



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

January 27, 2020- Meeting Agenda

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice President Taylor Kurkoski called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT- President Merritt, Vice President Kurkoski, Bus. Manager Unzaga, SRO Cunningham, Senator Bryce-Black, Senator Davis, Senator Fausnaugh, Senator Neff, Senator Niemi, Senator Robertus, Senator Seymanski, Senator Williams

EXCUSED-

ABSENT-

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-12/2/19

V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES-

-Chancellor Edelman

-Updates: MSUB opened up a sweat lodge and built a roof over the top for weather conditions.

-Will be getting a student advisory committee. We haven't had one in the past, so Susan Simmers (Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance) will be reaching out to ASMSUB about forming one soon.

-Recently attended the funeral of Marilyn Ballard; she was very much loved in the community, and there was overwhelming support present. Her and her husband donated \$1 million toward the new science building.

-It was approved that we could use \$1.3 million from the Academic Building Fund from earlier toward building labs during construction.

-Addressing previous questions:

1. How will the old lab equipment be used? The larger equipment, like fume hoods, will be replaced. Microscopes and autoclaves will be repurposed; everything that can be repurposed will be sold or used elsewhere. The other equipment is nearing the end of its lifespan.

2. Will there be a student survey for opinions about using the labs at Rocky? No, but they found that the class times at Rocky would not align with our purposes, so that option will not be utilized.

3. How will the change affect the research completed by students over the summer? We are creating space so that Dr. Toenjes and students may continue conducting research. Everything will be moved over to the COE or City College.

4. City college times don't align well with university campus: how will students make it to their labs in time? There will possibly be a bus to take students over to ensure they make it to their labs. The drive to City College is fairly short!

5. What will transportation to and from city college look like? Again, we may rent a bus to accommodate schedules that don't align with the city bus. Also could use part of the \$1.3 million from that fund toward this issue.

6. How will you get feedback from students if they do experience this issue? First, faculty will notice if students come late and communicate from there. Also, students should let us know! S. Bryce-Black: Would it be possible to send out a SurveyMonkey to ensure all students are being reached? Chancellor: Yes, this could be a possibility.

Susan Simmers: There is a project plan in place. They can't start taking the equipment out of the lab until the spring semester is done. Directly afterward, these will be put into the labs that are pre-prepared. Everything will have to be back in place in the fall.



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-Will students who take summer chemistry courses be affected? Many will be held over at City College. And the temporary space in the COE will accommodate students conducting research over the summer.

-Several students have complained about the cafeteria: there has been advertising about food on the menu that isn't actually being served in the cafeteria. They asked S. Norris to bring the issue to ASMSUB. A contract is being written with Sodexo, so this can be addressed. Also, students should feel free to approach the employees in the cafeteria. In past experience, though, most employees don't know where to find anything, and the managers are not usually present.

-Also, there are no milk substitutes in the cafeteria, which really limits students with allergies or other food restrictions. Talking to residents, students are also very unhappy about the meal plans, and it's a motivator to move off campus. To address this issue, we can work with Kathy Kotecki and form a committee to address this issue.

-Student engagement is very low, so it's hard to rely on student opinion when they don't share it; we might have to look at the numbers instead and judge by their actions to form a decision. As a senator, it's important to ask the students when you are around campus, to obtain those opinions.

-The app that has the menu for the cafeteria is not working. It was working last week. Now it says Rimrock Café and "no options available."

-Last week Chancellor Edelman went to 20 different classes at city college; some classes gave no feedback while others were more sharing. Very serious about putting students first at MSUB, so students need to be open about sharing their issues.

-Susan Simmers, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance

-Retort: Brigham Jessen

- *The Retort* is the school newspaper. This semester, they are focusing on getting more people on board and getting stories submitted. There will be a tabling event on Wednesday in the LA building.

-Freelancing is acceptable; send stories to Brigham. Anything we feel is important is worth sharing in *The Retort*.

-Update: did not hire more students last semester because those applicants left before finals week. S. Bryce-Black: What kind of schedule are you working on to put out content? One story per week from now until the end of the semester. When content comes in, are you able to put it out quickly? This is not the main issue. People just aren't sending in anything to put out, so the volume isn't there. S. Bryce-Black had given him a piece two months ago; why was there a delay in publishing? He was not working on it. But now, he will be editing and posting within a week of obtaining the content.

-SAB: Erika Smith

- SAB members just came back from a retreat, where they went over their direction for this semester.

-Future events:

February 21st at 8pm, going to Roller Skating World. Will be getting advertisements out for that.

Early March, will be doing a swing dance night.



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Later March, planning a small business fair for students that have their own product or business and want to talk about. They are debating if they should make it open to the public, or just have it open to students to participate. Can the students actually sell their products at this carnival? Would have to look into if this is allowed.

April: doing something at the Zoo. SAB will be attending the NACA conference to search for new talent to bring to campus. Would like ZooMT to be the venue, perhaps for live music.

Also will have forms from now on, created for agreements between SAB and other organizations. These agreements will include how many people are needed, what funds are expected, etc. The student engagement bar is not set very high, and we need to do personal recruiting to events.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS –

-Dr. Kim Hayworth

-Kathy Kotecki

-Feb. 18, the SSI (Student Satisfaction Inventory) will be open to students. This is a national survey done by Institutional Research, and is very important for getting a glimpse of the student population and the campus. It is done every 3 years. It is more comprehensive, so takes a little bit of time to complete, and there will be incentives/prizes.

-Dr. Paul Pope

-Lance Mouser

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Senator Interviews for Spring 20 Appointments

1. Abria Boze:

- a. **Tell us about yourself: From Scobe, MT. Came to MSUB to pursue Business. But interests are changing, and really enjoys law! Student senate is a great place to find her voice and use it effectively.**
- b. **Plans after graduating: Thinking about law school.**
- c. **Will you be able to fit senate commitments into your schedule? Yes.**
- d. **There are two committees in Senate: Financial Board and Student Services and Public Relations (SSPR). Which committee would best fit you? SSPR, because may be changing major to Public Relations.**
- e. **What characteristics do you have that would add value to this team? Social, opinionated, not afraid to speak out, loyal.**



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- f. What experiences do you have that will serve to better the voice of student population? Was on student council for 3 years in high school, and has the will to learn more.
- g. What is one initiative or issue on campus you would tackle? Food and cafeteria issue. Was diagnosed with celiac disease when young (has since grown out of it), so she knows personally how it feels to be restricted.

Vote - For: 8, Against: 0

2. Mathew Combs

- a. Second semester of third year at MSUB. Changed to Health Administration major and hope to become more involved. Recently joined ROTC and want to help the campus as a senator.
- b. Going into the work field, obtaining an entry-level job and working his way up.
- c. Yes. ROTC requirements also merge with some of Senate's, so this will be easier for him.
- d. SSPR
- e. Get along well with people, even if he's in a bad mood. Really likes to have fun.
- f. Experience as the 4-H president, vice president, and reporter in high school. Also experiences in military, looking to grow as a leader.
- g. It sounds like student engagement is a huge problem, so he would try to work on improving that on campus.

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3. Brach Janney

- a. Is a veteran, and has lived all over. Considers himself "old" now, so has no filter. Don't believe in beating around the bush. Wants to put together a campus voluntaryist organization. Pursuing a bachelor of science in Liberal Studies, until can transfer to obtain an Economics degree.
- b. Has a small business, so is pretty involved with that. Plan to get barriers-to-entry lowered. Wants to be really active in his activism.
- c. Yes.
- d. SSPR, but wouldn't mind financial board.
- e. Critical thinking and attacking things from all angles. Finding barriers and getting around them.
- f. Speaks fairly well in front of people. Good at getting to the point and being thorough, so taking the time to do so.
- g. Seeing people be more active and seeing more participation from the student body. As a representative, he may be able to get people more interested. Wants others to have his amount of energy!

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4. Avery Johnson

- a. Major is Finance right now, but may be changing to criminal justice or possibly leaving MSUB. Not involved at all, which is why she is applying here. She was the class president during her junior year at Senior High School. Wasn't supposed to be elected, but she won. She put on a



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3X3 basketball tournament and pulled it off. It was the best homecoming Senior had ever seen. Also did food and backpack drives. Contributed a lot to Senior High; maybe she would like MSUB more if she could help make changes. Didn't realize there is an involvement issue here. She is currently a second semester freshman.

- b. Wants to be an FBI profiler.
- c. Yes.
- d. SSPR, for sure.
- e. Very outgoing. Will speak her mind, even if higher ups don't agree. Will stand up and speak for those who can't. Bring new ideas to the table. The worst that could happen is someone says no.
- f. Student council in high school. Talking face to face and listening to students and bringing those issues to the table today; bringing their ideas together and getting stuff done.
- g. Would need to learn more about what issues are present. Don't have a specific one to tackle right now.

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5. Rachel McKinley

- a. Nickname is "Pickles." First year student. Has a disability, so has a unique perspective on campus. Psychology major; wants to get doctorate. In the gaming club and wants to join the ski and snowboard club. Older than other students. Has been very challenging to use a wheelchair on campus - can walk, but it's very painful. Cracks in the sidewalk are bad, and there are broken doors, like in the COE on the construction (east) side. Has Autism and is a very active listener.
- b. Open own practice after obtaining her PhD. Male to female trans person, going on 10 years now. Wants to look at the gender disorders.
- c. Yes.
- d. SSPR, definitely.
- e. Innovative, creative, and thinks outside the box. Not afraid to speak up. Worked in retail for most of her life, so she has experience working with people.
- f. Active listening and talking to people; it's easy when you have a purpose. Very good at following this purpose and speaking.
- g. Accessibility for disabled students. Difficult to get around without help; have nearly fallen out of her wheelchair. When it snows, it may be impossible to get around by herself. Hilly areas are difficult. Have noticed other students with a similar struggle.

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6. Amy Sexton

- a. Double major in accounting and mathematics. Senior credit-wise, but will be here for another 2 years. Works full time. During her freshman year, she signed up for accounting club. A lot of students don't get involved, but it's more fulfilling if you get involved earlier. Was vice president of accounting club for two years and is currently the president. Varies from 25 to 40



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members at every meeting; they meet once a month. Is in the honors program, and works in ASC as a SI.

- b. Want to get a PhD in accounting to become a professor.
- c. Yes.
- d. SSPR, but would not mind the financial board.
- e. Hard working. Organized. Good at getting people to do things they may not have been interested in at first. Passionate about school and being connected. Non-traditional student, so has life experience.
- f. Doesn't mind speaking up and speaking her mind, even if it's difficult. Important to collaborate and find benefits for others.
- g. In September, tore her ACL and had to be on crutches. DSS didn't offer any transportation across campus. Would start with that issue.

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FB#2-19: 2020-2021 ASMSUB Budgets: Senator Robertus

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| FB#2- ASMSUB Activity Scholarships | \$ 32,530 |
| FB#3- ASMSUB Capital Account | \$ 0 |
| FB#4- ASMSUB Childcare Scholarships | \$ 5,000 |
| FB#5- ASMSUB EC Management Account | \$ 8,400 |
| FB#6- ASMSUB Game Room | \$ 700 |
| FB#7- ASMSUB HEROES | \$ 7,000 |
| FB#8- ASMSUB Intertribal Pow Wow | \$ 10,000 |
| FB#9- ASMSUB Jazz Festival | \$ 7,000 |
| FB#10- ASMSUB Legal Services | \$ 45,508 |
| FB#11- ASMSUB Northcutt Steele Gallery | \$ 6,480 |
| FB#12- ASMSUB Operations | \$ 49,411 |
| FB#13- ASMSUB Retort | \$ 7,494 |
| FB#14- ASMSUB Stem Club | \$ 3,400 |
| FB#15- ASMSUB Student Activities Board | \$ 68,200 |
| FB#16- ASMSUB Student Political Action | \$ 150 |
| FB#17- ASMSUB Student Services | \$ 7,040 |
| FB#18- ASMSUB Student United Way | \$ 2,000 |
| FB#19- ASMSUB Undergraduate/Graduate Student Research | <u>\$ 2,500</u> |

TOTAL REQUEST FROM STUDENT SENATE **\$262,813**

Discussion: these are the budget requests from each student organization. Moved to financial board.

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Savannah Merritt:

- Bird Petition: can use funding to do things around the college of education in relation to birds. Will discuss further at the next senate meeting.
- 15 Bus Passes still available for Spring Semester: free to students for use on Met buses.



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Vice President Taylor Kurkoski:

➤ **Dean for CHPS Open Forums**

- Dr. Hal Strough, Wednesday Jan. 29th , 2pm, LA 205
- Dr. Gary Sayed, Thursday Jan. 30th, 2pm, LA 205
- Dr. Joseph Beckett, Monday Feb. 3rd, 2pm, LA 205
- Dr. Kurt Toenjes, Tuesday Feb. 4th, 2pm, LA 205

➤ **Dean for CHPS Student Forums**

- Dr. Hal Strough, Wednesday Jan. 29th, 12:30pm, SUB Beartooth
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- One-on-ones: schedule a time to meet.
- Spring Retreat: will find a mutual time and date and will be surrounding team building. Won't be as long as the fall retreat. Saturday morning potentially.
- ASMSUB Sponsoring Service Saturday February 15th: wear Senate gear.

Business Manager James Unzaga:

- The Rook may have different funding for printing costs. It is a way for students to submit and have their artwork published. It is heavily distributed in the Art department, but not as much in other buildings.
- Quick Financial board meeting tonight.

Student Resolution Officer Robin Cunningham:

- Ski Tickets being sold for \$25 in the office until sold out. To be used at Red Lodge Ski Resort. Limit 2 per student. Have about 80 left. Need a student ID to buy one.
- Currently collecting nominations for outstanding faculty. Feb. 7 is the due date.
- Quick SSPP meeting tonight to determine future meeting time.

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

-General education faculty committee: changing requirements and "cleaning it out."
Changing the types of assessments, moving away from scantrons. Addressing why gen eds matter: Need students to understand the importance. Perhaps needs to be more visually understandable.

-Kathleen Thatcher: data analyst, making the requirements look more attractive to students. Should be at college to make yourself a better member of society and also round you out as a person, find who you are, rather than just to get a job. Maybe faculty can change their teaching style to reflect this. Also is a student responsibility to make these connections and take that initiative.

-There will be a hand-out about this. Email our thoughts about the last handout to S. Norris so she can present it to the committee. She is the only student on the committee. When she "sided" with them on the topics today, they all thanked her for being on the committee. They are listening to her more.

-Student board council meeting: representatives of different student organizations around campus. Most people didn't know each other, which was surprising. These meetings are fairly new, but it's important to have communication and collaboration between student clubs. This would be a good opportunity for student senators to attend, to get exposure.



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XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

-Wednesday Feb. 5th, Last day for withdrawing/dropping classes with partial refund

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday January 30th

-Men's Basketball Game, Alterowitz Gym, 7pm

Saturday February 1st

-Men's Basketball game, Alterowitz Gym, 7pm

Friday February 7th

-MSUB Jazz Festival, Petro Theater, 7-9pm

Accounting club meeting:

January 30th at 5:30pm

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT

6:51pm