



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

November 25, 2019- Meeting Minutes

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice President Taylor Kurkoski called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT- President Merritt, Vice President Kurkoski, Business Manager Unzaga, SRO Cunningham, Senator Bryce-Black, Senator Fausnaugh, Senator Neff, Senator Niemi, Senator Norris, Senator Robertus, Senator Seymanski, Senator Sheehan, Senator Shovlin, Senator Williams

EXCUSED- Senator Davis

ABSENT-

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-11/18/19

V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES

Aaron Murrish, Director of Rec Activities

-Rec activities includes the rock wall, gym, fitness center (which has a dual use, for the general population as well as student athletes), etc. Because the lower gym also serves a dual purpose, they are always trying to keep open gym time in the evenings, after 7pm, for intramurals or other students.

-MSUB has a very nice swimming pool; spread the word! Events have included Movie in the Pool with ASMSUB, pool battleship, and also hoping to do cardboard boat races (west high physics class does it annually in our pool).

-Fall intramurals: flag football leagues and ultimate frisbee are trying to form teams to do a tournament. Co-ed volleyball is well attended, and 5-on-5 basketball leagues are just wrapping up.

- Spring intramurals to include co-ed basketball, 3-on-3 basketball, men's and women's volleyball, co-ed ultimate frisbee, and flag football.

-How to sign up for an intramural team: paper rosters are currently used. You may also contact the managers to place you on a team. But students can come any night and find teams needing an extra player. Going to start using an online software and registration for intramurals, starting with basketball in the spring.

- A member of the staff won the recent Ping-Pong tournament. He was a former student and currently is a research assistant. 18 students and 4 staff members competed.

-Are there any intramural soccer leagues? A spring league was run last year, but they are struggling for numbers right now. Lack of an outdoor space also makes this a difficult sport to form intramurals around. There are community teams that are active for community members.

-More info: msubillings.edu/recactivities, [Facebook.com/recactivities](https://www.facebook.com/recactivities), [Instagram.com/msubrecact/](https://www.instagram.com/msubrecact/)

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

Dr. Kim Hayworth

-Update on registration (compared to last fall): overall headcount is up 85 students, and full-time equivalent numbers are up 70 students. There are still students with registration holds, so encourage your peers to get those issues fixed!

-If anybody is a military-affiliated student, the veteran and military success is having a potluck tomorrow (11/26) from 12pm to 1pm



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- Native American Achievement Center is now housed under Student Access and Success
- How many people have applied to graduate? Will have to get back to us on that.

Kathy Kotecki

- Some students hold off to register for spring because they want to wait until they know their grades from this semester. However, classes are filling up, so they shouldn't wait.
- Relax and enjoy your Thanksgiving break!

Dr. Paul Pope

- Next week, there are student presentations of research on campus. Usually found in the student union or other buildings; stop by and take a look! Ask questions and see what research other students have been doing. For example, presentations from a sociology class are occurring on the 8th floor in the LA building. In the spring, there is a research symposium, which will probably be held in the glacier room.
- Student evaluations of faculty are open and due soon. They were moved online, and faculty have been commenting about how the response rates have dropped abysmally. These are critical for faculty evaluation, to look for trends, but the sample size is terrible to be basing this on. Courses are also adjusted based on the feedback from students. Try to leave comments in the boxes as well – these help in addition to the quantitative scales. Professors do get to read their results after final grades are posted, but they are anonymous. Students don't need to worry about

Lance Mouser

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

FB#1: 2020 Summer Operations Budget: Senator Shovlin

That the sum of \$6,535.00 be allocated to the Summer Session Operations account #630185 for operation during the Summer of 2020. A breakdown of this budget is included in the Summer Budget Request packet.

Financial Board Recommends: \$6,535.00

Vote: For – 10, Against – 0

Bill passes.

FB#2: 2020 Summer Activities Budget: Senator Niemi

That the sum of \$9,950.00 be allocated to the Summer Session Activities account #630183 for operation during the Summer of 2020. A breakdown of this budget is included in the Summer Budget Request packet.

Financial Board Recommends: \$9,950.00



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Moved to a Vote: For – 10, Against – 0

Bill passes.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Savannah Merritt:

- MAS/BOR Update
 - People noticed how we had so many senators present, which was great. Very excited to see this!
 - President Cruzado was offered more money to be a president of a different university; BOR has decided to increase her salary to keep her. She is now the highest paid state employee in MT.
 - Montana Associated Students (MAS) has never had bylaws, so they drafted some a few months ago and just passed them.
 - MAS is doing an event in the spring to give students a voice and opportunity to meet with MAS people and talk to the people in charge. For students who don't usually have a voice because they aren't as active as us, for example, students that work or don't travel.
- December – don't need to reach five events. Jingle and Mingle is required for student senators. Elf-themed, but don't have to dress up. OR we can come up with a theme, ugly sweaters, etc.

Vice President Taylor Kurkoski:

- November Events
 - Sheet in office – fill out your 5 events.
- End of the semester senate dinner
 - Instead of a senate meeting during finals week, will go to dinner. Same time, 5pm. Still deciding where we will be eating.

Business Manager James Unzaga:

- The Rook wants \$1,100 and say they plan to raise own money as well. They perhaps need to consider other printing options that are more cost-effective. Further discussion will be postponed until we get closer to their project date (printing will be in May). It's a once a year printing, with about 100 pages, for student art, short stories, etc. If you were to order The Rook online, you would have to pay, but hard copies around campus are free to students.
- Financial board is not meeting tonight.

Student Resolution Officer Robin Cunningham:

- Spirit of Giving Nominations due December 6th
 - Receive nominations and give gift cards to those nominated



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- Adopt-a-Family is in the works. The SSPR committee will go out to buy presents for these families.
- Jingle and Mingle is on Dec. 6, from 5pm to 7pm in Rimrock Cafe

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Academic Standard Committee: focusing on online resources to help students pass classes. Other students are looking for these resources and not finding any.

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

- No classes Wednesday November 27th through Friday November 29th
- Offices closed Thursday November 28th and Friday the 29th

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday November 29th

-Men's basketball game, 7pm, Alterowitz Gym

Saturday November 30th

-Men's basketball game, 7pm, Alterowitz Gym

Tuesday December 3rd

-MSUB Blood Drive, 12:00pm-3:30pm, SUB Beartooth Room
-Symphonic Band Concert, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Cisel Recital Hall

Wednesday December 4th

-Employers on Campus, 10:30am-1:30pm, SUB Atrium

Thursday December 5th

-Employers on Campus, 10:30am-1:30pm, City College Commons

Friday December 6th

-Jingle and Mingle, 5:00-7:00pm, Rimrock Café

TRIO students – doing a stress week before finals, Monday through Friday, like creating stress balls. Library also doing things for students – coffee and donuts.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

-don't drink the water in McMullen or the Science building. Students are trying to do their labs, but don't have access to water. Construction is ongoing and water lines are affected. Who needs to address this issue? Professors are not happy, either.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – 5:44pm