



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

September 22, 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, VP Cunningham, Bus. Manager Williams, SRO Norris, Senator Boze, Senator Combs, Senator Davis, Senator Eldridge, Senator Hubbard, Senator Leitch

EXCUSED- Senator Abdyeva

ABSENT-

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 9/15/20

V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES

- Aaron Like spoke on maintain mask policies and how it has affected the students' lives on campus. Also, the drop in enrollment is noticeable in the residence halls

-Darla Tyler-McSherry brought in her Covid-19 response team to speak about the measures they are taking to ensure student health is maintained and to reduce the likelihood that the campus will transition to an online system, like last spring. If a student has any questions about Covid they can email covidquestions@msubillings.edu. She also mentioned the measures that "HEROES" is taking to help educate students on Covid and other health issues.

-Amy Sexton gave an update about the BOR meeting that was held last week. And on some information regarding the CARES Act.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

- Dr. Kim Hayworth gave an update on a degree works, which will be closed on October 3rd through the 19th. Dr. Hayworth also gave more information on the CARES Act.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Resolution Fall 20-001: Senator Hubbard

Increase Student Access to Facilities

- See Attached Resolution
- had no amendments from the legislation committee
- no discussion was held

Vote on Resolution: 6 for, 0 against, 0 Abstain, Resolution Passes

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Fall 20-002: Senator Combs

Improve the Communication of Necessary information to Students

- See Attached Resolution
- Recommended to move to legislation by Senators Davis and Eldridge
- Senators Hubbard and Eldridge endorse this resolution personally
- Senator Boze mentions the inconveniences that this resolution addresses regarding commuting students



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- Senator Leitch recommended that it should be clarified on the time period this resolution is addressing; the whole semester, the first few week, etc...
- SRO Norris asks the advisors if there is a better way to address this issue and the advisor's response was to speak directly to the faculty if not pass the resolution
- Senator Davis recommends removing the term "Hybrid" from the resolution
- Senator Boze asks Dr. Pope when he and the faculty were informed of the new covid standards they had to maintain. His response was that they were given a head up in May or June then the official response in July. Senator Boze then recommended that the Student government consider the faculty in our assessment of the response to Covid
- Moved to Legislation

FB#1 Funds for The Retort: Senator Davis

That the sum of \$4,200.00 be allocated from Contingency index #630200 to Retort index #630186, for The Retort to transition from a student newspaper to a podcast.

Expenses: \$4,200.00

TOTAL REQUEST FROM STUDENT SENATE: \$4,200.00

- Moved to discussion by Senators Leitch and Davis
- Pres. Unzaga asks for clarification on whether we can pay wages from contingency
- Moved to Financial Board

FB#2 Funds for a TV on the wall outside of the ASMSUB Office: Senator Combs

That the sum of \$950.00 be allocated from Contingency index #630200 to the EC Management index #630245, for ASMSUB to put a TV on the wall outside of the office to display ASMSUB news and information.

40 Inch TV: \$300.00

TV Wall Mount: \$150.00

Facility Installation Cost: \$500.00

TOTAL REQUEST FROM STUDENT SENATE: \$950.00

- Moved to discussion by Senators Davis and Hubbard
- VP Cunningham Explains that the intention behind this would be to improve information accessibility to the students regarding ASMSUB events
- Senator Leitch recommends that we find a different location to place the TV
- Moved to Financial Board

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President James Unzaga:



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- Reports on looking into improving access to campus facilities, last semester's concern with birds and the College of Education, and future legislation committee meetings

Vice President Robin Cunningham:

- Update on the Student Satisfaction Committee, next meeting is in two weeks
- Update on Pub Board meetings, October 1st will be the first release of the Podcast
- Student satisfaction committee will be addressing concerns like: on;line class fees, facility access, Sodexo satisfaction, and Exam Proctoring

Business Manager Devin Williams:

- Financial board will meet after this senate meeting
- Banners will be put up along 27th street, sponsored by the MSUB Foundation and Billings Clinic

Student Resolution Officer Naomi Norris:

- No SSPR committee after this meeting

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday September 23rd

- Student Recital, 1-3pm, Cisel Recital Hall
- UCM Agree to Disagree, 3-4pm, SUB Gallatin

Thursday September 24th

- Surprise! Your Estate Plans & MT Law, 3-5pm, COB 355
- COVID-19 Town Hall, 3pm, online meeting

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Senators Boze and Davis