



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

September 29, 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** - Pres. Unzaga, VP Cunningham, SRO Norris, BM Williams, Senators: Abdyeva, Boze, Combs, Davis, Eldridge, Hubbard, Leitch

**EXCUSED - NONE**

**ABSENT- NONE**

**III. PROXIES**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-9/22/20**

**V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES**

**Kate Johnson** spoke on her role in Sodexo and the role Sodexo has on campus.

- She was asked to describe any changes that Sodexo has made regarding Covid-19. The whole organization has been extra careful to manage food delivery and maintaining safety, working as a national food service operator has been interesting with different state regulations. No more self-serve due to the high risk: things are prepacked or served to the customers.
- Working with Ecolab to kill the virus without having a risk of harm to customers and servers.
- Packaged food is available to go for students. Still trying to maintain events like steak night and those put on with the multicultural club. Trying to give students more of an opportunity to spend their flex dollars, at swipe plus events and possible retail opportunities.
- Senator Combs asked about the times that Stingers is open and if they planned to modify during the pandemic to accommodate student limitations. Sodexo looks at their budget and historical data about when to keep businesses open. Not an easy answer but it is a possibility. Looks at the size of operation, space available, staff to maintain service.
- Kate reminded us that it is possible to work with individual students if Sodexo is aware that they are unavailable during regular hours.

**VI. ADVISOR REPORTS**

**Dr. Kim Hayworth** talked about being open different hours and increasing the vibrancy of campus.

- Developed great ideas to keep students on campus and a marking campaign to advertise the locations on campus that students can go to study and hours of operations.
- Native American center open house, today from 9-4 was great. 11-12 tomorrow in the Native American center for lunch as well.
- Faculty has been working on increasing communications.
- Starting tomorrow there will be free flu shots on campus, encouraged students to take advantage of this.
- Degree works will be down from October 3<sup>rd</sup> until the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Dr. Paul Pope** recommended that students get that flu shot, he is seeing more students who need to be tested for COVID and want students to help reduce the spread of it.



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- DR Hayworth asked about when students can register for spring. Answer; October 19<sup>th</sup> is the start of spring registration.

**Lance Mouser** reports that class schedules should be out next week for viewing and planning, recommended an early registration.

- City College received funding for a trio program for 2-year students, as opposed to the usual 4-year requirement.

### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### IX. NEW BUSINESS

### X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### President James Unzaga:

- Legislation Committee reviewed the resolution to increase access to facilities, had a lot of good ideas about campus sustainability, reviewed the previous resolutions.
- Spoke about the option of key card access to the campus, not likely to work out for the library due to sanitation and liability concerns. Possibly turning the SUB into a study center on the weekends.

#### Vice President Robin Cunningham:

- MAS meeting last night at 7 pm. Primarily discussed the situations on campus' and how they are handling COVID and student quarantine options. MSUB utilizes designated floors for quarantining students.
- Lobbyist hiring committee is looking for recommendations on the priorities for the lobbyist.
- Sustainability is a concern of VP Cunningham specifically regarding not "sitting on" money that could be spent on improving student lives on campus. Sen. Leitch asks about clarification on accessing money to be used by a senator. BM Williams answer was that currently they are restructuring the way finances work to increase access by senators and clubs. Overbudgeting is a way to draw more money from reserves or the possibility to spend up to 10% of the reserves with a vote from student government.

#### Business Manager Devin Williams:

- Meeting to discuss the Retort contingency request and will be scheduling the meeting for the ASMSUB contingency request.
- Pointed out that there is a decrease in student activity fee payout, possibly increasing the fee for future years to allow funding to continue

#### Student Resolution Officer Naomi Norris:



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- SSPR Meeting Tonight, will be over WebEx.
- Pumpkin Painting Event October 17<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm, asking senators to help organize and participate
- Will be meeting with a freshman seminar class at 1140 tomorrow
- Spoke with OCHE about increasing the fee, needs a business plan with intent and purpose and would eventually go into effect fall 2021

### **XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Pres Unzaga; the resolution presented last week was not passed, unanimously. Senator Leitch- Due to lack of clarification of the intent and general statements made in the bill. Recommended providing evidence in the bill for the assertions and investigate possible other steps that should be taken before the resolution.
- VP Cunningham asked about who would be interested in a committee on sustainability with faculty, Boze, Unzaga, Davis, and Leitch volunteered.

### **XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS**

### **XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jackets Java and jams tonight

#### **Wednesday September 30<sup>th</sup>**

- UCM Agree to disagree, 3-4pm, SUB Gallatin

#### **Thursday October 1<sup>st</sup>**

- MSUB Blood Drive, 12-3pm, SUB Beartooth
- COVID-19 Town Hall, 3-4pm, Online

### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Darla Tyler-McSherry, free flu shots, mon-fri 8-5. Trying to schedule a large flu shot clinic mid-October. Encourages people to participate in COVID town hall.
- Guests for future meeting should be requested through VP Cunningham.

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved and seconded by Davis and Boze adjourned at 5:55 Pm