ASUM SENATE AGENDA
February 18, 1998
Mt. Sentinel Room

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes - February 11, 1998

4. Public Comment

5. President’s Report
   a. Senate Approval of New Senators and Induction Ceremony
   b. Vice President Todd
   c. Health Services Director Fitch
   d. Honor Code
   e. COT Orientation Fee
   f. UC Budget

6. Vice President’s Report
   a. Committee Appointments

   Business Manager’s Report
   a. STIP (State Term Investment Pool)
      ADSUM $820.16
      UM Hockey Club $3,160
   b. SPECIAL ALLOCATION
      CAMAS $1,961
      Latin American Human Rights Network $100
   c. TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION
      Advocates $2,890.48
      Honor Student Association $2,519
      Society of American Foresters $876.30
      Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society $1,618
      Symphonic Wind Ensemble $2,230

8. Committee Reports

9. Unfinished Business
   a. SB17-97/98 Resolution to Develop A Contract with the Faculty Senate
      Dealing with Course Books
   b. SB18-97/98 Resolution to Dissolve the $100 Course Retake Fee
   c. SB19-97/98 Resolution Urging the Montana Board of Regents to Lift
      the Credit Gap

10. New Business

   Comments

12. Adjournment
# ASUM Senate Tally Sheet

## Senate Members

- Jean Ablutz
- Peter Barovich
- Benjamin Fjosne
- Jonathan Fleury
- Stephen Forrest
- John Lair
- Patience Llewellyn
- Vicky Lorenz
- Brad McCall
- Mark McCue
- Al Nault
- Mike Obland
- Aaron Schendel
- Emily Struve
- Shawnna Sutherland
- Jennifer Walen
- Michael Weinheimer

## Roll Call

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## ASUM Officers

- Jeff Merrick
  - President
- Jennifer Gardner
  - Vice-President
- Matt Shimaneck
  - Business Manager

## Faculty Advisors

- Hayden Ausland
Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. Present: Merrick, Gardner, Barovich, Fleury, Forrest, Higgins, Kautz, Lair, Llewellyn, Lorenz, McCall, McCue, Nault, Obland, Schendel, Struve, Walen and Weinheimer. Excused was Shimanek.

The minutes of the February 11 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
a. Karen Foote and Raedene Leiby, students in Social Work, told about surveys they were going to be doing and asked Senators for input.
b. James Gleason and Robin Hensley asked Senators to support the Advocate request for travel funding for their retreat.
c. Michael Dill explained about the new group Absolute Truth and Prostitution, saying that it meets Friday evenings for intellectual conversations outside the classroom.

President’s Report
a. The Interview Committee nominated the following persons to fill the four Senate vacancies: Jim Driscoll, Kelly Murphy, Jeb Spengler and Shawna Sutherland. They answered questions and then were approved on a motion by Nault-Weinheimer, after which they were sworn in by Dean Couture.
b. Vice-President Todd of Administration and Finance discussed peer institution selection for the university and asked Senators to fill out a survey with their selections as they see them and return it to him.
c. Dr. Nancy Fitch of Student Health Services requested a $5.25/semester increase in the health fee and distributed a sheet of explanation (Exhibit A). She asked Senators to offer alternatives if it was not acceptable. A resolution will be coming before Senate in two weeks.
d. The student honor code idea met with no interest by students or Faculty.
e. A $7 orientation fee is being proposed for incoming COT students. Nault will research what the fee covers.
f. An increase of $3-$5 is being proposed for the UC operational fee.

Vice-President’s Report
a. On a motion by Schendel-McCall, Steven Skultety was approved as a member of the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee.

Business Manager’s Report (given by Lorenz in Shimanek’s absence)
a. STIP (State Term Investment Pool)
   *ADSUM request for $820.16 remains tabled.
   *UM Hockey Club request for $3,160 was recommended for funding at $1,953 by Budget and Finance and passed on a motion by Schendel-Nault.
b. SPECIAL ALLOCATION
   *CAMAS request for $1,961 was recommended for funding at $1,030.50 by Budget and Finance and passed on a motion by Schendel-Barovich.
   *Latin American Human Rights Network request for $100 was recommended for same by Budget and Finance and passed on a motion by Nault-Barovich.
c. TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION
   *Advocate request for $2,890.48 was recommended for funding at $1,290.48 by Budget and Finance. A motion by McCue-Lair to increase it to $2,800 was accepted, followed by an accepted friendly amendment by Nault to change the amount to $2,200. Merrick’s proposal to split the allocation between Travel Special Allocation and Special Allocation accounts was
withdrawn after a ten-minute recess resulted in the consensus it would set a bad precedent and it not being the intent of the Travel Special Allocation to be supplemented by other funds. A previous question call by Schendel passed, and the motion to fund at $2,200 passed.

*Honors Students request for $2,519 was recommended for funding at $225 by Budget and Finance. A motion by Schendel-Nault to increase it to $385 to cover gas and parking passed.

*Society of American Foresters request for $876.30 was recommended for funding at $240 by Budget and Finance and passed on a motion by Barovich-Nault.

*Wildlife Society request for $1,618 amended to $625 and recommended for same by Budget and Finance passed on a motion by Nault-Barovich.

*Symphonic Wind request for $2,230 was recommended for $795 by Budget and Finance. A motion by Nault-Schendel to increase it to $1,100 passed, followed by an accepted friendly amendment by Fleury to change it to $795 and then followed by an accepted friendly amendment by Sutherland to change it to $840, which was approved after a previous question call by Merrick.

Committee Reports

a. SPA - Darrow noted that two positions are open for students on the committee, which will meet at 5 p.m. March 4. Some issues to be considered: transportation task force, strategy for public and legislative relations, anti-tax issue problems. The City Council snow removal policy was not enforced and so did not impact students. The landlord licensing policy has been tabled indefinitely by City Council.

b. University Affairs - Nault reported they will meet Sunday to discuss SB17-19. Llewellyn brought up the book buy back idea, UC third floor and the proposed change for order of registration to Faculty Senate.

c. UC Board - Obland said they will be discussing budget tomorrow.

d. ITPAC - Weinheimer said the resolution on port charges was not popular and led to questions about how to pay expenses if that were entertained. It is being highly recommended that students obtain their own computers.

e. ASUM Affairs - Struve needs students at large to serve.

f. Interview Committee - McCall thanked members of the committee for their part in selecting new Senators and was pleased with the results.

g. Campus Development - Fleury reported they are talking about class and lab renovations and the need for more $. Prioritization of needs have been done, resulting in a long list to be addressed with legislators.

Unfinished Business

a. SB17-97/98 Resolution to Develop A Contract with the Faculty Senate Dealing with Course Books - in committee

b. SB18-97/98 Resolution to Dissolve the $100 Course Retake Fee - in committee

c. SB19-97/98 Resolution Urging the Montana Board of Regents to Lift the Credit Cap - in committee

New Business

a. Resolution to endorse an increase in the Health Service fee

b. Resolution prohibiting credit card solicitation in the UC

c. Resolution to amend Bylaws regarding the spring semester class
Comments

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
SHS goals for 1998-1999 are:

1. To continue to provide high quality, affordable health care services to students.
2. To achieve accreditation. Accreditation is necessary to document high quality of care and is increasingly necessary for all health care organizations to sign contracts with other health care organizations. We anticipate successful accreditation 1998-1999.
3. To improve pharmacy services, in conjunction with the School of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences.
4. To improve SHS efficiency through increased staff and electronic support, rather than increased number of (expensive) medical/dental/psychological providers.
5. To adequately fund mandated salary/benefit increases without cutting services.

To meet these goals, the SHS is requesting a 4.6% ($5.25) increase in the health fee, which will generate $120,700 in revenue. Mandated salary/benefits/bonuses ($81,600) plus inflation in operations ($38,800) will cost $120,400. If the fee is not increased to cover these obligatory expenses, then cuts in current operations will be necessary. Last year, the SHS fee increased 2.7% which did not adequately fund mandated personnel costs, because we did not anticipate bonuses for classified staff. Thus, our requested fee increase for next year also attempts to make up for last year's under-budgeting.

In addition, our budget proposal includes some staffing and fee changes that, overall, are budget neutral. These changes include:
1. An additional part time custodian ($12,620). The expanded building doubled in size and is not adequately maintained by current custodial staff.
2. Additional reception staffing ($13,684). The reception area is not adequately staffed. Increased staff will improve speed and quality of service.
3. Partial funding ($4000) of a School of Pharmacy Faculty to be based in the SHS. This faculty member will provide pharmacy expertise to SHS patients and staff, improving provider efficiency and quality of care. As part of this arrangement, the SHS is becoming a teaching site for doctoral level pharmacy students.
4. To fund the above changes, capital contributions are being reduced ($36,500), some other staffing positions are changing, and one new fee-for-service is being added (students will be charged $10 - $30 to see specialists to partially recover SHS costs for these specialists). Limited additional revenue has been identified (flu shoot-out clinic for faculty-staff, intersession services, research grants, etc). Some fees have been discontinued (allergy shots, physical exams, etc) in the last few years as well.

This budget has been thoroughly reviewed and modified by the Student Health Advisory Council. We recognize that 4.6% is a significant increase but feel that it is necessary to meet our goals and to continue to provide high quality, affordable services to students. Thank you.