



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

November 18, 2019- Meeting Minutes

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Vice President Taylor Kurkoski called the meeting to order at 5:03pm

### **II. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**- President Merritt, Vice President Kurkoski, Business Manager Unzaga, Student Resolutions Officer Cunningham, Senator Bryce-Black, Senator Fausnaugh, Senator Niemi, Senator Norris, Senator Seymanski, Senator Sheehan, Senator Shovlin, Senator Williams.

**EXCUSED**- Senator Davis, Senator Neff, Senator Robertus.

**ABSENT**-

### **III. PROXIES**

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**-11/4/19

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

-Dr. Becky Lyons, Director of Advising and Career Services

Handouts were provided that have calendars with events relating to advising, important dates on campus, and career fairs. There are two career fairs in February, on each campus, that are being promoted for students to attend and meet potential employers. Throughout the coming months, Advising and Career services are making some adjustments in hopes to have better collaboration with online classes and the students taking them or desiring to take them, and other course scheduling.

There is a committee on campus within Advising and Career Services that does have a student, but they are looking for another student and the next meeting is on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

-Retort

There were issues with some of the newly hired writers, so applications to work with Retort are open again. Writers can write about anything and will get paid for each piece they write. For more information contact Brigham Jessen, [retort@msubillings.edu](mailto:retort@msubillings.edu).

A project is underway to gain insight on student engagement relating to the Retort itself and to campus. The plan is that this will help to survey website traffic, as they are looking for ways to make posts more widely seen and to promote more for their content.

### **VI. ADVISOR REPORTS**

-Dr. Kim Hayworth

There is a tracking report for spring registration, we are currently 1.7% behind previous registration numbers (30 students), but we are also 700 inquires about MSUB ahead of normal, and 90 applications higher than this time last year.

At the Board of Regents this week, one of the discussion items will be the one application state wide, and what more of the logistics of that process will be, as well as evaluating a CRM (customer Relations Management) for current students as there is currently not one.

-Kathy Kotecki

There are currently changes being made to the student handbook through a partnership with Bozeman to have improved and updated policies for students. Those changes will be implemented as soon as the revisions are final.



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-Dr. Paul Pope

-Lance Mouser

The updated numbers for students or perspective students that attended City College day was 54, some of which were so encouraged that they also attended a preview day on the University Campus as well.

## VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

## X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### President Savannah Merritt:

- Forward Montana was on campus today in the LA building talking with students about climate change and how to be more environmentally friendly on campuses across the state. This allowed the opportunity for students to voice their concerns on this issue and learn how they can have a bigger role in changes on campus.

### Vice President Taylor Kurkoski:

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### Business Manager James Unzaga:

- Financial Board meeting tonight after senate

### Student Resolution Officer Robin Cunningham:

- Thank you all for showing support for Service Saturday, there was a great turn out from senate.
- There is an SSPR meeting tonight after the meeting.

## XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Academic Senate- Savannah/Taylor

Courses in the business department are being restructured to help students do better their upper division classes, specifically with excel and computer programming. The art department is also restructuring the art minor to be more specific with two clear paths, one for art history, and the other for sculpture or 2D/3D art.

### CCR Committee- Laie

Within the Special Needs program some courses are changing the description to be more inclusive and be cautious of any potential offensive language. Also courses



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within the business department are currently designed to utilize office, not excel, which has led to problems in upper division courses and is being reconsidered.

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

- No Classes Wednesday November 27<sup>th</sup> through November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Offices closed November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
- Last day to drop classes with advisor and instructor approval (no refund), Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>

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

#### **Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Emerald Hart Junior Recital, 7:30-8:30pm, Cisel Recital Hall

#### **Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup>**

- University Chorus & Chamber Singers, 7:30-9:30pm, Cisel Recital Hall

#### **Thursday November 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Jazz Festival Concert, 5:00-9:00pm, CI 135
- Josh DeWeese's Exhibition, 5:00-8:00pm, LA Outer Gallery
- Bob Ross Night (SAB), 6:30-8:30pm, SUB Glacier Room
- Men's Basketball, 7:00pm, Alterowitz Gym

#### **Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Women's Basketball Game, 2:00pm, Alterowitz Gym
- Men's Basketball Game vs. Rocky, 7:00pm, Metra

### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

5:58pm