ASUM SENATE AGENDA
December 11, 1996 - 6 p.m.
Mt. Sentinel Room

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes - December 4, 1996

4. Public Comment

5. President's Report
   a. UM Productions
   b. ASUM Child Care
   c. General Education Requirements
   d. Other

6. Vice President's Report
   a. Committee Appointments
   b. Other

7. Business Manager's Report
   a. Anthropology STIP Request
   b. ASUM Administration STIP Request
   c. Peers Reaching Out STIP Request
   d. Kyi-Yo Budget
   e. Corps of Cadets Special Allocation Request
   f. Other

8. Committee Reports

9. Unfinished Business
   a. SB11-96/97 Resolution to Implement an ASUM Hotline
   b. SB12-96/97 Resolution to Return Remanded Tuition to MUS Financial Aid
   c. SB13-96/97 Resolution to Amend Fiscal Policy
   d. SB14-96/97 Resolution for the Establishment of the ASUM Graduate Student Affairs Committee
   e. SB15-96/97 Resolution Calling for An Identification of the Legislative Priorities for the Students of The University of Montana
   f. SB16-96-97 Resolution to Forward Student Recommendations on Fee Increases

10. New Business

11. Comments

12. Adjournment
SENATE MEMBERS
ANNTONI ALEXANDER
CORY LEE ARNOLD
MICHAL BARTKIEWICZ
KAREN FOOTE
JAMES FREEMAN
JENNIFER GARDNER
MICHELLE GRADNIGO
SARAH ANN HANNAH
BARBARA HENDERSON
VINCE IACOPINI
MERRITT JOHNSON
KATHLEEN KENNEDY
KRISTIE KRINOCK
ANGELIKA LONGACRE
JAMIE LUKE
JEFF MERRICK
MIKE OBLAND
BRITT REED
MATT SHIMANEK
TOM WENZ

ASUM OFFICERS
JASON THIELMAN
President
BARBARA O'LEARY
Vice-President
KARA MARTIN
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISORS
PROFESSOR AUSLAND
Chair O'Leary called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Present: Thielman, O'Leary, Merrick, Alexander, Arnold, Bartkiewicz, Freeman, Gardner, Gradnigo, Hannah, Henderson, Johnson, Kennedy, Longacre, Luke, Milliken (6:25), Obland, Reed, and Wenz (6:21). Excused were Foote and Krinock. Unexcused were Iacopini and Shimanek.

The minutes of the December 4 meeting were approved.

Public Comment - None

President's Report
a. Marci Ronck, Director of ASUM Child Care spoke of the program's short and long term goals and distributed an informational sheet (Exhibit A).

b. Thielman suggested that Senators stop by his office and look at the proposal for reduction in general education requirements and note their opinions.

A motion by Thielman-Merrick to immediately have the Board on Member Organizations give their report passed.

Committee Reports

Vice President's Report
a. O'Leary offered the following committee appointments, which Senate approved: Budget and Finance - Shawn Sylvan, Matthew Hobbs; UC Board - Ellynita Lamin.

Business Manager's Report
a. An Anthropology STIP request for $752.94 (half of a computer cost) passed.

b. An ASUM Administration STIP request for $3,005 for computer equipment passed.

c. A Peers Reaching Out STIP request for $2,677.68 for media equipment passed.

d. Ski Team requested STIP funds of $3,400 to purchase gates. A motion by Longacre-Henderson to increase the amount to $3,600 passed. A motion was made by Reed-Wenz to recommit the request to committee. A call of previous question was made by Freeman-Longacre. An objection by Wenz was not supported, previous question passed, and the motion failed. A call of previous question by Thielman-Longacre failed. A call of previous question by Alexander-Longacre passed, and the original motion as amended passed.

five-minute recess

motion by Thielman-Wenz to discuss SB16-96/97 immediately following the Kyi-yo budget determination passed.

e. During Final Budgeting March 1996, $6,500 was set aside for next year's Kyi-yo Pow Wow pending their submission of a budget justifying the amount. Budget and Finance approved $6,962.90. Thielman-Wenz moved to amend the budget to the original amount of $6,500 by reducing 2214 by $400 and
reducing 2881 by $62.90. A previous question call by Merrick-Thielman passed, and the allotment of $6,500 passed.

Unfinished Business

a. SB16-96-97 Resolution to Forward Student Recommendations on Fee Increases (Exhibit B-1,2,3):
   1) Sub-resolution #1 = Health Service Fee increase of $3/semester. A motion by Gradnigo-Alexander to table definitely until Spring Semester passed.
   2) Sub-resolution #2 = Campus Recreation Fee increase of one dollar to be used for current equipment repair, part replacement. Any money needed for new equipment purchase for expansion shall be handled through an ASUM STIP request on an individual basis. A motion was made by Alexander-Gradnigo to amend the amount to $2. Milliken called the question, and the amendment passed. An amendment by Thielman was offered that called for the deletion of all the wording following "dollars" and inserting "Campus Recreation will no longer be eligible for STIP funds." Keith Glaes, Director of Campus Recreation, was assured that the groups in the Sport Union will be able to request STIP and Special Allocation funds. A motion by Freeman-Wenz to call the question passed. The amendment to the motion as amended passed. The motion passed as amended.
   3) Sub-resolution #3 = Computer Fee increase of $1.00/Semester credit hour capped at 12 credits with the following conditions: (see exhibit). An amendment by Milliken-Gradnigo to increase the $1.00 to $1.50, delete all after "conditions" and add "stipulation that the new fee monies go toward support student employment. A friendly amendment by Thielman to add a following sentence stating "Membership of the Computer Fee Committee be increased to 50% student participation from 25% student participation" was accepted. A friendly amendment by Freeman to restrict student use of Selway unless identified as class work was not accepted. A call of previous question by Bartkiewicz-Gradnigo passed after an objection by Milliken was not support. The fee as amended passed. At Cleaveland’s suggestion, Thielman moved that the fee be implemented at $.75 in FY 1998 and $.75 in FY 1999. A call of previous question by Kennedy-Johnson passed, and the amendment passed. Longacre-Arnold called the question, an objection by Gradnigo was defeated, and the resolution passed.

Business Manager’s Report (continued)

f. Corps of Cadets Special Allocation request for $450. A motion by Milliken-Johnson to return the request to Budget and Finance passed.

Thielman’s request to consider SB12 and SB15 was granted, as comments on the issues are due in the Commissioner of Higher Education’s office by December 20.

Unfinished Business (continued)

b. SB12-96/97 Resolution to Return Remanded Tuition to MUS Financial Aid (Exhibit C). Gardner-Bartkiewicz called the question, and the motion passed.

c. SB15-96/97 Resolution Calling for An Identification of the Legislative Priorities for the Students of The University of Montana (Exhibit D). A previous question call by Kennedy-Longacre passed, and the resolution passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m. when quorum was broken.

Carol Hayes
ASUM Office Manager
Date: November 18, 1996

To: ASUM Senate

From: Program Director, Marcia L. Ronck

Re: Program Goals

Short Term Goals

Goal--Desired Time Line

1. Receive "re-accreditation" for all centers from the National Association for the Education of Young Children--spring semester.

2. Complete required remodeling of the new toddler center space, Craighead 113--winter break.

3. Replace the carpet in Learning Center II, Craighead 115--?

4. Move the Afterschool Program to Craighead 112--when apt. 112 becomes available.

5. Update Child Care Home Program Manual--spring semester.

6. Update the Center Program Operating Manual--spring semester.

Long Term Goals

1. Continue working with University Villages on playground improvements.

2. Open for suggestions from the Senate.

We can do any number of programs with adequate funding and suitable space.
RESOLUTION TO FORWARD STUDENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON FEE INCREASES

Whereas; The proposed amendment to Regents' policy would require student senate input on fee increases, and

Whereas; ASUM has an obligation to provide student input on proposed fee changes, and

Therefore Let it Be Resolved: the ASUM Senate forwards a recommendation on the following proposed increases to The University Budget Planning Committee and the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education:

Passed 12-11-96
SUB-RESOLUTION #2 TO FORWARD STUDENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON FEE INCREASES

Whereas; The proposed amendment to Regents' policy would require student senate input on fee increases, and

Whereas; ASUM has an obligation to provide student input on proposed fee changes, and

Therefore Let it Be Resolved: the University Affairs Committee of the ASUM Senate forwards a recommendation on the following proposal:

A) Campus Recreation Fee increase of $2 per semester to be used for current equipment repair, part replacement. Any money needed for new equipment purchase for expansion shall be handled through an ASUM STIP request on an individual basis.
SUB-RESOLUTION #3 TO FORWARD STUDENT RECOMMENDATIONS ON
FEE INCREASES

Whereas; The proposed amendment to Regents' policy would require student senate
input on fee increases, and

Whereas; ASUM has an obligation to provide student input on proposed fee changes, and

Whereas; ASUM wants to see a more legitimate use of funds, a clearer division
between the auxiliary department costs, and

Whereas; ASUM want to see expenditures from student fees used in a more site
specific manner, and

Whereas; ASUM would like to see a more responsible use of selway and e-mail
accounts, and

Whereas; Academics is the first and foremost purpose of the University of
Montana and therefore the first and foremost purpose of our computer
labs

Therefore Let it Be Resolved: the University Affairs Committee of the ASUM Senate
forwards a recommendation on the following proposal:

A) Computer Fee increase of $1.00/semester credit hour capped at 12 credits with the
following conditions:

1. Full-time, fully trained employees for on-site facilitation.
2. Reconfigure labs to provide for one selway/internet lab and the rest to be
used as general access labs.
3. One selway/netscape lab will have a 45 minute time limit.
4. General Access Labs will consist of computers for academic purposes and
four terminals which will be reserved for selway access. These will be placed
in a manner that students must stand to use them and will have a 15 minute
time limit. One of the four will be handicapped accessible.
5. One general access lab will be open 24 hours a day.
6. This fee will not be used for pay for costs that should be paid for through
auxiliary departments.
7. This fee will not fund research for a "virtual university" (i.e. on-line
classroom instruction).
8. This fee will only be effective if the current fee follows the above numbers 6
and 7.

This fee to be implemented once
a tax year period with .75 in FY 88
and .75 in FY 99.
RESOLUTION TO RETURN REMANDED TUITION TO MUS FINANCIAL AID

Whereas; The Montana Board of Regents identified a state financial aid as a priority, and;

Whereas; Tuition, excluding fees, is projected to increase by a minimum of 6.5%, and;

Whereas; The governor has only committed $135,000 for state financial aid, and;

Whereas; The cost of education in Montana has increased at a significantly faster rate than the median family income (7% increase in median family income and a 200% increase in tuition cost over 25 years), and;

Whereas; 50% of Montana dependent students had an expected family contribution of less than $2,500 per year, while costs of tuition, room and board exceed $6,500, and;

Whereas; 80% of independent students have resources under $2,499 for funding higher education, and;

Whereas; Remanded tuition is derived from students it ought to be returned to students,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved:

The Associated Students of The University of Montana respectfully request the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education to place all Remanded Tuition dollars into state financial aid.

Authored by:

Jason Thielman
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN IDENTIFICATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

General

WHEREAS; Students at this University are entitled to a feasibly affordable education and do assume responsibility for an equitable portion of this cost, as the State of Montana should also,

Return of Interest Dollars on Tuition Monies

WHEREAS; In the past, interest on student tuition monies has not been returned to the students, and
WHEREAS; Having interest on tuition money returned to students in such a manner as to aid the students’ ability to pay tuition is a priority of the ASUM Senate, and

Faculty Salary and Tuition Increases

WHEREAS; The projected tuition increase by the Budget Planning Committee of 7.5% is driven by a need to increase faculty and staff salaries and,
WHEREAS; This salary increase is the responsibility of both the students and the State to fund and,
WHEREAS; Student tuition dollars currently are slated to fund 80% of the increase in salaries and,

Matching Funds for Renovation

WHEREAS; Seventy percent of the classrooms and labs on this campus are in need of modernization, rehabilitation, and accessibility to disabled students and,
WHEREAS; Students have taken responsibility to partially fund these renovations, with the expectation that the State would meet the students’ contribution with a matching financial contribution and,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED:

The ASUM Senate identify the following as the Legislative Priorities for the Students of the University of Montana:

(1) Financial Aid: The ASUM Senate seeks to have the 1997 MT Legislature
   (a) Return interest dollars from tuition back to the students in the form of financial aid.
   (b) Ensure that any such return of tuition dollars is coupled with a method for filling any vacancy created in the General Fund by the return of tuition dollars.
   (c) Allocate more funds into the MTAP program than the Governor’s recommendation of $130,000.

(2) Tuition: The ASUM Senate seeks to have the 1997 MT Legislature
   (a) Hold tuition at a 6% increase, in accordance with the Governor’s recommendation, for the next biennium

(3) Matching Funds: The ASUM Senate seeks to have the 1997 MT Legislature
   (a) Secure seven million dollars for LRBP to match the students seven million contribution for classroom and laboratory remodeling.

(4) Salary Increases: The ASUM Senate seeks to have the 1997 MT Legislature
   (a) Limit student contributions to faculty salary increases to 50% of the total.

Authored by: Jennifer Gardner and Jason Thielman
Amended by SPA and Passed Unanimously on to Senate: 12/9/96