



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

October 21, 2019- Meeting Minutes

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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, Bus. Manager Unzaga, SRO Cunningham, Senator Davis, Senator Fausnaugh, Senator Niemi, Senator Norris, Senator Robertus, Senator Seymanski, Senator Sheehan, Senator Shovlin

EXCUSED- Senator Bryce-Black, Senator Williams

ABSENT- Senator Neff

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-10/14/19

V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES-

-Chancellor Edelman

-Dr. Susan Balter-Reitz

Director of eLearning and Faculty member

- A new widget in D2L will be created for ASMSUB to post content. Advertising and political content is not allowed; also need to be sure to use online platforms in a way that does not exclude students who aren't physically here. A forum can be held to discuss this and include all Senators' input. Also plan to have a content manager.

Office: COE 328

Hours: 8:30-5:30pm

-SAB

- Friday, October 25:
 - 7p.m. - The Shining showing at the Babcock Theater.
 - MSUB students can bring up to 3 guests per student. First 15 get free popcorn. Student ID is needed at the door.
 - Can't post details on social media because we don't have the rights to do so. But we can promote it face-to-face and tabling events.
- November events:
 - Bob Ross themed sip-n-paint night. Nature pictures and people will vote on social media on what images we want to paint.
 - A roller-skating or ice-skating event.
- 158 students went to the corn maze last Friday.

-Rusty Logan – MET Transit

MET Transit manager for city of Billings.

- Total of 612 rides recorded with the new student pass. 20 students average per day. Highest was 35 in one day. Students are mostly travelling between the two campuses. Haven't seen much travel on the weekends, and the numbers have dropped off since the start of the semester.
- Overall cost has been brought down by a few dollars. For example, Poly is the most expensive route at \$340,000 per year, and is down from \$23 to \$21 per ride



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- Have been hearing very positive feedback from students. The only complaint was the few students who bought passes before knowing about the free ones handed out by ASMSUB. 60 student passes were bought and all were distributed to students.
- Community-wide survey will be put out soon for feedback; 6-7 minute survey using SurveyMonkey. Transit usage is fairly low, but surveys in the past have shown a positive view of it. One of the big pushes this summer is a complete overhaul of the routing system and consolidating some services.
- Concerns/comments:
 - A senator heard was from a student not being able to use the bus route to and from the mall area (by Natural Grocers) on the weekends. The bus runs there once an hour on weekends and every half hour during weekdays.
 - Idea that the MET could be used for sober driving, so downtown routes on weekend nights may be useful. The reason the MET doesn't run as late is because of the Special Transit – required to match this with any fixed routes, so it would get too expensive.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

-Dr. Kim Hayworth

- Last week we hosted Ruffalo Noel Levitz; they were here for two days to look at MSUB's historical enrollment data, budgeting, staffing, and communication flow (email and text). They also visited both the main campus and City College. An exit briefing was given which included suggestions, for example, on changes to our website and how to encourage more students to sign up.
- Dr. Hayworth will be heading to Helena tomorrow to be a part of the demonstration for a central application portal for all of MT state public institutions. This is being proposed to help prospective students have easier access for any institution in Montana. Ed Brown is going as well, and several others on campus will participate through Webex.
- A group went to Northwest college (from which 100 of our current students transferred from) to discuss building an easier transfer system to MSUB. Chancellor Edelman, Provost, faculty deans, and new student services went.
- Chancellor Edelman had an event tonight and was unable to make it.

-Kathy Kotecki

-Dr. Paul Pope

- Craig Wilson Symposium is this week, October 24-25. Open to the public.
- The Mountain States Poll is October 23 at 1-3pm in the Glacier room. It began in 1984, one of the oldest polls in the country, and typically gains national attention.



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-Lance Mouser

- Saturday, October 26
 - City College Day, 10-1pm
 - Currently being advertised in schools.
 - Auto-technology department is doing a winterization clinic and will make recommendations for what vehicles may need to have done in preparation for winter.
- Registration starts in 2 weeks! The earlier that faculty know how many students will enroll in their courses, the better decisions will be made on how to arrange the courses. Advisors will be going into classes to promote registration and be available to students around this time. Students are required to have a PIN #, provided by faculty advisors, in order to register.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW 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.

Discussion: there is the fiscal year budget and a separate summer budget, which falls between fiscal years. EC has copies for the breakdowns of FB#1. Summer Operations Budget covers: EC stipends, office supplies, etc.

Moved to Financial Board.

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.

Discussion: The Summer Activities Budget covers: summer activities, homecoming, bus passes, promotional material, etc.

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X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Savannah Merritt:

- MAS Dues:



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- Every school in MUS system pays these dues, which are used to hire a lobbyist, pay for student lobbyist day, etc. We are changing the structure of dues: previously larger schools pay \$525 and smaller schools pay \$300. However, the average needed is \$1400, so some schools end up paying more.
- New Options:
 1. Four-year schools pay half of what flagship schools do, and two-year schools pay half of what four year schools do.
 2. Every school pays \$200 for every 1,000 students enrolled (in a range, capped at 12,000 students).
 3. Schools pay a certain amount per 250 students enrolled.
- November BOR:
 - November 20-22. Extra hotel rooms have been reserved for that weekend.
 - Need to know by November 4 if you want to go. Only thing you have to pay for is food.
 - MAS meeting starts at 6pm on Wednesday, so we will leave whenever is best for everyone. Taking two rental cars, so can leave at two different times.
 - Business professional dress.

Vice President Taylor Kurkoski:

Business Manager James Unzaga:

- Financial board meeting tonight after meeting.

Student Resolution Officer Robin Cunningham:

- SSPR committee is going shopping tonight for Hall-o-ween, which is next Tuesday from 5:30-7:30pm. Not mandatory but everyone is encouraged to participate; wear a costume!

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- General Education Forums: Four students attended the one at City College, and six students attended the one at the Main Campus. Notes will be given to the Provost.
- Club connections: Biggest issue student organizations are having is with recruitment.

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

- Tuesday October 22nd Last day to drop classes without instructor permission (no refund)
- Monday November 4th registration for spring semester begins
- Friday November 15th last day to apply to graduate spring semester 2020

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tuesday October 22nd



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-Volleyball Game at 7pm vs. Rocky Mountain College, Alterowitz Gym

-Library Lecture Series 6:30pm-7pm, LI 148

-Thursday October 24th

-Women's Soccer Game 12:30pm, CC Soccer Field

-Men's Soccer Game 3:30pm, CC Soccer Field

-Volleyball Game 7pm, Alterowitz Gym

-Saturday October 26th

-Volleyball Game 2pm, Alterowitz Gym

-Women's Soccer Game 12pm, CC Soccer Field

-Men's Soccer Game 3pm, CC Soccer Field

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT

5:52 pm