



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

September 30, 2019- Meeting Agenda

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, Bus. Manager Unzaga, 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- 4/15/19

V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES-

-Judy Williams

As the Student Legal Services Attorney, she is here to assist students with legal problems. The goal is to keep students in school, without having legal distractions in the way. There is no charge for appointments (an appointment is needed for any personal matter), but sometimes small fees apply, e.g., court costs. The biggest demand is family law (child support/custody/divorce) along with landlord/tenant issues. She also helps with consultations concerning employment, MIP's, and traffic tickets. Office is #218.

-College Democrats

Meetings are every other Tuesday at 7pm. October 8th is the upcoming one. Different candidates will come in to speak; from the City Council level to Governor Bullock. The group desires to increase the involvement of college students in politics.

-Retort

Brigham Jessen is this year's Editor-in-Chief. 3 applicants have come in thus far, and interviews are next week. October 18th is due date for applications. Content can be found at www.theretort.org. and there are 3 stories currently. The Jacket Journal will also provide access to stories. Jessen is just finishing up a recap on the POW/MIA ceremony from last Friday.

-SAB

Erica Smith is this year's SAB Chair. Upcoming events include MSUB Homecoming this weekend (10/4 and 10/5). Food will be bought for the first 75 students at the BBQ. More events in October include Movie at the Babcock Theater (up to 3 guests per student) and a night out at the Corn Maze in collaboration with RHA.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS –

-Chancellor Edelman

-Dr. Kim Hayworth

There has been a recent press release about enrollment: the student head count is up by 2.3% (101 students). We saw increases in student retention (3.3% increase for returning freshman), and certain subpopulations have been retained in higher rates, including transfer students (20% increase), WUE students, and student athletes.



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FTE (Full Time Equivalent) was down by 0.09% (considered “flat”), which is a success since FTE has been in decline across the board for universities.

-Kathy Kotecki

-Dr. Paul Pope

-Lance Mouser

Reports that the atmosphere at City College seems to have a good energy regarding professors and students, which reflects the increased enrollment rates.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW 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.

Motion to move Senate Bill #1 to Ad-Hoc Committee by S. Shovlin. Seconded by S. Neff.

Unanimous vote to move to Ad-Hoc.

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Savannah Merritt:

- MET Bus:
 - Started in Spring 2019, when 15-20 bus passes were bought as a trial run.
 - This semester, 70 semester-long (valid September through the end of December) bus passes were bought and given to students for free, paid by ASMSUB summer activities budget. There is only one left. Due to the success, we will plan to continue doing this in future semesters.
 - MSUB used to have a bus system, but it was too expensive to keep up and running; if a student were to buy a bus pass today, it would cost them \$21 per month. This alternative is much better.
- Senator Contracts:
 - Next Monday (10/7), we will vote on the revised by-laws and re-sign our contracts.
- Homecoming:
 - Friday - volleyball game starts at 7p.m. Senators need to be there for at least the 1st half, wearing a game-day or Senate shirt.
 - Saturday - Staff vs. Student flag football game at 4:30p.m. in Cisel field. There will be an alumni car show, a band, and food trucks. ASMSUB is using the Summer Activities Budget to pay for up to 300 food vouchers (valued \$6-10) to use at food trucks. These will be



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counted/added up after the event (around 7-7:30p.m.) to total the cost.

- Provost:
 - Dr. Arnold is redoing the General Education Curriculum. Feedback is needed from students.
 - VP Kurkoski and Pres. Merritt are chairing two committees to discuss this. 8 city college and 8 main campus students are needed on October 15 (City College) and 17 (Main campus) from 3 to 4p.m.

Vice President Taylor Kurkoski:

- Senator class schedules need to be given to Katelyn.
- 1:1 meeting with Senators need to be scheduled.
- Senate Contracts

Business Manager James Unzaga:

- No committee meeting this week or next week

Student Resolution Officer Robin Cunningham:

- SSPR committee will meet briefly after tonight's meeting to talk about a time to schedule meetings.

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Continuum: Contemporary American Indian Art, Northcutt Steele Gallery
September 4th - October 3rd

-Homecoming Events

-Friday October 4th

-4pm Swarm Photo, Rimrock Lawn

-5:30pm Student BBQ, Outside Alterowitz

-7pm Volleyball Game, Alterowitz Gym

-Saturday October 5th

-2:00pm Volleyball Game, Alterowitz Gym

-4:30pm Food Trucks, Cisel Parking lot

-4:30pm Flag Football Game, Cisel Field

-4:30pm Alumni Car Show, Parking Garage

-6:00pm Arterial Drive Band, Cisel Field

-Anthology of Montana Women's Stories at This House of Books, Tuesday
October 8th, 5:30-7:00pm

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

-Wade Kerner with the Math Club:



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Questions about how to get approval to collect data for a club project. Information about the parking lots is needed to see if an app could be developed to see what parking spaces are available and which ones are not. This would be less frustrating than looking for a spot aimlessly. Dr. Pope suggests going through the Institutional Research Board, which ensures the project is ethical and anonymous. There is a federal requirement that research projects have such a proposal through the IRB. The application can be found online on MSUB's website.

City college classes are starting when university campus classes are ending or vice versa. They are offset by 10 minutes. Can anything be done about this? Registrar could answer this question. During the merger between city college and university campuses, part of the agreement was that city college could maintain their own schedule independent from the university campus.

XV. ADJOURNMENTZX Czx