ASUM SENATE AGENDA
December 9, 1998
Mount Sentinel Room - 6 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 2, 1998
4. PUBLIC COMMENT
5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Bob Giordano - Transportation Issues
   b. Other
6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
   a. Committee Appointments
   b. Other
7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT
   a. Travel Special Allocations
      Campus Crusade for Christ - $3,871 ($660)
      Latin American Human Rights - $1,378 ($1,000)
      Model United Nations - $4,921.20 ($1,873)
   b. STIP
      Amateur Radio Club - $1,612.55 ($1,612.55)
   c. SB34-98/99 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy 4.0
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS
9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
   a. SB28-98/99 Resolution Identifying Graduate Student Priorities
   b. SB29-98/99 Resolution to Support a Fee Increase in the Campus Recreation from $14 to $16 per Semester
   c. SB30-98/99 Resolution to Support $1.50 Increase in the Operational Fee of the University Center
   d. SB31-98/99 Resolution to Support New DAAC Alcohol Policy Recommendations
   e. SB32-98/99 Resolution to Modify Registration Policy for Student Athletes
   f. SB33-98/99 Resolution to Support a 3% Student Health Fee Increase
   g. SB34-98/99 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy
10. NEW BUSINESS
11. COMMENTS
12. ADJOURNMENT
ASUM SENATE TALLY SHEET

SENATE MEMBERS

CHAD BALIENTINE
JAMES BEKIER
BRETT BELL
AMY BROWN
SEISIN CHRISTENSEN
SHANNON CONNOLLY
JIM DRISCOLL
RYAN HOPKINS
MARCUS KOSENA
JERRY LAMB
DARCY LINDEMAN
JOSHUA MAHAN
AARON MURPHY
CORY MYERS
AMANDA PRESSLEY
MELISSA SQUIRE
EMILY STRUVE
SHAWNA SUTHERLAND
CONNIE TIETZ
CHRIS WOODALL

ASUM OFFICERS

BARRETT KAISER
President
PATIENCE LLEWELLYN
Vice-President
BRAD McCALL
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS

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Chair Llewellyn called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Present: Kaiser, Llewellyn, McCall, Ballentine, Bekier, Bell, Brown, Christensen, Connolly, Driscoll (6:13), Hopkins, Kosena, Lamb, Mahan (6:11), Murphy, Pressley, Struve, Sutherland, Tietz and Woodall. Unexcused was Lindeman.

The minutes of the December 2 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
Mike Warhank, Troy McDonough, and Matt Shaine spoke in favor of priority registration for athletes. They noted the requirements they have to fulfill to remain eligible, and Rob Mathner distributed and explained the fact sheet.

Kaiser met with no objection in his suggestion to move to Unfinished Business to consider SB32, after which the agenda would return to his report.

The Chair recognized Driscoll and Mahan.

Unfinished Business
b. SB32-98/99 Resolution to Modify Registration Policy for Student Athletes (Exhibit A). President Dennison spoke on the issue. A friendly amendment by Sutherland to replace “as part” in the last paragraph with “with students” was not accepted. Sutherland-Brown moved the same. A previous questions call by Hopkins passed, and the amendment passed. A previous question call by Connolly passed, and the resolution passed.

President’s Report
a. Bob Giordano reported that transportation issues are in a state of transition. The next task force meeting will be this Friday at 3 p.m. in Facility Services. Vice President Cole is helping with guidelines and plans, and it is hoped that some solutions will be forthcoming in the Spring. He urged Senators to get involved with University Affairs to come up with ideas.
b. Kaiser reflected on the semester and noted how proud he was of the work done by ASUM and Senate. He wished all Happy Holidays.

Vice-President’s Report
a. The following slate of committee appointments was approved:
   Publications Board: Connie Tietz, Kate Kahan, Valerie Park; Budget and Finance – John Berry.
b. Llewellyn thanked Senators for their participation in the Senate class and wished them good luck on finals. She said that Senate should be both educational and fun.

Business Manager’s Report
a. Travel Special Allocation
   *Campus Crusade for Christ’s new request for $3,871 received a Budget and Finance recommendation of $660, which passed.
   *Latin American Human Rights’ request for $1,378 received a Budget and Finance recommendation of $1,000. Mahan-Ballentine moved to increase it by $378 if President Dennison does not give them that amount. A friendly amendment by Kaiser for the $378 if President Dennison matches was not accepted. His following friendly amendment for Senate
to give them $189 contingent on President Dennison’s match was also not accepted. The vote on the additional $378 failed, but upon a call of division passed. The amended motion for $1,378 passed.

A five-minute break was called.

*Model United Nations' request for $4,921.20 received a Budget and Finance recommendation of $1,873. *Kaiser-Murphy moved to give them an additional $200. A previous question call by *Mahan passed, and the motion failed. A previous question call by *Murphy passed, and the motion for $1,873 passed.

b. STIP

*Amateur Radio Club’s request for $1,612 received Budget and Finance's recommendation for the full amount. A previous question call by *Mahan passed, and the request was approved.

c. SB34-98/99 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy. A motion by *Kaiser-Bell to postpone consideration until the next meeting passed.

A motion by *Kaiser-Christensen to move Unfinished Business ahead of Committee Reports on the agenda passed on a previous question call by *Mahan.

Unfinished Business

a. SB28-98/99 Resolution Identifying Graduate Student Priorities (Exhibit B) received a do pass recommendation from Graduate Student Affairs. A previous question call by *Bell passed, and the motion by *Hopkins-Kosena to approve passed.

b. SB29-98/99 Resolution to Support a Fee Increase in the Campus Recreation from $14 to $16 per Semester (Exhibit C) passed on a motion by *Kaiser-Kosena.

c. SB30-98/99 Resolution to Support $1.50 Increase in the Operational Fee of the University Center was withdrawn by *Christensen.

d. SB31-98/99 Resolution to Support New DAAC Alcohol Policy Recommendations was changed by an accepted friendly amendment by *McCall to delete “group member who submits the packet” in the last paragraph and insert “spokesperson for the group.” *Bell-Driscoll moved to return to committee. An objection by *Kaiser failed and was upheld on a call of division. A previous question call by *Bell passed, and the motion to return to committee passed.

e. SB33-98/99 Resolution to Support a 3% Student Health Fee Increase (Exhibit D). *Kosena-Christensen moved to approve. *Bekier-Ballentine moved to amend to a 4% increase. A previous question call by *Sutherland passed, and the amendment passed. *Kaiser-Driscoll moved to postpone indefinitely. A previous question call by *Bekier passed, and the motion failed. A previous question call by *Kaiser passed, and the resolution passed as amended.

Committee Reports

a. UC Board – Christensen encouraged Senators with questions about the UC budget to see her, Lamb or Murphy.

b. University Affairs – Bell said it has been difficult to get a quorum, and he took some responsibility for that.

c. Board on Membership – Mahan offered the following slate for approval, which Senate passed on a motion by *Hopkins-Connolly: U of M Prayer Breakfast, Finance Club, Men’s Rugby, AIBL, Biological Sciences, Habitat for Humanity, Latin American Human Rights Network.
RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING GRADUATE STUDENT PRIORITIES

Whereas, the Graduate School at the University of Montana provides professional development and research opportunities for the citizens of this state, the very activities that will lead to future economic development and a higher quality of life for all in this state.

Whereas, a limited number of research and teaching assistantships are funded by the state for graduate students.

Whereas, in-state residency status requirements for graduate students are in direct conflict with requirements for receiving assistantship funding.

Whereas, tuition rates for thesis or research credits have not been shown to reflect actual costs of administration of said thesis or research work.

Whereas, there is no guaranteed travel money available for graduate students to present their research/work to peers across this nation.

Whereas, there is a disparity of adequate office space and facilities for graduate students to conduct their research/studies.

Whereas, a graduated tuition scale for Masters and Ph.D. students has not been defended as representing actual costs.

Whereas, the library lacks a number of periodicals and open hours that are crucial to graduate student research, thus placing Mansfield library within the lowest quartile of research libraries.

Therefore let it be resolved: The Associated Students of the University of Montana support the following issues as critical priorities for improving graduate student education at the University of Montana:

Assistantships: By increasing the number of teaching and research assistantships, more graduate students can become funded while increasing the level of research in Montana and better educating undergraduate students.

Residency Requirements: Eliminating conflicts between assistantship requirements and residency requirements will increase retention of graduate students.

Tuition: Administrative defense of the graduated graduate tuition scale and thesis/research credit costs will help identify areas of inefficiency and lead to better utilization of tuition for graduate education.

Travel: Allocation of travel funds specifically for travel of graduate student research presentation will improve the academic reputation of the U of M and highlight Montana's economic potential at the national level, while furthering the education of graduate students.

Lab/office space: Each graduate program should be responsible for evaluating distribution of space for graduate students so that research efficiency can be maximized.

Library: Priority areas for graduate students should be identified and funding allocated to solve these issues.

Authored by: Chris Woodall, ASUM Senator
Sponsored by: Marcus Kose, ASUM Senator
Jim Driscoll, ASUM Senator

Passed 12-9-98
RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A FEE INCREASE IN THE CAMPUS RECREATION FROM $14 TO $16 PER SEMESTER

WHEREAS the students at the University of Montana support the Campus Recreation program; and

WHEREAS the Campus Recreation and Sports Union committee, made up of faculty, staff, and students, endorse the $2 fee increase; and

WHEREAS Campus Recreation has a responsibility to maintain quality equipment and make timely repairs on broken equipment for all its users; and

WHEREAS Campus Recreation needs funds in order to have the ability to maintain this high quality collection of equipment and to make quick repairs;

THEREFORE let it be resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana support the $2 fee increase for Campus Recreation so that enough funds to repair and acquire quality equipment is obtained.

Passed 12/8/98
Resolution to Support a 3% Student Health Fee Increase

Whereas: The University of Montana's Student Health Services is a valuable student service, providing medical, dental, and psychological care and health promotion education; and

Whereas: The contribution of SHS to overall student comfort, wellness, and insurance is a contribution that supports pride and marketability for the University of Montana, and rightly demands appropriate funding; and

Whereas: SHS projects a $198,400.00 shortfall; and

Whereas: SHS has recognized a need for a fee increase, proposing 2%, 3%, and 4% increases; and

Whereas: SHS recognizes the inflation of student fees and therefore has already implemented an effective "no-show" fee, which SHS anticipates will decrease future Student Health Fee increases; but

Whereas: The Associated Students of the University of Montana recognize the need for minimizing student fee increases while balancing the interest of appropriate funding; and

Whereas: A 3% increase would eliminate the need for three likely direct charges to students:
1. Charging a $25.00 fee for physicals
2. Charging a service fee for inpatient admissions
3. Charging a service fee for outpatient holding
(These fees may be instituted in the event of a 2% Health Fee increase); and

Whereas: the cost of a 3% fee increase would increase the Student Health Fee by $3.50, thus totaling the fee to $123.00, as opposed to a 4% increase which would raise the Fee by $4.75.

Therefore Let It Be Resolved That: The Associated Students of the University of Montana support and therefore implement a 3% Student Health Services Fee increase.

Authored by: Aaron Murphy, ASUM Senator

Passed 12/9/98