



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 - Meeting Minutes

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

### **CALL TO ORDER- Vice President Slade calls the meeting to order at 6:32pm**

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- **ROLL CALL**

- **PRESENT-** Senator Andes, Senator Bamer, Senator Bookheimer, Senator Brady, Business Manager Ellery, Senator Foxley, Senator Hofer, Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg, Senator Husen, Senator Kern, Senator Pelatt, Senator Roberts, Vice President Slade, President Sneigoski, Senator Stone, Senator Whitley

- **EXCUSED- Senator Eichman**

- **ABSENT-**

I. **PROXIES** (fill out absentee ballot)

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Motion: Senator Foxley
- Seconded: Senator Andes
- Unanimously Approved
- 01/27/2026
  - \$7000 Contingency Request for Rad Tech Program.
  - Motion: Senator Hofer
  - Second: Senator Foxley
  - Unanimously Approved

III. **GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES**

- **SAB**
  - Game day at City College
  - 2/11 Love N stuff University Campus
  - 2/12- Love N Stuff City College Campus
  - Open Mic night
  - Craft kits to City College

IV. **ADVISOR REPORTS**

- Christine Whitlatch
  - Nothing major to report at City College
  - Attended the University of Montana Workplace Summit today
- Dr. Gentry
  - Excused
- Dr. Hayworth
  - Tomorrow is census day for spring semester
  - Welcomed 255 new students and transfers
  - Fall to spring retention is almost at 83%
  - Will most likely have the highest number of dual enrollment students
  - 2/18 Career and Employment services virtual internship and job fair- sign up on career services website
  - The Pow Wow is looking for a group that might be interested in working for money

- at the Pow Wow- if interested talk to Dr. Hayworth or Sunny Day Real Bird
  - Discussed an app that is plaguing other campuses due to its anonymity and ability to post anything anonymously
  - Senator Roberts asked if the would be able to find out the number of students that have dropped out that were in Vocational Rehab- Dr. Hayworth will see if they are able to find out the number of students
  - Dr. Hayworth did reach out to Vocational Rehab
- Cara Virostko
  - Staff Award- 9 were nominated about 25% of the nominations
    - Do we want to possibly have a staff member award like we do with the faculty award?
    - Senator Bookheimer makes a motion to discuss that option of creating a staff award
    - Senator Brady Seconded
    - Unanimously approved
  - Student Activity Fee Instructional Request
    - Senator Whitley
  - Thank you for approving the Rad Tech contingency request
  - Faculty Awards- great turn out!

#### V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Contingency #5 – MSUB Annual Powwow (\$10,000)
  - Business Manager Ellery gave explanation of what the request will be used for. It is mainly used for staff and bringing in outside members
  - Cara brought up that only a certain percentage of our general fund funds may be used for contingency. The total amount for the entire year was \$68,000. In fall 2025 we approved \$20,771. The total amount requested for spring would result in an overage. Is there a way to amend the budget to have the Pow Wow request not come from contingency and from the annual budget instead.
    - Motion to send the budget to financial board for revision: Senator Husen
    - Seconded: Senator Brady
    - Unanimously approved
  - Event is April 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>
  - This item will be tabled until the financial board returns with a revised budget
  - Christine reminded us that if we do not have any more contingency funds we need to communicate it out across campus to all colleges
  - Cara reminded that a decision was previously made that all travel requests need to fall under contingency
- Contingency #6 – MSUB All Nations Club (\$4,500)
  - Motion to move back to financial board Senator Foxley
  - Seconded: Senator Husen
  - Unanimously approved

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

- **Contingency Request for the University Honors Program** - That the sum of \$2,330.00 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the University Honors Program to bring students to the Western States Communication Association (WSCA) Conference in San Diego, CA, from 02/26 - 03/02/2026.
  - Motion to move to Financial Board: Senator Husen

- Seconded: Senator Whitley
- Unanimously Approved
- **Contingency Request for American Marketing Association** - That the sum of \$5,670 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the AMA Club to go to a conference in Chicago, IL from 03/10 - 03/15/2026.
  - Motion to move to Financial Board: Senator Andes
  - Seconded: Senator Foxley
  - Unanimously Approved
- **Contingency Request for Undergraduate Research** - That the sum of \$1,398.00 be allocated from contingency index #630200 for a student to attend and present at the international conference for the American Association of Geographers in San Francisco, CA, from 03/16 - 03/19/2026.
  - Motion to move to Financial Board: Senator Husen
  - Seconded: Senator Foxley
  - Unanimously Approved
- **Contingency Request for MSUB Potters Guild** - That the sum of \$4,532 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the MSUB Potters Guild to attend the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA) in Detroit, MI, from 03/25 - 03/28/2026.
  - Motion to move to Financial Board: Senator Husen
  - Seconded: Senator Hofer
  - Unanimously Approved
- **Contingency Request for International Collaboration Project, COB Trip to Belgium** - That the sum of \$9,200 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the COB for a trip to Antwerp, Belgium, from 05/02 - 05/10/2026.
  - Motion to move to Financial Board: Senator Andes
  - Seconded: Senator Husen
  - Unanimously Approved

#### **X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **President Elijah Sneigoski**
  - One on ones
    - Schedule a time during President Sneigoski and Vice President Slade's office time
  - Events Update:
    - President Sneigoski: Basketball Game
    - SRO Hollenberg: Lunch to talk to a candidate for the Director of Informational Technology
    - Business Manager Ellery: Basketball trip
    - Senator Bamer: Women's Basketball
    - Senator Kern: Women's Basketball
    - Senator Roberts: Voc Rehab Meeting
    - Senator Stone: History Club Meeting
    - Senator Pelatt: Leadership workshop and Bible Study
    - Senator Husen: Voc Rehab Meeting

- Senator Brady: none
- Senator Whitley; Game pop up
- Senator Andes: Women's Basketball
- Senator Hofer: none
- Senator Foxley: Voc Rehab Meeting
- Senator Bookheimer: none
- Taylor: Book Club and Vocational Rehab Meeting
- Vice President Slade: Bible Club
- Food Drive coming up is a competition between departments
- Book Club- Silent Book Club
- Faculty and Staff Book Club- once a month
- **Vice President Alli Slade**
  - Working on a sign for office hours and the whiteboard is arriving Monday
  - City College senators please send your hours to Vice President Slade
- **Business Manager Ellery**
  - Financial Board Meeting today
    - American Indigenous Business Leaders

#### **Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg**

- SSPR Meeting

#### **XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Senator Roberts- thank you to all who attended the Voc Rehab meeting
  - Raised concerns and will be following up with and email to Voc Rehab with questions
  - Big names for Voc Rehab in the meeting
  - Talked about how this affects MSUB but also mentioned other campuses that it may affect
  - Asked questions under Public Comment but they were unable to answer due to it being public comment
  - Gave 2 challenges: 1. To look into the impact of this 2. To review retention
- Brenna also met with the head writing instructor of the ASC

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

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

- Soup Day competition happening tomorrow 11am ASC
- Rook Submissions are due 2/13
- Jazz Fest this Friday 7pm Lincoln Center
- Academic Senate was moved to this Wednesday
- MAS meeting 2/5/2026 @2:30pm
- Jacket Leadership 2/10 at 2pm in Big Sky Room

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

- Brenna has showed interest in becoming a senator
- Voc Rehab committee holding a short meeting

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT- Vice President Slade Adjourned the meeting at 7:28pm**

- Motion: Senator Husen
- Seconded: Senator Whitley
- Unanimously Approved