Chair Engebretson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Present: President Forstag, Vice President Engebretson, Business Manager Greenfield and Senators Ricci, Morrill, Harrison, Fitzpatrick, Cooley, Barnes-Smith, Fitzgerald, Schafer, Kuiper, Lowry, Klawitter, Welch, VonLindern, Butler, Longo, Fettig, Ward, Chestnut, Durnell, Adler, Colenso Adler, Love, Beard. Unexcused: Senators Quist and Thomas

The minutes from the March 1, 2017 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
  ▪ Mark LoParco, Director of Dining Service and Kaden Harrison, ASUM Senator
    o Introduced the Commuter Meal Plan for those living off-campus
  ▪ Simon Dykstra and Beverly Sittan with Reinvest Montana
    o Came to speak about the referenda vote
    o They wish to allow the vote to go to the Senate so the students can decide
    o Students have continuously supported Reinvest Montana, this referendum maintains that support and allows students to decide if they will continue to support Reinvest Montana
  ▪ William, Montana Public Interest Research Group
    o Senate Bill 66
      ▪ Had issue with the resolution and the processes of campaigning in the UC during ASUM election season
  ▪ Vicky Watson and Michael Capozzoli, March for Science Partners
    o There are departments, which feel threatened on this campus, therefore they felt it was time to come together and support sciences and environmental studies
    o They came to speak about a science march taking place on Earth Day
    o There will be marches about science and the environment all over the world
    o They will have a resolution seeking the Senate’s support in the near future.
    o These marches are non-partisan events
  ▪ Cale, President of UM Gaming Den and members
    o Members of the group came to speak about their Special Allocation Request
    o The group is seeking funds for their gaming tournament coming up
    o This group participates in eSports, which is growing popularity on university campuses
    o The event is also a charity event that raises thousands of dollars, about a 1,000 per semester to the Shodair Hospital
    o They are not far away from raising $10,000 in the last four years
    o 80% of attendees are students, where the remaining are friends of students or out-of-state students
  ▪ Sarah and Emily, Honors Student Association
They came to speak about their Special Allocation Request for an event they hope to hold about the separation of Church and State. It is not going to be a political debate

- They will have a guest-speaker, as well as some UM Professors talking about these topics
  - Brenna Davis and Brandon Bart, MontPIRG
    - Came to speak about SB66
    - This resolution hurts students and ASUM
    - These students felt the resolution would hurt campaign and election efforts
  - Cody Meixner and Betsy Story, former ASUM Executives
    - Came to speak to the Senate about their accomplishments and decisions the Senate will make in the near future

President’s Report
- Brandon Bart, Off-Campus Renter Center
  - Came to speak about the 2017 Housing and Community Resources Fair
- Kelly Webster and Brian French, Academic Enrichment Fee
  - Kelly and Brian came to speak to the Senate about an Academic and Enrichment Fee Proposal
  - They are looking to obtain a fee of $1 per credit, up to 12 credits, in order to sustain student success and academic enrichment credits
  - The current system in place has created an unsustainable funding model for the academic support available to students free of charge
  - Kelly spoke to the increasing demand for the Writing Center by students
- Beckie Christians and Michelle Jensen
  - Gave a brief slideshow outlining the different fee increases
  - Each Director for Student Affairs spoke about their fee increases and why they are deemed necessary
    - Steve Thompson, Athletics/Recreation Center
    - Rick Curtis, Director of Curry Health Center
      - Invested money in SARC
      - 1% pay-plan increase
      - $7.75 increase in order to afford everything the Health Center has to accomplish
    - Liz Roosa-Millar, Director of the University Center
      - UC Operating Fee
      - UC-Renovation Fee
      - The University Center has other sources of revenue to afford what they cannot from the fee
    - Mark LoParco, Director of UM Dining
      - There is a decline in students purchasing meal plans
      - They have budgeted for a 2% decrease in the Fall Semester
- Sandy Schoover, Director of Residence Life
There was an increase in utilities this year due to the cold winter
Furnaces also need replacing
  o UM Foundation, ASUM Senate Seat
    ▪ Update

Vice President’s Report
  • Senate Attendance
  • Reports
  • Committees
    o Minutes and Binders
  • Other
    o Senator Projects on ASUM Research

Business Manager’s Report
  • Special Allocation Request from the National Lawyer’s Guild
    o A motion was made by Senator Adler to approve the request in the amount recommended by the Board on Budget and Finance, with unanimous consent called by Senator VonLindern
  • Special Allocation Request from Emmaus Campus Ministry
    o After some discussion, there was a motion was made to decrease the request by $100 by Senator Colenso. Withdrawn. A motion was made by Senator Chestnut to table the resolution for two weeks. Withdrawn. A motion was made by Senator Fettig to send the request back to the Board on Budget and Finance, with unanimous consent called by Senator Love.
  • Special Allocation Request from Sacred Roots Language Society
    o A motion was made by Senator Colenso to increase by $150. Motion failed. A motion was made to send the request back to the Board on Budget and Finance by Senator Schafer. The motion passed by placard vote.
  • Special Allocation Request from the Honors Student Association
    o A motion was made by Senator Durnell to increase the request by $100. Withdrawn. A motion was made by President Forstag to decrease line item 623 by $125 and fund in the request in the amount of $600. Motion failed. A motion was made to amend line item 623 to decrease by $100. Motion passed. The request to approve in the amount recommended passed by placard vote.
  • Special Allocation Request from the UM Gaming Den
    o A motion was made by Senator VonLindern to fund the request in the amount recommended by the Board. Withdrawn. A motion was made by Senator Harrison to fund the request in the amount of $0. Withdrawn. A motion was made to reduce the request by $150. Motion failed. The request was approved in the amount recommended by the Board by placard vote.
  • STIP Request from UM FLAT
    o A motion was made by Senator Schafer to approve the request in the amount recommended by the Board. The motion passed by placard vote.
• STIP Request from ASUM Marketing and Outreach Committee
  o A motion was made by Senator Welch to improve the request in the amount recommended by the Board. The motion passed by placard vote.
• Research and Creative Scholarship Outreach
  o Spread awareness about the Research and Creative Scholarship Fund so there will be applicants. Students pursuing research are eligible to apply
• Birthdays
• Other

Committee Reports

• Student Political Action (Fitzgerald)—The committee met last Sunday to vote on the support of HB168. A rally will be held in response to higher education cuts.
• Fraternity and Sorority Oversight (Fitzgerald)—The committee discussed drinking statistics.
• Sustainability Board (Harrison)—The committee met last night, and had a subcommittee meeting on Housing. The committee is working on a resolution. The committee should be handling three KRELF proposals before their next meeting.
• Legal Board (Ricci)—The Know Rights Forum date has been set. April 28.
• UM Productions Oversight (Kuiper)—The agency is rehiring many employees. It has been decided that an Adam’s Center Director will not be hired.
• Childcare Oversight Committee (Barnes-Smith)—The committee will be meeting more often and tabling in the UC twice a week now. The committee also discussed their sign-in and sign-out system.
• Sports Club Union (Butler)—The committee met last week. They looked at their budget and assigned funds.
• Library Committee (Colenso)—The committee met and discussed funds as part of the strategic plan
• Website Upkeep Committee (Lowry)—The senator bios are being updated, along with the group photo.
• Program Prioritization (Greenfield)—New meeting time will be Thursdays at 8 a.m. The committee will be picking up soon
• Board on Budget and Finance (Greenfield)—The committee meets on Monday at 7 p.m.
• Transportation Board (Fettig)—The committee has been planning for the covered bike parking on campus.
• Advising Committee (VonLindern)—The committee met with the UFA committee regarding advising. The committee discussed amendments for the resolution seen tonight.
• Elections Committee (Chestnut)—The committee met with IT to beta test the app. The first informational meeting about elections will take place tomorrow at 7 p.m. The committee met this week to discuss candidate strategies. Regular meeting times will be Thursdays at 7 p.m.
• Marketing and Outreach (Love)—The committee is still working on their promotional video. The Twitter account will also be reinstated. The committee will also be co-promoting the UM app with elections
- Strategic Planning Committee (Forstag)—The strategic plan should be delivered the first week of April.
- General Education Committee (Durnell)—The committee discussed general education credits with 500 level courses.
- Relations and Affairs (Fitzpatrick)—The committee recommended that ASUM pass SB69
- Garden Committee (Fitzpatrick)—The committee will meet tomorrow
- Board on Members (Fitzpatrick)—Order of Omega, Student Group Approval

**Unfinished Business**
- SB58-16/17
  - After a brief authorship made by Senator VonLindern, a motion was made by President Forstag to post-pone the resolution until the next meeting. The motion passed by placard vote.
- SB66-16/17
  - After a brief authorship made by Senator Chestnut, a motion was made to amend by Business Manager Greenfield. An amendment to the amendment was made by Senator Colenso. Withdrawn. The amendment passed by placard vote. A motion was made to refer the resolution to the Elections committee was made by Senator Longo. The motion passed by placard vote.
- SB67-16/17
  - After a brief authorship by Senator Ricci, many friendly amendments were made.
- SB68-16/17
  - After a brief authorship by Senator Fitzpatrick, there was a motion to post-pone the resolution until the next meeting. Unanimous consent was called by Senator Harrison.
- SB69-16/17
  - After an authorship by Senator Barnes-Smith, many friendly and non-friendly amendments were made. After further discussion, the resolution failed by roll call vote.
- SB70-16/17
  - After an introduction to the resolution by President Forstag, there was an amendment made by President Forstag. The motion passed. A motion was made by Senator Chestnut. An amendment to the amendment was made by Senator Fettig. The amendment passed. A motion was made to amend by Senator Harrison. The amendment passed by placard vote. A motion was made by Senator Chestnut to divide the question. The motion passed. The resolution was divided into SB70A and SB70B.
    - SB70A-16/17: A motion was made by Senator Colenso to post-pone the resolution indefinitely. The motion failed by placard vote. A motion was made to amend the resolution by Senator Morrill.
    - SB70B-16/17: A motion was made by Senator Fettig to table until the next meeting, with unanimous consent called by Senator VonLindern.
New Business

- Resolution Regarding the ASUM President’s Summer Hours—Recommended to Relations and & Affairs
- Resolution Regarding the March for Science—Recommended to Sustainability Board

Comments

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 a.m.

Augustine Menke
ASUM Senate Secretary