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**ASUM SENATE AGENDA
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
University Center 326/327 – 6 P.M.**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 15, 2012 and February 22, 2012

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - none

6. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Committee appointments and removals
- b. Available committee positions
- c. Friday office hour availability
- d. Impeachment proceeding
- e. Other

7. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$13,909.10

STIP - \$188,072.94

TRAVEL SPECIAL ALLOCATION - \$680.00

ZERO-BASE CARRYOVER - \$164,299.70

- a. Other

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

ASUM SENATE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
UC 326/327 – 6 p.m.

Chair Edmunds called the meeting to order 6:00 p.m. Present: Vice President Edmunds, Business Manager Sims, Professor Smith; and Senators Bennett, Boslough, Brown (6:03), Coon, Dantic, Dickmeyer (6:02), Gordon, Hohman, Klapmeier (6:08), LaFortune (6:02), Molgaard, Nielsen, Overturf, Patten, Selph, Simpson, Springmeyer, Suzuki, Williams, M., and Williams, T. (6:08). Excused: President Gursky.

The minutes from the February 15, 2012 meeting were approved as amended and the minutes from the February 22, 2012 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

- Patrick Rhea spoke as a student in support of Senator Springmeyer regarding impeachment proceedings, and as Board Chair of MontPIRG in encouraging the Senate to act in a timely fashion in response to the request for appointment of a Constitutional Review Board to review a matter relating to the passage of SB38-11/12 (Exhibit A).
- David Wise, student, asked the Senate to consider the intent behind ASUM's impeachment proceedings Bylaws. He pointed out that Senator Springmeyer stayed as late as he could for Final Budgeting and left when he had to for his next volunteer commitment. Seven additional students stood to show their support for Senator Springmeyer.
- Kelly Roemer, member of 1000 New Gardens, thanked the Senate for the funding allocation and said it would be a shame to lose Senator Springmeyer on the Senate.

President's Report

- a. Vice President Edmunds explained that President Gursky was in Washington D.C. addressing student concerns on the federal level. She has met with the entire Montana delegation: Senators Baucus and Tester and Representative Rehberg.

Vice President's Report

- a. Committee Appointments and Removals - A motion by **Bennett-Molgaard** to approve the following slate passed with unanimous consent on a voice vote: the appointment of Senator Patten to the Academic Standards and Review and Student Political Action Committees, the appointment of Senator Overturf to the Sustainability Committee, and the removal of Senator Suzuki from the Student Political Action Committee.

The chair recognized the presence of Senators Brown, Dickmeyer, LaFortune and Williams, T.

- b. Seats are still available on a number of committees. Vice President Edmunds handed out Student-At-Large application forms (Exhibit B) and asked each senator to return one filled out by an applicant to turn in at the next Senate meeting.
- c. Coverage of the front ASUM desk is needed noon to 1 p.m. Fridays and Senator Brown volunteered to serve his weekly office hour this way.

- d. Vice President Edmunds said he would entertain a motion to take up item e. next and it was so moved.
- e. Senator Dickmeyer agreed to attend meetings of the Public Safety Committee since the senator assigned to it has a class conflict.
- f. April 20 is UM Employee Recognition Day. Senators are needed to help distribute service award pins from 3 to 5 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Interested senators can contact Vice President Edmunds.
- g. There will be a private tour for the ASUM Senate of the Tunnel of Oppression on March 18. Senators need to let Vice President Edmunds know if they are interested.
- h. A request for a Constitutional Review Board has been submitted. President Gursky will proceed with the process upon her return.
- i. Senators submitted 24 items under New Business at the last regular Senate meeting but no resolutions were forthcoming for the current meeting. Vice President Edmunds encouraged senators to do their best to plan better.
- j. Vice President Edmunds has reserved tickets for senators wanting to attend the men's basketball playoff game after the meeting.
- d. A motion by **Sims-Suzuki** to take up item d. of the Vice President's Report was approved by voice vote. Vice President Edmunds read excerpts from the ASUM governing documents pertinent to impeachment proceedings (Exhibit C). He also read two letters addressing the Senate, one from Senator Springmeyer (Exhibit D) and one from President Gursky (Exhibit E). A motion by **Sims-Dantic** to close debate passed by voice vote. A motion by **Suzuki-Patten** to dismiss Senator Springmeyer from the ASUM Senate failed 8 – 12 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet) A motion by **Bennett-Molgaard** to close the Vice President's Report failed 10 -10 on a roll call vote. (see Tally Sheet) A motion by **Overturf-Gordon** to require Senator Springmeyer to work an extra office hour per week for the duration of his term failed unanimously by voice vote. A motion by **Sims-Molgaard** to close the Vice President's Report passed unanimously by voice vote.

Business Manager's Report

- a. Senators need to attend their committee meetings. The reason Business Manager had no report for the evening's meeting was because there was no quorum for the Business and Finance Committee meeting earlier in the week. Consequently there are nine items on the docket needing attention.
- b. Tickets are also available for senators wanting to attend a concert by Solas after the meeting.

Committees

- a. Board on Members (Overturf) - A motion by **Bennett-Suzuki** to approve UM Climbing Club was approved with UC on a motion by **Sims**.
- b. ASUM Gardens (LaFortune) – The board met on Monday with Linda and Genevieve, from Garden City Harvest, and is making progress in communicating and moving forward from Budgeting. Additionally, Senator Boslough has been speaking with Genevieve from Garden City Harvest about possibly doing some fundraising.
- c. Campus Board and Recreation (Selph) – The committee met to discuss College of Technology participation and the idea of an internal audit. They will be meeting the last Wednesday of every month.

- d. Wizarding Committee (Professor G. Wiz) – The chair met with some of their long-standing members to discuss a different way of allocating student fees by presenting four pennies that were used in New Amsterdam before the U.S.A. had its own mint (Exhibit F). These pennies were called *duits*, and he suggested the Senate should allocate them to the students with the request to “do it,” whatever activity they wished to do with the money.
- e. Academic Standards and Curriculum Review (Springmeyer) – The committee meets every Tuesday from 2-4 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building 2N and very much wants the Senate to put more people on the committee. There are five seats reserved for senators and the committee makes very important decisions, for example the motion to make language courses mandatory for all students. If there were five senators on the committee, the Senate could control the vote of that committee.
- f. Sustainability (Springmeyer) – The board will be meeting Friday, March 16 at 11 a.m., and will be discussing Earth Week, energy efficiency standards in buildings, and the Global Leadership Initiative. Senator Brown added that because of the energy efficiency resolution previously passed unanimously by the Senate, the Sustainability Board is in the process of taking action. Advertising for a new Energy Manager position and fundraising for energy efficiency monitoring equipment has begun. If President Engstrom pushes through with the resolution, the Global Leadership Initiative will recognize The University of Montana in June.
- g. General Education (Klapmeier) - The policy for mandatory language courses will not change the test-out option, instead it will mostly affect symbolic systems, and would only apply to certain majors. It will not have as drastic an effect as Senator Klapmeier previously felt, but urged the committee to look at how they plan to implement it.
- h. Student Political Action (SPA) (Nielsen) – The committee met earlier in the day and discussed combining the Pi Sigma Alpha and SPA debates into one, which will occur on April 10. There is a cookie incentive for senators to do class raps for the event.
- i. Graduate Appeals (Coon) – The committee met Tuesday from 8-10 a.m. and suggested that everyone who is planning on graduating get their applications in on time to make sure there is enough time to fix any issues that may arise.
- j. University Library (Coon) – The committee will meet March 12, at 4:10 p.m. at the Mansfield Library.
- k. Child Care (Coon) – The committee meets every other Friday at 10 a.m. to plan upcoming events like the St. Patrick’s Day event in the UC on March 16.
- l. University Center (Dantic) – The board met March 9, to discuss allocating permanent space to student groups. ADSUM has a permanent space because they are retrofitted for disabilities, but Lambda and the Women’s Resource Center (WRC) are not. The Board discussed ways to allow Lambda and the WRC to get permanent space so that they do not have to apply for space every year. Additionally, the UC has an account called Renovations and Repairs, and they have agreed to contribute approximately \$34,000 for the ASUM office remodel.
- m. Transportation (Williams, T.) – The Transportation Board did not meet on March 7, as there were no new agenda items to discuss. It was the first day of driving for the newly purchased buses, and Director Nancy Wilson and Senator Williams, T. stood by the bus stop and handed out cookies.
- n. Commencement (Edmunds) – The committee’s first meeting will be March 8, at 8 a.m.

- o. Outreach and Marketing (Simpson) – The committee met March 6, to discuss the upcoming election schedule and outreach efforts for that. Petitions are available March 12, and the Senate members planning to run were encouraged to complete theirs in a timely manner. Also, a Soup Friday has been scheduled at the Native American Center for March 30, from 11:45-1:15 p.m. The Senate was encouraged to attend and to help represent the Native American community on campus.
- p. University Strategic Directions and Assessment Implementation (Edmunds) – The committee has been meeting with the Provost’s Office to help implement an assessment strategy for determining how programs are meeting their strategic planning goals. A meeting is scheduled for next week and an additional seat is available for another student, if any senator is interested.

Unfinished Business - none

New Business

- a. Resolution regarding referendum language for student group fee
- b. Resolution regarding referendum language for protected Senate seat
- c. Resolution regarding referendum language for increased Senate delegation size
- d. Resolution regarding referendum language indexing ASUM fee
- e. Resolutions regarding strategic plan (2)
- f. Resolutions of recognition (2)
- g. Resolution regarding college affordability
- h. Resolution regarding college apparel
- i. Resolution regarding community garden
- j. Resolution regarding parking
- k. Resolution regarding student season pass
- l. Resolution regarding referendum language on outside group fee collection
- m. Resolutions regarding proposed Constitutional amendments (2)

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

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ASUM Office Manager