



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

September 15, 2020- Meeting Agenda

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

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT- President Unzaga, Vice President Cunningham, Business Manager Williams, SRO Norris, Senator Combs, Senator Davis, Senator Eldridge, Senator Hubbard, Senator Leitch

EXCUSED- Senator Abdyeva, Senator Boze

ABSENT-

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES-

Katlyn Gillen, Student Activities Board (SAB) Chair, spoke about future events

- How Covid-19 has affected student turnout, and how they plan to maintain events with Covid considerations
- How the change to more online students may be a factor in student turnout
- Informed ASMSUB on ways they can help in supporting SAB throughout the semester

Olivia Ruesch, Retort Editor-in-Chief, reported on open positions within retort and advertised the positions; 1 position in marketing, 1 position in reporting, and the need for a faculty advisor

- Reported on the change from paper or digital news articles towards a podcast format
- Business Manager Williams asked about Guest speakers
- Student Resolution Officer Norris asked about the frequency of the Podcast releases
- Senator Boze asked about how accessible the podcast will be and how the Retort was advertising their podcast
- Senator Davis asked about how a person can apply for the Retort. The response was to send an application in to Retort@msubillings.edu

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

Dr. Hayworth reported on enrollment

- Fall enrollment is down Full Time Equipment (FTE) 9% from Fall 2019. Considering Covid-19, this is a victory
- Freshman retention has increased 4%
- Responding to a question from President Unzaga; 22% of the students who did not re-enroll were Dual-Enrolled with High Schools

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Fall 20-001: Senator Hubbard

Increase Student Access to Facilities

- See Attached Resolution
- Moved to Legislation Committee by Senators Davis, Boze, and Hubbard



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X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President James Unzaga:

- MET Bus passes available in the Senate Office
- Historian Position, Senator Combs volunteered to fill this position
- Legislation Committee will consist of Senators Boze, Leitch, Davis, Eldridge, and Hubbard
- Formed a “Student Satisfaction” Committee, a committee to investigate student concerns. This Committee’s Chairperson is Vice President Cunningham and the committee members will be Combs, Hubbard, Boze, and Eldridge

Vice President Robin Cunningham:

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Business Manager Devin Williams:

- Financial Board will have their first meeting in 2-3 weeks

Student Resolution Officer Naomi Norris:

- Ordered Senator Facemasks and Quarter Zips
- SSPR committee will meet after the next senate meeting

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Special Committee signups will happen next week, tentatively

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

- Senator Davis recommended that, as senators, we should be able to provide resources to students who may be struggling academically
- Dr. Hayworth advised that we could reference the Student Satisfaction Inventory if we ever have questions about the needs of students at MSU-B

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday September 17th

- Constitution Day, 9am-1pm
- Tie Dye and Berry Bowls, 10am-1pm, SUB Lawn
- COVID-19 Town Hall, 4-5pm, LI 148
- One Vote Film, 7-8:30pm, Livestream on CFE Facebook Page

Friday September 18th

- Disc Golf Tournament, 2-5pm, Pioneer Park

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT



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XV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Senator Boze and Senator Davis as the Second



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MSU-BILLINGS

FALL TERM TWO THOUSAND TWENTY

RESOLUTION NO. F20-001

AUTHORED BY: James Unzaga

Robin Cunningham

Naomi Norris

A RESOLUTION TO: INCREASE STUDENT ACCESS TO FACILITIES

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MSU-BILLINGS ENACTS:

WHEREAS, the facilities on the University Campus of MSU Billings are not accessible or accommodating to students; AND

WHEREAS, this encourages students to leave our campus, especially on the weekends; AND

WHEREAS, students leaving campus are more likely to be exposed to COVID-19 and infect others on campus; AND

WHEREAS, there is thus a connection between facility availability and the safety of our students; AND

WHEREAS, the Library is closed on Saturdays and is open from 4:00 to 8:00 on Sundays; AND

WHEREAS, the Recreation Center is closed on Saturdays and only open from 1:00 to 5:00 on Sundays; AND

WHEREAS, Stingers is only open from 7:30am to 3:00pm on weekdays and closed on weekends; AND

WHEREAS, Jazzman's is only open from 7:30am to 2:00pm on weekdays and closed on weekends; AND

WHEREAS, Sub Connect is only open from 10:00am to 2:00pm on weekdays and closed on weekends; AND

WHEREAS, the Student Union Building closes at 7pm on Fridays and Saturdays; AND

WHEREAS, Rimrock Café is only open from 5pm-6pm on Fridays and Saturdays for dinner; AND

WHEREAS, campus buildings are often unavailable to students for the purpose of studying; AND

WHEREAS, student representatives have communicated these issues with members of the MSU Billings administration on multiple occasions in person; AND



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WHEREAS, no significant change or action has taken place by administration to benefit students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Associated Students of Montana State University of Billings calls upon Montana State University Billing's administration to extend the hours of the facilities listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Associated Students of Montana State University of Billings will not relent in its fight to increase student access to resources.

VOTE TOTALS:

YES

NO

ABSTAIN