



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

October 7, 2019- Meeting Minutes

*We strive for Leadership, Involvement, Sustainability, and Service*

---

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

### **II. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT-** President Merritt, Vice President Kurkoski, SRO Cunningham, Senator Bryce-Black, Senator Davis, Senator Fausnaugh, Senator Neff, Senator Niemi, Senator Norris, Senator Robertus, Senator Seymanski, Senator Sheehan, Senator Williams

**EXCUSED-** Bus. Manager Unzaga, Senator Shovlin

**ABSENT-**

### **III. PROXIES**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-9/30/19**

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

-Dr. Melinda Arnold, Provost

Tomorrow marks her 1-year anniversary of being at MSUB. Rethinking Advising on campus, what they do and how they do it. Will be asking students questions about this. Thinking about needing an Assistant Provost. She does have a work study student working with her and the Native American studies.

-SAB

Putting on two events on October: October 18<sup>th</sup> - Grandpa's Farm Corn maze (RHA, providing buses for residence hall students) for both a scary and a regular corn maze, 6-9pm. October 25 - Babcock theater is showing The Shining (first 15 students get free popcorn and can bring guests).

### **VI. ADVISOR REPORTS –**

-Chancellor Edelman

Student numbers have increased in the following areas: Native American, African American, and Hispanic students, students receiving military benefits, first generation students, transfer students (majority from Bozeman), and retention of freshmen. There has been a growth in our healthcare, biology, and graduate programs. 11 different high schools are also involved in dual enrollment.

What is leading to the increase? Morale is better among faculty, staff, and students. We are able to offer more, the cost of housing is down; several factors have come together to increase student rates. Erika (SAB Chair) suggests increasing high school interactions with MSUB; college students could go into the high schools and do tutoring, like an AVID program.

Radio interview on Veterans' day, and a student in ROTC is needed to go on with him. SRO Cunningham has agreed to participate. He states he also received an email that the MSUB ROTC program may be closing in the spring of 2021; not a done deal.

-Dr. Kim Hayworth

Student advisory committees are meeting this month. Fridays at 2pm on the Main Campus and Mondays at 3pm on City College Campus. Invitations have been sent to selected students, to hear about the student experience and feedback.

-Kathy Kotecki



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

October 7, 2019- Meeting Minutes

*We strive for Leadership, Involvement, Sustainability, and Service*

Homecoming was fun and successful! S. Bryce-Black suggests increasing seating for next year. Will also be promoting the upcoming MSUB vs. Rocky volleyball game (10/22 – at MSUB) and women’s basketball game (11/6 – at Metra Park). Pep rally, pep band, and cheer team will be there. Creating promotional material for this. Bus will be transporting students to Metra.

C-Campus grant for students with childcare expenses. Applied and received last year, partnering with the YWCA, which is now closing that portion of their center. Inquiries have been sent out for other daycares to partner with - will keep us updated. S. Neff suggests Little Seeds; they are already on the list.

### -Dr. Paul Pope

Mountain States Poll: largest poll in MT, nationally recognized, and offered on our campus. October 23, 1-3pm in the Glacier room. There will be a press conference with lots of media, so we are hoping for a great student turn-out.

This was started 30 years ago by Craig Wilson (MSUB political science professor), so we are having a symposium in his memory/honor on October 24-25. Chuck Tooley (previous mayor of Billings) is speaking at this event. Topic will be the State of Democracy and Political Participation in America and Montana. Refreshments will be provided.

### -Lance Mouser

City College Day is on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 10-1pm. This is an open house for any prospective student to learn about and explore the different program offered. This event has been advertised in the local high schools.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**Senate Bill #1 - Senator Contracts:** That the bylaws be edited at Article 1, Section 12E, page 21 to reflect the changes written in by current standing Senators. See Attached.

**Moved to a vote:** For: 10, Against: 0, Abstained: 0

**Bill passed.**

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

## X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **President Savannah Merritt:**

- MAS/BOR
  - Want to take senators to meetings, should be mostly cost – covered (pay for your food and maybe part of hotel room). Taking rental cars. Nov. 21-22 in Bozeman. March 4-6 in Dillon, which is over spring break. Bozeman and Missoula do bring senators to these.
- Gen Ed Forum
  - October 15, 3-4pm in South Conference Room at the City College



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

October 7, 2019- Meeting Minutes

*We strive for Leadership, Involvement, Sustainability, and Service*

---

- October 17, 3-4pm in Beartooth Room at Main Campus.
- 16 students desired to attend.

### **Vice President Taylor Kurkoski:**

- 1:1 Scheduling
- Schedules - get to Katelyn or Taylor as soon as possible.

### **Business Manager James Unzaga:**

- No committee meeting tonight because Bus. Manager Unzaga is at a science conference.

### **Student Resolution Officer Robin Cunningham:**

- SSPR meeting tonight at 6pm.

## **XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

- Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Luzene Hill: The Sound of Silence, LI148
- Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm, Artist Reception & Conversation: Keeara Rhoades, Northcutt Steele Gallery
- Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00pm, Girls-n-Science, Alterowitz Gym
- November 6: Hall of Fame meeting to induct 3 people. S. Niemi learned about this at Accounting club meeting. There are 30 available seats for students to attend. 20 scholarships are given to students. Niemi will find out more and report at the next meeting.

## **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **XV. ADJOURNMENT**