



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

February 4, 2019- Meeting Agenda

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Vice President Savannah Merritt called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

### **II. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT-** President Keltner, V.P. Merritt, SRO Kurkoski, Senator Bautista, Senator Boumadine, Senator Jessen, Senator Neff, Senator Peterson, Senator Robertus, Senator Unzaga, Senator Wheelock.

**EXCUSED-** Bus. Manager Shay, Senator Garman, Senator Smith, Senator Breeden.

**ABSENT-**

### **III. PROXIES**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-1/28/2019**

### **V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES-**

Dr. Sue Balter-Reitz

-Provost office initiatives:

1. Strategic Program Alignment (SPA): Deciding to maintain, invigorate, or phase out certain MSUB programs. The faculty have chosen around 30 programs they wish to phase out. On February 8<sup>th</sup> the committee will meet to make decisions concerning the programs and present them to Chancellor Edelman.
2. Changes may be made in orientations.
3. Changes may be made in first year seminar classes.
4. Everyone is welcome to visit the Provost office.

### Student Fee Proposals:

#### Building Fees – Trudy Collins

-Propose that university-student fees increase 4.4% for fiscal year 2020 and 3.0% the fiscal year 2021; city college student fees increase 4.9% for FY 2020 and 3.0% for FY 2021.

-Propose a building fee increase of \$5 (3.5%), FY 2020 and \$5 (3.4%), FY 2021. The city college building fee is used toward large capital projects and the CC parking lot.

-Auxiliary buildings (housing, student union, parking garage) and academic buildings are financed by students. Propose an academic building fee increase of \$2 for FY 2020 and 2021. The fee will be used toward renovations in the PE and COE buildings, which are supported partially by the state and partially by the student fee.

#### Recreational Activity Fee – Chris Martin representing Aaron Murrish

-\$1 increase per year for 2 years for university students; higher fee increase for city college students in order to balance fees more evenly. In previous years, city college students have paid less toward this fee than main campus students due to less accessibility to the recreation center. More and more city college students, however, are living on campus and utilizing the facility.



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- This fee will be used for new special events; e.g. – the laser tag event from last year, game tournaments, ultimate frisbee, club soccer, etc.

-The rec center improves the quality of life for students by promoting student health and wellness, student engagement, and leadership opportunities through employment. It also promotes MSUB through recruitment and retention.

### Health Services Fee – Darla Tyler McSherry

-The top five issues seen are stress, anxiety, sleep issues, work and depression. The Student Health Services is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAAHC)

-Propose a fee increase of \$15.25 for FY 2020 and \$6 for FY 2021

-The Student Health Services' 7-year contract with St. Vincent is nearing an end; new expenses are likely. is accredited by national accreditater

-The fee will go toward the Phoenix Center, mental health care, other clinical services, etc.

### Student Union Fee – Kristin Peterman

-The SUB is open for 95 hours per week for student use.

-The fee will go toward maintenance of the building, hosting programs, paying staff and student employees, etc.

-The goal is to bridge the gap between fees paid by city college students and main campus students.

### Academic Support Center Fee – Rebekah Reger

-Propose an increase of \$0.50 per credit or \$5 for full-time student, per FY.

-The fee will go toward maintaining services and the supplemental instruction that was added two years ago. The ASC would also like to add paid student internships: college of business and education will collaborate.

-The ASC is one of the largest student employers on campus.

### Athletic Fee – Krista Montague

-Propose a fee increase of \$2 per year.

-The athletic fee funds the 15 MSUB varsity sports as well as the co-ed cheer team. MSUB is adding a Women's Triathlon team in Fall 2019, hoping to recruit at least 8 competitors.



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-The graduation rate of athletes is 20% higher than overall student population. About 1/3 of the students living in the residence halls are MSUB athletes, and around 30 to 40 students are employed to work at events throughout the year.

### Room & Board – Aaron Like and David Powell

1. Fall 2019 room rates have been decreased by 20% for both double and single rooms. This was an initiative of Chancellor Edelman and will be a pilot program to see if more students are drawn to live on campus.
2. Propose an increased rate for family housing. There are 10 apartments behind the PE building, all of which are currently full. There are students on a waiting list. The increased rates will be applied toward replacing old appliances and the increasing maintenance of the old buildings. Even with the increase, the rates would still be below the market in the community.
3. In collaboration with Sodexo, proposed new programs are in consideration for commuting students, more variety through menu expansion, and new rates to start in Fall 2019.

\*The above proposed fees are the most current draft. ASMSUB will discuss its approval or disapproval and write a resolution concerning the fees before final decisions are made in May.

### VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

- Chancellor Edelman
- Mr. Buckingham/Kathy Kotecki
  - ~ New marketing material for current residents and commuter students concerning reduction in room rates.
  - ~ Funding has been approved to renovate Rimrock (paint kitchen rooms, fix elevators, put in new carpet), and then focus will be on Petro.
- Dr. Paul Pope
  - ~Reminder: contact your academic advisor about summer registration and know what classes are available. If students are not registering in certain courses, the dean may eliminate them. A minimum of 7 students is required to keep the class.
  - ~Open forum on February 14 concerning programs being eliminated/ shifted/merged with others or changed to other colleges; summer courses may be minimally or significantly impacted.
  - ~Joann Stryker in Institutional Research can be contacted about program statistics

- Lance Mouser

### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS



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### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

### IX. NEW BUSINESS

Senator Interview- Erika Smith

- Tell us a little about yourself: works for center for engagement; HHP major, pre-professional physical therapy; wanted to get more involved on campus.
- Why are you interested in joining senate: desire to bridge the gap between work and student life, and further understand the behind-the-scenes workings.
- What will you bring to the table: knowledge about personal school experiences and ideas about how senate can improve student life.
- What are you most excited for about being in Senate: learning how a student senate should work.

Motion to Vote: For-8 Against-0

### X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### President Halle Keltner

- Student Lobby Day: February 11 and 12 in Helena, MT

#### Vice President Savannah Merritt

- No Senate Meeting Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>
- No Senate Meeting Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> due to no classes
- Next Senate meeting on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Business Manager Kaelen Shay:

- Financial Board Meetings 6pm, Bridger Room
- No meeting tonight; budgets are printed out
- Senators are expected to become familiar with financial bills by reviewing the packet in the senate office.

#### Student Resolution Officer Taylor Kurkoski

- SS/PR Meeting tonight 6pm, Gallatin Room
- Faculty Awards review
- Checking Book Boxes

### XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

- Presidents Day no classes, offices closed Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>
- Registration for Summer Session 2019 begins Feb. 19th

### XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS



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- Time Management Workshop Tuesday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm, SUB Beartooth
- Jackets, Java, and Jams Tuesday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm, Stingers/SUB Atrium
- Escape the Abandoned Cabin Tuesday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm, Library
- Jazz Festival Thursday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 7-9:30pm, Petro Theater
- Women's Basketball Game Thursday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm, Alterowitz Gym
- Service Saturday, Saturday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30-noon, SUB Atrium (Senate is sponsoring)
- Women's Basketball Game Saturday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm, Alterowitz Gym
- Debate event: March 15 and 16, either in Petro Theater or LA 620 @ 7pm

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**