Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, October 6, 2026 - Meeting Agenda

We strive for Leadership, Involvement, Sustainability, and Service

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Pellatt calls the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Senator Brady, Senator Bundy, Student Resolution Officer David, Senator Dennis, Senator Eichmann, Business Manager Ellery, Senator Gamble, Senator Husen, Senator Hynes, Senator Kern, Senator McCormick, Vice President Pellatt, Senator Pester, Senator Raney, President Slade, Senator Smith, Senator Walker

EXCUSED

Senator Chiefstick, Senator Fast Horse, Dr. Hayworth

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from April 14, 2026 unanimously approved.

IV. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

Professor Lobo

- BGEN 492 Study Abroad, AP University of Applied Sciences and Arts in Antwerp, Belgium.
- Testimony from Albie Delibashi and Cassandra Loveless.
- 3 challenges to find solutions.
- When you want to find a solution, mix generations & people to find solutions for everyone.

Student Activities Board

- Orientation had 150 people (with a hypnotist, bingo, etc.)
- Hive after 5 from 6:00-8:00 Wednesday, October 7.
- Monster Mash from 6:30-10:00 on October 29 in the Student Union Building (ASMSUB members must be there.

V. ADVISOR REPORTS

Christine Whitlatch

- Activity at City College.

Dr. Gentry

- Reminder that the Senate is allowed to set rules as they please.

Cara Virostko

- Wear nametags when representing student government at all committee meetings and ASMSUB-sponsored/hosted events.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Professor Lobo's presentation on BGEN 492 Study Abroad.

VOTING ON NEW SENATE RULES

1. Allowance of polite interruption of speakers introduced by Vice President Allie Pellatt, passed unanimously.
2. Deliberation on the raising of placards vs. ayes to vote introduced by Vice President Allie Pellatt, tabled for the next meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Alli Slade

Committee Requests

Academic Standing Committees

a) Academic Standards and Scholastic Standing Committee

Contact: Heather Eggum; meets a few times per year, time decided by Committee

5 students: one from each college

- Handles individual student requests for exceptions to academic regulations and reviews academic regulations.

- **Senator Brady - City College, Senator Dennis - Liberal Arts, Senator McCormick - Education, Senator Raney - H&S, Senator Walker - Business**

b) Library Committee

Contact: Eileen Wright; meets once a semester, meeting time decided by Committee

1 student

- Works with the library director on library services, collections, space, resources, and policies that support academic programs.

- **Senator Gamble**

c) Graduate Committee

WILL REQUIRE APPOINTMENT

Contact: Sam Boerboom; meeting time decided by Committee

2 graduate students

- Advises the Director of Graduate Studies and reviews graduate program creation, changes, and elimination.

d) Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Contact: Rita Rabe Meduna; meets about every other Wednesday in Fall Semester at 4:00 p.m.

1 student

- Reviews undergraduate course and program proposals, including new, modified, deleted, or reviewed courses/programs.

- **Senator Bundy**

e) General Education Committee
Contact: Rita Rabe Meduna; meets once a month on a Monday at 3:00 p.m.
2 students

- Oversees honors program curriculum & requirements

- **Senator Chiefstick, Senator Dennis/Senator Gamble**

f) Equipment Fee Committee
1 student
This committee is to support the purchase, maintenance, or lease of equipment which will provide a primary benefit to an educational program including libraries, and other related capital acquisitions.

- **Senator Kern**

Administrative Support Committee

g) Commencement Committee
contact: Heather Eggum; meets 2-4 times per year
up to 2 students

- Plans, coordinates, and evaluates activities associated with the annual Spring Commencement ceremony.

- **Senator Eichmann, Senator Smith**

Ad. Hoc Committee

a) Tribal Nations Liaison position
This student leader would help connect Native students, the NAAC, and ASMSUB by bringing forward Native student perspectives, encouraging student involvement in campus governance, and supporting respectful communication and relationship-building. The role would not represent or speak for Tribal Nations; it would serve as a student liaison focused on Native student engagement and leadership.

- **CANDIDATES:** Chiefstick, Raney, Pester, Dennis, Brady, Hynes

Montana Associated Students

a) Legislative Action Committee
contact: President of U of M
2 students

- Meet about bills at the legislative level and tell lobbyists what is going on within MAS.
- **Senator Eichmann, Senator Smith**

Historian

- **Attend Senate meetings and take minutes** typed according to the standard set by Executive Committee
- Minutes must be distributed **by the end of the second day after the Senate meeting. (Thursday)**
- Opportunity to **run the social media account.**
- Must work **6** office hours per week; hours may be extended to **10 hours per week.**
- **Paid**
- Jullien Smith and Emma Hynes expressed interest. Decision tabled until president determines whether to include this position as part of the EC.

Vice President Allie Pelatt

- Contingency Request turned over to Business Manager Ellery.

Business Manager Ellery

- Contingency Request (NAfME-C-MSUB) being pushed to the Financial Board. Moved, seconded, unananimously approved.

Financial Board Members:

Senator Brady, Senator Smith, Senator Husen, Senator Bundy, Senator Raney, Senator Gamble, Senator Kern, Senator Pester

Student Resolution Officer David

- What is SSPR?
  - Student Services Public Relations committee
- Christine Whitlach birthday celebration(?)

VIII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

- What happens without a graduate student?
  - Graduate student could be appointed.
  - Graduate student could be elected through a snap election.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion: **Senator Brady**

- Seconded: **Senator Hynes**
- Approved: **Unanimous**