ASUM SENATE AGENDA  
Mount Sentinel Room  
January 17, 1990  
6:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of January 10, 1990 Minutes
4. President's Report
   a. Appointing new Business Manager/Senator/Health Service Chair
   b. AAUS/CEC trip
   c. President’s Day award
   d. Programming - Rob Beckham
5. Vice President's Report
   a. Elections Committee
   b. Board on Member Organizations
   c. Budget and Finance Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Public Comment Period
8. Old Business
   a. Reorganization
9. New Business
10. Comments
11. Adjournment
SENATE MEMBERS
Behr, Rob
Berg, Tim
Bernardini, Tracie
Byars, Brandon
D’Angelo, Frank
Dahlberg, Tim
Fairbanks, Lisa
Gay, Carla
Henderson, Cory
Pierce, John
Pouncy, Calvin
Price, Pat
Sebald, Paige
Sliter, Paul
Smith, Brian
Solem, Ied
Warden, Christopher
Wilkinson, Nathan
Young, Steve

ASUM OFFICERS
Aylsworth, Aaron
President
Long, Andrew
Vice President
Cate, Darren
Business Manager

FACULTY ADVISOR
Edgar, Pat
Chairman Cate called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Members present were Behr, Berg, Bernardini, Hummel, Byars, D'Angelo, Dahlberg (6:17), Fairbanks, Gay (6:17), Henderson, Pierce, Pouncy, Sebald, Sliter, Smith, Solem (6:10), Warden, Wilkinson, Young, and President Aylsworth.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the January 10, 1990 meeting will stand as written.

President's report

1. Aylsworth stated that Andrew Long resigned. Aylsworth - Hummel moved to appoint Calvin Pouncy as the new Business Manager. Sliter - Pierce moved to suspend the bylaws. Upon vote, the motion to suspend passed. Discussion followed. Upon vote the motion passed.

2. Aylsworth - Byars moved to appoint Kaia Lenhart as the Senator to fill Pouncy's seat. Byars - Warden moved to suspend the bylaws. Discussion followed. Upon vote, the motion passed.

3. Chairman for the Health Service Committee - Aylsworth introduced Pierce to speak about the Health Service Committee. He explained that the position was going to be extremely busy with the self funded insurance program.

4. Aylsworth stated that he will discuss his trip to the Soviet Union next week.

5. President's Day Award - Aylsworth stated that a student service award for Charter Day will be coming out and ASUM must nominate a person.

6. Aylsworth introduced Rob Beckham from ASUM Programming. Rob stated that he wants to propose a $5.00 fee to be added to the ASUM Activity fee for Programming. He stated that ASUM Programming is the largest group and prices have increased but the budget for Programming has not. They have cut such things as lectures and films. He feels if it is funded with the activity fee then they will be able to reinstate some things. ASUM Programming is looking at getting the biggest concert ever here but he cannot do it because it is during the summer and there is no one to staff the office. Also if ASUM Programming is able to co-promote concerts then they can bring in more revenue. He feels that by going to the students right away and saying exactly where the money is going to is a good idea and will have better support. He wants to see this go and be in place starting Fall 1990. He wants a reserve account set aside with this money and after so many years
the fee will be reviewed. He will have a written proposal next week. Mr. Beckham responded to questions. He explained that the reserve account may go to the grid system for shows to suspend lights and sound. A proposal for the grid system will be coming to the Senate next week. Aylsworth stated that we could look at re-doing the ceiling. The twenty dollar activity fee has been in place since the mid 1970s.

Vice President's Report

1. Committee Appointments - Pierce - Hummel moved to accept Young, Byars, and Bernardini to the Elections Committee. Sliter - Hummel moved to accept Lynn Israel to the Graduate Council. Upon vote the motion passed. Sliter - Pierce moved to appoint Jason Curnow to the Library and Archives Committee. Upon vote, the motion passed.

Committee Reports

1. Solem stated that the Campus Development Committee consistently schedules meetings when he has class. Also, the Safety and Security Office will not be ticketing for backing into parking spaces.

2. Gay gave a report on the Athletic Dean search committee. She urged Senators to attend the forums for the candidates.

3. John Crocker gave a report on Student Legislative Action Committee. The Governor's Commission for Higher Education in the 90s is meeting and will be in Missoula February 8, 1990 and he urged senators to attend. Certain groups will be giving testimony to the commission. SLA will meet to help these groups and to try to reduce redundancy. It is an open meeting so anyone can go.

Old Business

1. Reorganization Report - Cate introduced James Moe, the Chairman of the Reorganization Committee to present the recommendations of the committee. Bernardini - Byars moved to suspend the By-laws. Upon vote, the motion to suspend passed. Sliter - Byars moved to accept the report. Discussion took place. Hummel - Henderson called previous question. Upon vote previous question passed. Upon vote, the main motion passed.

2. Smith withdrew his motion to scrap the report and have an independent company do a study.
ASUM SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE ON REORGANIZATION

Recommendation & Report to the ASUM Senate

The ASUM special Senate Sub-Committee on Reorganization requests the full Senate to adopt the following reorganization plan:

That ASUM be reorganized with a new personnel structure and assignment of duties—
1. The legal services manager will act as overall supervisor for ASUM employees.
2. That the ASUM Accountant position be reduced to ¾-time with work assignments made to insure access to ASUM by groups and individuals.
3. That the position of Accountant-Clerk of the Montana Kaimin be staffed at 3/4-time, but monitored by ASUM to assist with duties where possible or needed.
4. That the ASUM administrative-aid position be changed to that of a full-time office manager who also has accounting skills and day-to-day supervisory duties. This position will be reviewed for permanency at the end of 1 year.
5. All ASUM groups employing classified personnel shall budget for the 1990-91 fiscal year in the normal manner. However, all such groups shall submit to the ASUM an efficiency report detailing possible areas of personnel savings. Savings that are realized may then be returned to the general fund from the groups budgeted amounts.

Implementation

A standing committee shall monitor implementation of the reorganization plan in close communication with the executives. It shall be insured that ultimate authority remain with the students in all areas. This reorganization will insure continuation of services to students and groups, while increasing efficiency and continuity of the ASUM.
The committee met on 7 separate occasions for a total of approximately 20 hours. The committee considered written materials, and took testimony from a large number of persons including the affected employees. The committee conducted telephone interviews with persons not available to the committee in person. The committee heard from general students who came to the committee with opinions and information.

The committee determined it would approach its work by taking a critical view of the executives' reorganization study. The committee was aware of allegations of potential bias, that the person compiling the report did not have adequate expertise, and that the report contained errors. The committee found after extensive work that the report was basically sound, did not contain numerous errors, and had been generally performed in a professional manner.

At the same time, the committee determined that although the report had much to offer, it would consider it as having no more weight than the other reports, testimony, and information given to the committee. The committee felt free at all times to consider alternative plans, and in fact did depart from the reorganization report. The committee determined that the report contained a plan that had been in the making for a number of years, and that reliance on the report was not at all necessary in reaching the sub-committee's conclusions.

The sub-committee found that indeed ASUM could operate more efficiently by restructuring. The plan would be beneficial even without any monetary savings. The monetary savings are an added bonus to the plan as recommended.

The sub-committee felt a standing committee was necessary to implement the plan. The committee would monitor the plans effectiveness, provide details as to specifics, renegotiate the rebate from the administration (upwards if possible), and eventually help the senate and executives monitor the position when it comes up for a mandatory 1 year review.
New Business

1. Henderson - Young moved to transfer money from S.T.I.P. for the suspending of the lighting system in the field house.

2. Byars - Bernardini moved to change the Constitution with a referendum.

3. Bernardini - Pierce moved for ASUM to give a proposal to the commission for higher education.

Comments

Adjournment

Pierce - Pouncy moved to adjourn at 7:37.

Respectfully Submitted,

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