



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

January 19, 2021- Meeting Agenda

We strive for Leadership, Involvement, Sustainability, and Service

I. CALL TO ORDER – Vice President Robin Cunningham calls the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT- 4

EXCUSED- 4

ABSENT- 0

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-11/17/2020

Motion by Davis and Combs, Passed

V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES-

- Chancellor Hicswa

Looks forward to her time at MSUB and encourages students to commit to graduating and working towards the goal. Listening to students, hearing what the students have to say and being accessible to students without changing things immediately to help her make informed decisions about student life on campus.

- Student Health Services, Darly Tyler-McSherry

Student wellness moved to the second floor of the SUB and is shared with the diversity center, allowing students to engage better with the student wellness educators. Construction of the lab for Covid testing. The lab is a collaboration between Academic Faculty, Dr. David Butler, and Student Health Services. SHS is also in the process of developing paths to offer testing for symptomatic students and surveillance testing for athletes. New mental health councilor has arrived, Jerry. Thursday at 3pm ask jerry with heroes in the diversity/health center. Reminds the senators about Covid Town Hall which is recorded as well as live for students to ask questions and voice concerns.

- SAB, Kaitlyn Gillen

14/18 members is one of the highest memberships of recent years. SAB is trying to “promote a safe and welcoming environment.... To build on leadership values and a family life structure.” First virtual event, laugh out loud, 15-16 students attended. Working with student restrictions have limited possible attendance. Bringing awareness to lives lost in suicide in 2019 to make it easier for students to discuss the difficult topic of suicide. Wednesday at 6pm guest speaker event. Friday will have tabling and hot chocolate. Plans for future events this semester are being developed. Jackets Java and Jams is tonight as well from 7-9pm.

- Amy Sexton, Student Regent

House bills are being discussed that will impact universities. New emergency relief funds are being discussed for students to apply for access.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS – Dr. Kim Hayworth, welcomes the students and senators back after the long break. The faculty excellence nominations are due by Feb 1st, please take the time to nominate professors. Cares act awards has a remaining \$100,000 or so, apply if you need it. New relief funds may be available for online only students as well as campus students. Awaiting guidelines from OCHE on how to apply for and award students these funds. Quarantine and isolations spaces are more friendly for students in the event they need to quarantine. Shayla Garman is temporarily filling in for the administrative position with ASMSUB.

-Dr. Paul Pope, the mandates enacted by the governor do not apply to the Montana University System, masks are still currently required.



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-**Lance Mouser**, students are adapting to the online situation.

Last semester was stressful however this one seems to be a little easier to start.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- ASMSUB Candidate Interviews and Appointments
 - Interviewing Christian Bautista
 - Interviewing Brooklyn Ferestad
 - Discussion none
 - Vote for Christian Bautista, passes
 - Vote for Brooklyn Ferestad, passes
 - Both candidates join student government

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President James Unzaga:

- Office manager Position
- Looking for a person who can fill in the position previously filled by Katelin
- Deadline to apply for senate has been extended

Vice President Robin Cunningham:

- SUB Furniture Project, to help create a place for students to help them want to be on campus
- Poster Stand Project, a medium for advertising for clubs and orgs on campus
- Investigating Student issues on campus, reach out to VP Cunningham

Business Manager Devin Williams:

- Financial Board update
- Contingency requests
- Review changes made from last semester
- Banner project is still on the table, but the focus of EC is the Furniture project

Student Resolution Officer Naomi Norris:

- SSPR Committee update
- Working on Senate applications
- Faculty excellence awards
- Student health ambassadors work on improving student health. Recently regarding the quarantine situation on campus
- Academic senate is Thursday at 3:40



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XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Senate is working on moving back to in person meetings, hybrid with WebEx in the Beartooth room.

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

7pm – Jackets Java & Jams (SUB)

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

10am-2PM – Rapid Covid Testing – free for students, faculty, and staff
(City College Tech building)

6PM – Guest speaker Adam Grabowski (Zoom- CFE/SAB)

Thursday, January 22, 2021

3PM- Heroes' Ask Jerry (Wellness Center)

5PM- How to ask (Outside Hallway to dining room)

Friday, January 23, 2021

Sledding (Tabling and hot chocolate) – 2PM (Peaks to Plains)

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Senators Hubbard and Davis

- Motion Passes, meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM