



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Monday, November 24, 2014- Minutes

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

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT-President Daniel Barnhart, Vice President Sonja Choriki, Business Manager Matthew Green, Student Resolution Officer Jamie Slauch, Brock Boender, Katelyn Focht, David Fredrickson, Renae Hepfner, Ali Iverson, Rachel McKinney, Wyatt Powell, Alex Shin, Carissa Sorenson, Devon Sutton, Oscar Thomas, Joseph Wyatt

EXCUSED-Sustainability Coordinator Connor Gregg, Chelsie Coomber, Shelby Martinell

ABSENT-Arthur Cherry

III. PROXIES- Ali Iverson for Shelby Martinell

-Katelyn Focht for Chelsie Coomber

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –11/17/14: **Approved**

V. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES-

Cheryl Hoover, Library

-Library is closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday for Thanksgiving.

-There will be extended hours during finals week.

-There is a new group study room on the 2nd floor of the library.

-The library would like to increase the student library and assessment fee.

The last increase the library received was in 2011.

This would be a 3 ½ % increase.

Money would go towards library catalog databases and everyday things that students use.

Aubree Honcoop, American Chemical Society

-Came and showed the Senate some pictures from their event Ghosts at Garfield.

-Had a good turnout with about 400 people who attended.

Percussion Club

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

FB#3: Summer Operations Budget: Senator Alex Shin

That the sum of \$12,525.00 be allocated to the Summer Session Operations account #630185 for operation during the Summer 2015. A breakdown of this budget is included in the Summer Budget Request packet.

Financial Board recommended \$ 12,425.00

FB#3 Passes with 14 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions



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FB#4: Summer Activities Budget: Senator Ali Iverson

That the sum of \$5900.00 be allocated to the Summer Session Activities account #630183 for operation during the Summer 2015. A breakdown of this budget is included in the Summer Budget Request packet.

Financial Board recommended \$ 5900.00

FB#4 Passes with 14 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions

FB#6: Funds for Percussion Club: Senator Brock Boender

That the sum of \$2805.65 be allocated from Contingency index #630200 to Percussion Club, index #630336 for "The Montana Day of Percussion" event to be held on April 24, 2015 on the MSUB campus.

Transportation (artists)	\$ 979.19
Meal expenses	\$ 204.00
Lodging expenses	\$ 737.46
Other costs (artist's fees)	<u>\$2750.00</u>
Total:	\$4670.65
Less money raised:	<u>(1865.00)</u>
TOTAL REQUEST FROM STUDENT SENATE	\$2805.65
Financial Board recommended \$1716.65	

Senator Boender motioned to amend the FB#6 to the original amount of \$2805.65

This amendment failed with 2 For, 10 Against, 0 Abstentions

FB#6 passes with the recommended amount of \$1716.65 with 13 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstentions

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. ADVISOR REPORTS

Chancellor Mark Nook

-Gave some updates to senate about the Board of Regents meeting-budget and faculty/staff salaries

-He is concerned about faculty and staff salaries because

-He talked about compression- newly hired people's salaries are close or exceed people who have been at an institution longer.

-It's difficult to recruit and retain faculty because of the pay. Some of the best won't apply or won't accept offers.

-Possibly a pay increase in the near future.

Dr. Joe Oravec/Kathy Kotecki

-Dr. O talked a little about the budget and fees. The Student Affairs might need to talk to senate about things such as what are the fees for, what are you paying for?

-Sign up for the VIP book program at Jackets and Company.

-Start filling out scholarships. They are due Feb 1st!!!!!!



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Dr. Bill Kamowski

-Finals are coming up

-Get some SLEEP!

Joy Barber

-The City College News Letter will come out Monday next week. If you have any announcements, get them to Joy!

-2 year undergrad research conference in Great Falls. An informal research gathering will be on December 5th.

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Daniel Barnhart

- Biweekly parking spot winner: Senator Renae Hepfner!
- BOR/MAS update
 - self plagiarism
 - money for research: \$15,000 line item
 - annual fee review in January
- Senator business cards
 - Feel free to grab some, write your name/email, and hand them out.
- We have received an application for the MAS Lobbyist position.
- Looking into getting a video conference call system.
 - \$500/year or \$60 per school
- WEAR YOUR SENATE SHIRTS!!

Vice President Sonja Choriki

- PUB Bd: Retort Editor position – apps due Dec. 2nd _interviews Dec. 5th
Apps available online at www.msubillings.edu/asmsub
Also posted on Career link
- Spring 2015 Senate positions: 4 Senator-at-large, 1 City College, 1 Grad student – pickup apps at SUB 213, due by Jan. 23rd, 5pm
 - Let Sonja know if you will not be returning in the Spring
- 1st Senate meeting in spring: Monday, Jan. 26th, 5pm
- Spring retreat: Jan 31st and Feb 1st
 - Two options: stay in town or go skiing/snowboarding in Red Lodge
- Spring class schedules due Dec. 1st
- Nov/Dec Birthdays: Joseph, Arthur, Valerie, and Judy-Happy Birthday!!

Financial Board

- Matthew Green: No meeting this week

Public Relations

- Jamie Slaugh: No meeting this week
- Spirit of Giving – nominations due by Dec. 3rd
- Red Lodge ski tickets, \$25/each; 2 tickets per student;
Dec. 4 –CC Commons, 11am-1pm; main campus, SUB 213, 2pm
 - \$37 if you purchase the ticket on the mountain.



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- White Elephant, Dec. 1st
-Bring a gift that is \$5 or under.
- Outstanding Faculty awards – nominations due Feb. 12th,
Flyers will be posted before break since event is earlier next year.
- Festival of Trees- Dec. 3rd/4th Senators Needed! Contact Jamie if you can help.
- Kathy suggested selling ski tickets at the campus store.

Sustainability Committee

- Connor Gregg: Committee meeting after the Senate meeting.

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

- Thanksgiving Break, Wed., Nov.26-30 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- Finals week: Mon., Dec. 8th through Thurs., Dec. 11th
- Finals schedules in Senate mailboxes
- Residence Halls close, Friday, Dec. 12th
- Grades due by Wed., Dec. 17th
- Spring classes begin, Wed., January 14th
- Scholarship due Feb. 1st

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Senator Wyatt brought up the concern that some students are having problems accessing the Everfi website.

-Kathy suggested to guide them to the help line number that is located on the webpage.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm.