



**Associated Students of Montana State University Billings**  
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - Meeting Minutes  
*We strive for Leadership, Involvement, Sustainability, and Service*

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**CALL TO ORDER- President Sneigoski calls the meeting to order at: 6:33pm**

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

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes from 02/17/2026
  - That the sum of \$3,330 be allocated to the University Honors Program.
    - Motion: Senator Hofer
    - Seconded: Senator Stone
    - unanimously approved

**III. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES**

- Kathleen Thatcher: Upcoming feedback sessions.
  - Dr. Hayworth is filling in as Kathleen was unable to make it
  - Strategic Visioning that is happening to complete the campus' new strategic plan
  - 3 questions
    - What does MSUB do that is good?
      - Senator Stone- all professors are professional
      - Senator Hofer- easy to reach out to professor if you need something, they are willing to help
      - Senator Brady- TRIO services is on top of things and always there if you need them
      - Senator Eichman- DSS is very helpful
      - Senator Foxley- the community- everyone belongs somewhere, if not everywhere
      - President Sneigoski- every student on campus has the same opportunity to connect personally with their professors
      - Senator Roberts- good at building character

- Taylor- Student engagement and involvement is very high
- Senator Bamer- student to faculty ratio is very nice
- Business Manager Ellery- Faculty are visible on campus
- What does MSUB do that's bad? Opportunity for improvement
  - Taylor- emergency response system sends a text that instructs you to check your email
  - Senator Stone- Could carry more books in the library. Less waiting for interlibrary loan
  - Senator Eichman- funding cut from athletic teams can have bad consequences
  - Senator Whitley- no accessible restroom on the first floor at city college
  - Ethan- communication can be lacking, DegreeWorks is not updated, advisor communication can be misleading
  - Senator Hofer- sketchy elevators on campus
  - Business Manager Ellery- hard to be engaged in hyflex courses. The lack of support for international students. Professors could do a better job of updating their syllabi
  - Senator Roberts- Courses not matching the textbook or buying books that aren't needed
  - President Sneigoski- Buy a textbook and the first day of class the professor says it's optional
  - Senator Eichman- school insurance is very hard to work with when traveling and involved in an accident
- How would you define magic?
  - Senator Roberts- learning from the international students about their culture.
  - President Sneigoski- something that is awe inspiring
- What could MSUB do to create magic on campus?
  - Senator Eichman- fix the elevators, more plants
  - Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg- focus on the simple things first, more themed areas to study, string lights
  - Senator Hofer- find a way to get the Tech building to stop flooding
  - President Sneigoski- 24-hour arcade, appreciate all of the new artwork being put up on campus, would this campus be able to host a ren fair?  
Actual magic- find wizard-
  - Senator Whitley- Greenhouse
  - Senator Bamer- more color inside and out

- Senator Roberts- Marching band
  - Senator Foxley- make an ecosystem theme in the library for study rooms, cozy lights
  - Ethan- for our international students more of a locational atmosphere, hikes, our agriculture community
- SAB
- Taylor- sorry for missing the last meeting
  - Love n' Stuff- thank you to all of the ASMSUB members that helped and big thanks to SAB!
    - Enjoyed the refreshments and they went quickly
    - Having people want more than one animal- how can we watch this a little more?
  - Open mic was 2/25- went very well, decent turn out
  - 3/10 Craft night is happening now in SUB atrium
  - More information on more events coming soon

#### **IV. ADVISOR REPORTS**

- Christine Whitlatch
  - Excused
- Dr. Gentry
  - Thursday 3/12 the Mansfield center is bringing 200-250 high school students on campus- Civic Forum on Democracy
  - By-laws update: been reviewed twice working on integrating updates from the committee. Next up fix spelling and capital letters and make sure that the rules match what we actually do.
- Dr. Hayworth
  - Fall Registration opens next week
  - Summer registration is open
  - Season of a lot of events- there is also an event out at City College on Thursday
  - City College dining renovation investment. It is likely to open January 2027. This project also includes accessible bathrooms
  - If you are graduating and have not ordered your gown you will need to go to the campus store
  - Positive influences surveys for graduates- you can identify faculty and staff that have helped you on your journey.
  - This spring the university is launching reimagine and redesign process. Taking a step back and looking at the student experience from enrollment to graduation. Provide magic for students in the future. Campus Works would like to meet with ASMSUB virtually. Proposing we have a meeting at 5:30 and we will be fed dinner. Also invite other student organizations. April 14<sup>th</sup> is the proposed date.

- Cara Virostko
  - Excused

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Items voted on over spring break via Group Me**
  - **Contingency 11- \$2009 for John Mossbacher to attend the American Association of Geographers for an oral paper presentation.**
    - **For: 15**
    - **Against: 0**
    - **Approved**
  - **Contingency 12- \$5670 for the American Marketing Association club to attend a conference in Illinois**
    - **For: 15**
    - **Against: 0**
    - **Approved**
  - **Contingency 13- \$3600 for The United Ministry at MSUB to bring Brandan Robertson to campus to speak.**
    - **For: 11**
    - **Against: 1**
    - **Abstain: 3**
    - **Approved**
  - **Contingency 14- \$4000 to the Office of Graduate Studies for the Graduate Hooding Ceremony.**
    - **For: 12**
    - **Abstain: 3**
    - **Approved**

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **President Elijah Sneigoski**
  - Jacket Leadership Team meeting updates
    - Exercise on strategic planning
- **Vice President Alli Slade**
  - Student Leadership Awards
    - Nominations were due Monday, March 9.
  - Budget Advisory Council on 03/30/2026 from 3-4 pm in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

- Fall registration begins
  - Monday, March 16: City College, Seniors, and Graduate Students
  - Tuesday, March 17: Juniors
  - Wednesday, March 18: Sophomores
  - Thursday, March 19: Freshmen
- **Business Manager Ellery**
  - Financial Board Meeting
    - No meeting tonight
    - Contingency funds are depleted
    - Budget season is coming
- **Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg**
  - SSPR Meeting
    - Short meeting directly after
  - Look into feedback and grading
    - Met with Joann Stryker to start the process to research this

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

- Senator Whitely – Student Equipment fee
  - Senator Stone- print out breakdown in the office if you want to see it
- Senator Roberts- Virtual Vocational Rehab Town Hall meeting
  - Reiterated the same points discussed at the last meeting
  - Not seeing much movement and response from Voc Rehab at this time
  - Take a pause on the student committee
  - Dr. Hayworth reached out to her counterparts at other universities, and they have not heard it at their level, but OCHE was very interested in this.

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

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

- Bailee Stenger- Student Leadership Awards are still open until Friday 3/13. Please nominate. ASMSUB has not made any nominations
- President Sneigoski- Student recital tomorrow 3/11 at 3:10pm in Cisel. Junior recital 4/8 at 7pm
- Senator Stone- student symposium is next month. Applications are due 3/30.

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

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT- Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm**

- **Motion: Senator Hofer**

- **Seconded: Senator Foxley**
- **Unanimously Approved**