their educational advisors to discuss issues relating to The University of Montana.

### Vice President's Report - none

### Business Manager's Report

- a. A motion by **Nielsen-Bennett** to approve the Japanese Student Association's Special Allocation request for \$500, and recommended by the Budget and Finance committee (B&F) for same, passed by VV.
- b. A motion by **Bennett-Molgaard** to approve Club Baseball's S.T.I.P. request for \$1,100, and recommended by B&F for same, passed by VV.
- c. The UM Triathlon Team's Emergency Union Travel Allocation request for \$337 was already approved by 4/5 vote of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- d. The Keyboard Society's Emergency Union Travel Allocation request for \$264 was already approved by 4/5 vote of the Budget and Finance Committee.
- e. The Persian Student Association's Special Allocation request was approved for \$249 on a motion by **Gursky-Bennett**.
- f. Changes to Fiscal Policy (Exhibit E):
  - 1) A motion by **Molgaard-Gordon** to approve new item 9.9.1 passed by VV.
  - 2) A motion by **Molgaard-Gordon** to approve new item 9.14.2 passed by VV.

### Committee Reports

- a. Wizarding Committee (Professor G. Wiz) – In honor of March 14, otherwise known as Pi Day, Professor G. Wiz handed out copies of Pi calculated out to the 1,000<sup>th</sup> digit (Exhibit F).
- b. Publications Board (Sims) – There will be a meeting on or around March 30 to select the new editor of the Kaimin.
- c. College of Technology (COT) (LaFortune) – The COT Committee was contacted via e-mail regarding SB42 involving the protection of Senate seats for COT and graduate students. They expressed their strong support for the bill, as well as their excited engagement in ASUM affairs.
- d. Board on Members (Overturf) – The board presented two student groups, Delta Beta and the Native American Studies Scholars, with do-pass recommendations. A motion by **Dantic-Bennett** to approve the Board on Members recommendations as a slate passed 16-1 by roll call vote (RCV) (see Tally Sheet).
- e. Student Political Action (SPA) (Nielsen) – SPA set April 19, as the date for voter registration, and solidified the debate with Pi Sigma Alpha, advertising for which is in the works.
- f. Sustainability Committee (Springmeyer) – The committee is continuing discussions on energy efficiency standards in campus buildings. Some possible actions are to place

energy efficiency tracking-devices in every building on campus and hiring a full-time energy tracking position.

g. Recycling (Springmeyer) – The committee met to discuss getting better recycling in the dorms.

h. General Education Committee (Patten) – The representative for the General Education Committee was unable to answer questions regarding funding and accommodation of the new foreign language requirement, and so the issue will be brought up again at a later date.

i. Relations and Affairs (Klapmeier) – The committee met on Monday and have five resolutions for the Senate to consider with no recommendations.

j. Transportation (Williams, T.) – The committee met Wednesday morning to sort out a budget shortfall. On March 21<sup>st</sup> there will be a free bike tuning in the Oval from 11:30-2 p.m. Also, Mountain Line is holding open houses on March 21, from 12-2 p.m. in University Center (UC) 326/327; March 21, from 6-8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn; and March 22, from 6-8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds to discuss restructuring of their routes. March 29 is President Rides the Bus Day from 8-11 a.m. for students who wish to talk with President Engstrom or President Gursky about transportation options. May 2-6 is Walk-and-Roll Week in correlation with Bike, Walk, Bus Week and 150-200 volunteers are needed.

k. Outreach and Marketing (Simpson) – The committee is working on raising awareness of elections by developing posters and flyers that need to be sent out. Any senators with free office time are asked to help with election advertising. Also, tabling to raise awareness will occur March 15-16, and volunteers are needed to encourage running for ASUM Senate. There will also be a Friday open house for the office that will include cookies and milk.

l. Housing (Williams, M.) – The Housing Fair took place before Senate and was successful. The Neighborhood Ambassadors are going strong and are very active.

m. Childcare (Coon) – There will be a Childcare meeting Friday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. in the ASUM office. The Childcare staff will be there to talk about their view on the director's role in the future.

n. University Library (Coon) – The committee met last Monday to discuss Moodle services versus Course Reserves services and which is easier to use. They also discussed funding for the Library Commons, their new project.

A motion by **Dantic-Simpson** to place Senator Gordon on the Outreach and Marketing Committee passed unanimously on a motion by **Molgaard**.

The chair recognized the presence of Senators Boslough, Dickmeyer, and LaFortune.

### Unfinished Business

a. SB39-11/12 (Exhibit G) – A motion by **Springmeyer-Williams, M.** to approve the resolution passed 14-4 on a RCV (see Tally Sheet).

b. SB40-11/12 (Exhibit H) – A motion by **Klapmeier-Nielsen** to approve the resolution passed 13-5 on a RCV (see Tally Sheet). President Gursky read letters from Senator Brown (Exhibit I) and Senator Suzuki (Exhibit J).

c. SB41-11/12 (Exhibit K) – A motion by **Klapmeier-Molgaard** to approve the resolution passed unanimously on a RCV (see Tally Sheet).

- d. SB42-11/12 (Exhibit L) – A motion by **Nielsen-Sims** to table SB42 indefinitely passed 14-4 on a RCV (see Tally Sheet).
- e. SB43-11/12 (Exhibit M) – A motion by **Dantic-Bennett** to approve SB43 passed 17-1 on a RCV (see Tally Sheet).

### **New Business**

- a. Resolutions of recognition (2)
- b. Resolution regarding degree audit
- c. Resolution regarding Elections Committee
- d. Resolution regarding Elections Committee financing
- e. Resolution amending Fiscal Policy regarding Elections Committee financing
- f. Resolution regarding Outreach Committee
- g. Resolution regarding Vice President of ASUM
- h. Resolution regarding increasing executive size of the ASUM
- i. Resolution regarding financial aid forum at beginning of semesters
- j. Resolution regarding college apparel
- k. Resolution regarding chair of Senate
- l. Resolution regarding college affordability
- m. Resolutions regarding strategic plan (2)
- n. Resolution regarding bike parking
- o. Resolution regarding Child Care
- p. Resolutions amending Bylaws (3)

### **Comments**

A motion by **Springmeyer-Molgaard** to reconsider SB39-11/12 was approved by VV.  
A motion by **Sims-Klapmeier** to table SB39 indefinitely failed 2-16 by RCV (see Tally Sheet).  
A motion by **Bennett-Molgaard** to approve SB39 passed 16-2 by RCV (see Tally Sheet).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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