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ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
Mt. Sentinel Rooms  
October 2, 1991

There will be five-minute presentations to Senate on the following topics before the meeting convenes:

Vista  
Centennial  
Off-campus housing situation

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Vice President's Report
  - a. Committee Appointments
6. Business Manager's Report
  - a. Programming
7. Committee Reports
8. Public Comment Period
9. Old Business
  - a. Resolution to move Public Comment
10. New Business
  - a. Resolution on Fixed Telephone Costs
11. Comments
12. Adjournment



ASUM SENATE MINUTES  
Mt. Sentinel Rooms  
October 2, 1991  
6:00 p.m.

Chairman Wickstrom called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Members present were Barber, Bennett, Dale, Hargesheimer, Hummel, Jackson, Krause, Kuntz, Lewis, Neuhardt, Oliver, Singer, Tinsley, West and Zink. Excused were Redhorn, Warden and Zink. Unexcused were Mears and Rathert.

The minutes of the June 12th and September 25th meetings were approved as written.

**President's Report**

- a. Copies of a letter from the Commissioner of Higher Education regarding budget cuts were distributed (Exhibit A). The regents will be meeting Friday, November 1st, in Bozeman.
- b. There will be a MAS meeting Thursday, October 31, in Bozeman. Wickstrom and Rosenthal will attend.

**Vice President's Report**

- a. The following committee appointments were approved:  
International Student Advisory - Julie Gretteaman  
Food Services Director Search Comm. - Katie Glennon (alternate)  
Univ. Scholarship & Financial Aid Comm. - Elizabeth Carson

**Business Manager's Report**

- a. ASUM Programming ended fiscal year '91 with a net loss of \$54,710 and a deficit of \$45,138. Monies are still coming in from last year. Rosenthal suggested that the factors to consider when reviewing this situation are: what Programming offered during the year and if funding is adequate for what they are doing.
- b. The UC Administration has agreed to continue telephone funding. In order to have ASUM accountability, a UC account will be set up with a budget to cover the phones. When that budget is depleted in a given year, ASUM will need to cover additional costs. Existing phones will be reviewed to determine need.



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October 3, 1991  
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#### Committee Reports

#### Public Comment Period

Eric Root expressed concerns about married student housing shortage, tuition and financial aid.

David Metzgar, Randi Erickson, Dave Pyron, Kathey Rebish and Damon commented on the Missoula housing situation and the frustration of students looking for suitable, low-cost housing.

#### Old Business

- a. Resolution to move Public Comment - Tabled.

#### New Business

- a. Resolution on Fixed Telephone Costs - Withdrawn
- b. Resolution to Move Public Comment (Exhibit B). Zink - Tinsley offered a resolution on public comment as authored by Warden. Zink - Tinsley moved to suspend the Bylaws to consider this resolution under New Business. Motion passed. Rosenthal - Tinsley moved to approve resolution. Motion passed.
- c. Resolution on Housing - offered by Rosenthal, seconded by Jackson.

#### Comments

Wickstrom adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

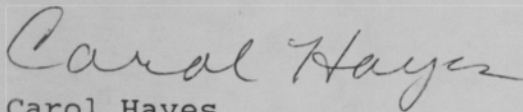
  
Carol Hayes  
ASUM Office Manager

Exhibit A



## MONTANA HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEMS

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### MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

University of Montana  
Missoula  
Montana State University  
Bozeman  
Montana College of Mineral  
Science and Technology  
Butte  
Western Montana College  
of the University of Montana  
Dillon  
Eastern Montana College  
Billings  
Northern Montana College  
Havre

TO: Student Body Presidents (University System and  
Vocational-Technical Centers)  
FROM: John M. Hutchinson *John M. Hutchinson*  
Commissioner of Higher Education  
SUBJECT: Proposed tuition surcharges  
DATE: September 30, 1991

### MONTANA POST-SECONDARY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SYSTEM

Billings Vo-Tech Center  
Butte Vo-Tech Center  
Great Falls Vo-Tech Center  
Helena Vo-Tech Center  
Missoula Vo-Tech Center

### MONTANA PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGES\*

Dawson Community College  
Glendive  
Great Falls Community College  
Miles City  
Flathead Valley Community  
College  
Kalispell

\*Share local and  
state governance

As I'm certain all of you know, the Board of Regents felt an obligation to respond in good faith to Governor Stephens' request for participation by postsecondary education in the anticipated budget recession. The Regents, meeting in regular session on September 20, agreed to offer a "fair share" of \$6.84 million for FY 92. The Regents declined to offer anything for FY 93 until later revenue estimates are available (mid- to late spring, 1992).

In essence, there are two fundamental sources for the \$6.84 million. One is a set of budget cuts affecting personnel, programs, and operational funds on each of the campuses. The other is a tuition surcharge beginning Spring Semester or Winter Quarter. The Regents intend to consider this matter in the October/November Board meeting to be held on the campus of Montana State University (October 31 and November 2). In order to facilitate this discussion, my staff has developed three options for consideration. In the first, about 1/3 of the \$6.84 million would come through new tuition revenues and 2/3 through campus budget cuts. A second option is roughly half and half. The third would derive approximately 2/3 through tuition and 1/3 through campus cuts. These options are for discussion purposes only; the Regents are not bound to accept one of these.

Obviously, we need student input on this issue. I would like to suggest (and it is only a suggestion) that all of you communicate with one another through the offices of MAS President Lacy. I do not mean to suggest that he should be sole spokesperson; rather, I suspect your efforts will be more effective if they are coherent as opposed to individual.

xc: Regents  
Presidents  
Directors

Resolution to Move Public Comment

Whereas, members of the public often times sit through a number of reports before getting an opportunity to speak;

Whereas, moving comment time before the Presidents report would allow students to make comments towards the beginning of the meeting while also allowing the president an opportunity to respond to these comments immediately afterwards;

Whereas, public input on decisions made during our reports (i.e. financial allocations and appointments) could be made before the Senate acts on these items.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED,

... that the ASUM Senate hereby agree to change current operating procedures and move public comment period immediately before the President's report on our standard agenda.

Author- Chris Warden

