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ASUM Senate Minutes
Wednesday August 28, 2013
University Center Room 326/327, 6 p.m.

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 5:58p.m. Present: President Hohman, Vice President Williams, Business Manager Hopkins, Professor Smith; and Senators Andersen, Bailey, Batey, Cain, Chandler, Dolezal, Easwara Murthi, Foster, Frissell, Green, Haefner, Hazen, Heimlich-Bowler, Ho, Kinda, Kuhn, Lillquist, McKay, Mikkola, Ormseth, Roddy, Schmauch, Simpson, Story, and Thompson. Excused: Senator Boslough.

The minutes for the May 8, 2013 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
- Clay Skeens, President of Student Veteran Affairs, came to speak to the Senate about the Yellow Ribbon Program that would assist veterans with going back to school.
- Melissa Wardlow and Caroline Stephens, coeditors of Camas Magazine, spoke to the Senate about a STIP request for a new computer.
- Topher Williams, Chair of ASUM Transportation, came to discuss the rebranding of the bus system and the changes in the bike system. He discussed Sunday Streets and increased University participation with the waiving of the fee for student groups.
- Sean McQuillen, President of the Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG), spoke about partnering with ASUM to increase civic engagement with Missoula and UM. President Hohman proposed a competition for MontPIRG and ASUM to see who can get more people registered to vote. The competition was to start the following week with none of MontPIRG’s earlier voter registration counting, and none of their staff or personal voter registration counting either. The losing organization would be standing on The Oval and letting students pie them in the face for a dollar. A motion to compete for votes with MontPIRG was approved by placard vote.
- Chase Ellinger, former ASUM senator, spoke about resolutions from the previous year (Senate Bills 93-12/13 & 94-12/13) regarding Residence Life not following its own policies.

A motion by Hazen-Simpson to approve the Henry Ho, Genevieve Bailey, and Shelby Dolezal passed with unanimous consent. The three officers were sworn-in by Dean Voorhees.

President’s Report
- Provost Perry Brown spoke about student participation regarding The University of Montana Strategic Plan. There will be new forums this fall that will allow people to ask questions about the new changes.
- Amy Sisk, editor of the Montana Kaimin, came to answer any questions senators might have about the Kaimin.
c. Zach Rogala, Student Regent on the Montana Board of Regents, introduced himself as an open resource as well as a liaison between the Board and the Montana student-body.

d. A motion by Hopkins-Simpson to combine the positions of ASUM Web Master and ASUM Social Media Director into the single title of ASUM Student IT Director passed with unanimous consent.

e. A motion by Mikkola-Batey to approve Jessica Northam as the new ASUM Student IT Director passed by unanimous consent.

Vice President’s Report
a. VP Williams discussed the Vision Statement resolution developed at the Senate retreat.
b. VP Williams informed the senators of how many unexcused absences they have accumulated.
c. VP Williams spoke to the senators about the changes to the Student Conduct Code and offered more information on a small-group basis.
d. A motion by Hazen-Thompson to approve committee appointments and removals (Exhibit A) passed with unanimous consent. Objection was called by Simpson, but was withdrawn after the reading of the committees.
e. VP Williams informed senators of the expectations of serving as members on committees: These duties include, but are not limited to reading the bylaws of the committees; engaging in the topics and discussions at hand; and attending all committee meetings. She stated that 3 absences results in removal from the committees.
f. A motion by Mikkola-Roddy to appoint VP Williams to University Budgeting Committee passed with unanimous consent.

Business Managers Report
a. Business Manager Hopkins reported on the new changes to Fiscal Policy.

A motion by Hazen-Simpson to recess for 6 minutes to read the changes to the policy passed by placard vote.

A motion by Simpson-Williams to approve the Fiscal Policy changes was proposed. Unanimous consent was called by Thompson, with objection called by Hazen. A motion by Hazen-Ormseth to keep Fiscal Policy unaltered failed by voice vote. The original motion to approve passed by voice vote.

b. A motion by Hazen-Ormseth to approve the Camas Magazine STIP request (Exhibit B) for the amount recommended by the board passed by voice vote.

Committee Reports:
- Interview (Hazen) – The committee met over the summer and recommended Shelby Dolezal for the open senator position.
- Relations and Affairs (Roddy) – The committee met to review Senate Bills 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5. All passed through committee with no recommendation.
Unfinished Business

a. A motion by Andersen-Hazen to amend line 28 of SB1-13/14 (Exhibit C) was proposed. A motion by Bowler-Hazen to change the amendment of line 28 to include “academic recession” passed by voice vote. The original motion passed unanimously. A motion by Hazen-Roddy to approve SB1 passed 26-1 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #1).

b. A motion by Simpson-Ormseth to approve SB2-13/14 (Exhibit D) failed 16-9-1 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #2).

c. A motion by Simpson-Hazen to divide the question in SB3-13/14 (Exhibit E) at lines 44-45 and 47-48 passed. A motion by Simpson-Hazen to approve the resolution including lines 44-45 passed by voice vote. A motion by Thompson-Haefner to postpone indefinitely the resolution including lines 47-48 failed by voice vote. A motion by Simpson-Thompson to postpone indefinitely the resolution including lines 47-48 passed by voice vote.

d. A motion by Haefner-Simpson to approve SB4-13/14 (Exhibit F) passed by voice vote.

e. A motion by Hazen-Frisfell to postpone indefinitely SB5-13/14 (Exhibit G) failed by voice vote. A motion to approve by Simpson-Ho failed 13-13 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #4). A motion to amend line 34 by Dolezal-Roddy failed by voice vote. A motion to approve by Simpson-Foster failed by placard vote. A motion to postpone indefinitely by Hazen-Chandler was proposed, with discussion called by Simpson. The original motion to postpone indefinitely failed by placard vote. The motion to approve SB5-13/14 failed 16-10-1 by roll call vote (see Tally Sheet #5).

New Business:
Resolution regarding Sustainability Coordinator
Resolution regarding ASUM Political Action Director
Resolution regarding Greek Housing Ordinates
Resolutions regarding Resident Life (2)
Resolution regarding ASUM Awesome Vision Statement
Resolutions regarding Election Bylaws (2)
Resolutions regarding ASUM Bylaws (4)
Resolutions regarding Fiscal Policy (5)
Resolution regarding Transparency
Resolution regarding ASUM Services
Resolution regarding Performance Based Funding
Resolution regarding ASUM Snacks
Resolution regarding Sustainability for ASUM
Resolution regarding 2013-2014 ASUM Vision Statement

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 pm