ASUM SENATE AGENDA
September 24, 1997 - 6:00 p.m.
Mt. Sentinel Room

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes - September 17, 1997

4. Public Comment

5. President’s Report
   a. Board of Regents Meeting
   b. MAS (Montana Associated Students) Update
   c. ASUM Legal Services
   d. UC Renovations Update
   e. Student Resolution Officer Appointment
   f. Student Leadership Conference
   g. Pat Williams
   h. Senate Goals
   i. Life Skills Update

6. Vice President’s Report
   a. Committee Appointments

7. Business Manager’s Report
   TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION REQUESTS (a-d)
   a. Young Life ($1,500) - in committee
   b. Academy of Students of Pharmacy ($972)
   c. Student Recreation Association ($1,580)
   d. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship ($360)
   e. Zero-based C.O. - $500-$1,000 for Arun Gandhi Lecture

8. Committee Reports

9. Unfinished Business
   a. SB1-97/98 Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 9 of the ASUM Bylaws to Reflect the Actual Composition of the Student Political Action Committee and to Increase Student Involvement in the SPA
   b. SB2-97-98 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws Article IV, Section 4, Item B
   c. SB3-97/98 Resolution to Amend Personnel Policy Sections 3, 4.24 and 4.25

10. New Business

11. Comments

12. Adjournment
## Senate Members

- Jean Ablutz
- Peter Barovich
- Benjamin Fjosne
- Jonathan Fleury
- Stephen Forrest
- Laura Garber
- Kevin Higgins
- Erin Kautz
- John Lair
- Patience Llewellyn
- Vicky Lorenz
- Brad McCall
- Mark McCue
- Al Nault
- Mike Obland
- Aaron Schendel
- Emily Struve
- Kerry Topel
- Jennifer Walen
- Michael Weinheimer

## ASUM Officers

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

## Faculty Advisors

- Prof. Auld

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**Date:** September 24, 1997
Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Present: Merrick, Gardner, Shimanek, Ablutz, Barovich, Fleury, Forrest, Garber, Higgins, Kautz (6:21), Lair, Llewellyn, Lorenz, McCall, McCue, Nault, Obland, Schendel, Struve, Topel, Walen (6:12) and Weinheimer. Unexcused was Fjosne.

The minutes of the September 17 meeting were approved.

Public Comment - None

President’s Report
a. At the MAS meeting they discussed issues of higher education. A legislative committee is being organized to investigate issues for next year’s legislative session. Dues to cover MAS expenses have been collected (8 x $400 = $3,200).

b. Student Regent Jason Thielman talked about the structure of the Board of Regents and future possibilities for higher education. A western governor’s university is being considered for long distance learning through computer. Sixteen states are committed at $100,000 each.

c. Merrick has begun a review of ASUM agencies for efficiency and service, starting with ASUM Legal Services.

d. Mark Lo Parco talked about the possibility of fast food franchises being introduced in the UC – burgers and Mexican fare. It will hinge on reduction of expenses and increase in revenue for food service over what is currently being done.

e. The Interview Committee nomination of Katja Mones for the new Student Resolution Office was approved on a motion by Forrest-McCall.

f. A student leadership conference will be held in Portland, Oregon, in November. Senators interested in continuing with ASUM who would be interested in the conference should see Merrick.

g. Former Senator Pat Williams will be speaking on ethics in politics at the Senate leadership class tomorrow night from 7-9 p.m. Merrick requested that Senators be prepared with questions.

h. Senators were requested to bring at least one idea to class on goals for Senate.

i. A suggestion box has been installed on the outside of Merrick’s office window facing the atrium. A file of comments will be maintained.

j. Life skills have been defined as those skills helpful for college level study and career planning. The plan is to cap the credits toward graduation at two.

Vice-President’s Report
a. The following slate of committee appointments was approved on a motion by Garber=Forrest: Campus Development – Brittney O’Hara; Scholarship and Financial Aid – James Tribble; Diversity Advisory Council – Brandy Reinke, Paul Hindsley; Publications Board – Brittney O’Hara; Pantzer Award – Katie Seltzer; Elections – Brittney O’Hara; Student Computer Fee – Tina Christensen.

Business Manager’s Report
a. Young Life’s request from Travel Special Allocation – in committee.
b. A Travel Special Allocation (TSA) request by Academy of Students of Pharmacy for $972 and amended by Budget and Finance (B & F) to $300 was passed by Senate on a motion by Nault-McCue.

c. A TSA request by Student Recreation Association for $1,580 and amended by B & F to $450 was passed by Senate on a motion by Weinheimer-Kautz.

d. A TSA request by Intervarsity Christian Fellowship for $360 and amended by B & F to $280 was passed by Senate on a motion by Topel-Forrest.

e. On a motion by Merrick-Nault $500 from Zero-based Carryover was approved by Senate to support the Arun Gandhi lecture to be held in late October.
Committee Reports

Garber reported that ASUM Affairs passed three resolutions out of committee.

b. Kautz and Darrow reported that voter registration continues, with 150 registered in two days. SPA will meet at 8 p.m. Sunday.

c. Nault reported that University Affairs met and identified goals. Minutes are posted on the back board. They will be setting a new meeting time.

d. Topel stressed the need for more students on the Graduate Student Affairs Committee.

e. Garber informed Senators of the opportunity to volunteer in the America Reads program. After accumulating 300 volunteer hours, an $800 tuition waiver is awarded. More volunteer tutors are needed.

f. Obland reported that a room assignment to Camas was returned to UC Board and reassigned to the student radio station until next spring. UC Board will meet in Room 202 at 3:15 p.m. Friday.

g. Ablutz requested student participation on ITPAC. It only meets bi-weekly.

Unfinished Business

a. SB1-97/98 Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 9 of the ASUM Bylaws to Reflect the Actual Composition of the Student Political Action Committee and to increase Student Involvement in the SPA (Exhibit A) was passed on a motion by Merrick-Garber.

b. SB2-97-98 Resolution to Amend ASUM Bylaws Article IV, Section 4, Item B (Exhibit B) was passed on a motion by Shimanek-Topel.

SB3-97/98 Resolution to Amend Personnel Policy Sections 3, 4.24 and 4.25 (Exhibit C) was passed on a motion by Shimanek-Garber.

New Business

a. Resolution on money remaining from unrecognized organizations

b. Resolution to amend Bylaws Article IV, Section 14A

Comments

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
A Resolution Amending Article IV, Section 9 of the ASUM By-Laws to reflect the actual composition of the Student Political Action Committee and to increase student involvement in the SPA.

WHEREAS, the ASUM By-Laws currently provide for the Student Political Action Committee (SPA) to be composed of eleven (11) members in the following manner: five (5) Senators, four (4) students-at-large and the two SPA Directors; and

WHEREAS, ASUM no longer hires two Student Political Action Directors; and,

WHEREAS, SPA relies on student volunteers to perform many of its goals; and,

WHEREAS, a diverse SPA is important to ensure that it reflects the goals and interests of the students;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED,

ASUM Bylaws, Article IV, Section 9(A) should be amended to read:

"A. The Student Political Action committee shall consist of 12 members, of which five shall be members of the ASUM Senate, and 6 shall be students-at-large. The other position shall be occupied by the SPA director. The Committee shall be chaired by an ASUM Senator."

Sponsored by: Jeff Munch

Passed: 9/24/97
RESOLUTION TO AMEND ASUM BYLAWS ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4, ITEM B

Whereas, the aforementioned section of the ASUM Bylaws makes it impossible for student groups to access their budgeted accounts before being re-recognized by ASUM in the fall semester,

Whereas, this makes it impossible for groups to access their money until the Board on Member Organizations has voted to approve them for recognition,

Whereas, ASUM groups should be allowed access to their budgeted funds until recognition is suspended or revoked,

Therefore let it be resolved: Article IV, Section 4, Item B in the ASUM Bylaws be amended to read:

B. The Board on Member Organizations shall review all applications for groups and organizations that wish to register with ASUM and/or receive ASUM funding. Groups meeting recognition requirements will be forwarded to the ASUM senate to be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. This process shall occur after the second week of fall semester and continue throughout the school year. Recognition by ASUM will be valid, after recommendation by the Board on Member Organizations and subsequent two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUM Senate, until the beginning of the next fall semester. At that time, all groups must re-submit their recognition files to register with ASUM and be allowed access to their ASUM account, if any. Those groups which were budgeted funds during the previous year will continue to be allowed access to these funds during the recognition process unless their recognition is suspended or revoked. Any budgeted groups who do not re-register for ASUM recognition will not be allowed access to their ASUM account funds.

1. All groups requesting to participate in ASUM budgeting must return their fully completed recognition files to the Board on Member Organizations by the first Friday of spring semester to be considered for budgeting. Any group having discrepancies in their file that would prevent recognition must correct the problems completely before the third Friday of spring semester to still be eligible for ASUM budgeting.

2. No group returning its recognition file after the first Friday of spring semester will be allowed to participate in ASUM budgeting that school year.

Authored by: Mike Obland

Passed 9/24/97
Whereas, the current Personnel Policy does not address the mentioned positions, and;

Whereas, Personnel Policy is in need of an update for all ASUM agencies because of newly created positions, and;

Whereas, the new minimum wage law needs to be implemented into our policy which bumps minimum wage from $4.75/hour up to $5.15/hour;

Therefore let it be resolved: that ASUM Personnel Policy sections 3, 4.24, and 4.25 be amended to read as follows:

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*not to exceed 80 hours monthly
Section

4.24 **Legal Services Assistant Attorney.** A part-time assistant attorney shall assist the director supervising interns and seeing clients.

4.25 **Contractor.** Legal services will utilize the services of a contract attorney form time to time as needed.

4.26 **Legal services Part-time secretary.** (It was section 4.24, and now will become section 4.26)

Authored by:
Jeff Merrick