



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, March 2, 2021- Meeting Agenda

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

**II. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT- 4 EC, 6 Senators**

**EXCUSED- 0**

**ABSENT- 0**

**III. PROXIES**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 02/23/2021, motion by Senators Davis and Hubbard;  
Passes

**V. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES**

**VI. ADVISOR REPORTS**

- Dr. Kimberly Hayworth: Graduation updates are coming up shortly, in-person ceremonies are on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Guests will be allowed with ticket admission. Location is the Metra. Planning orientation this summer, in-person as well as virtual orientations are available. Make sure ASMSUB is represented.
- Mr. Lance Mouser: Reminds about registration starting next week.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**Student Legal Services**

- Discussion:

**Senate:**

**Senator Bautista** mentions that the services to students come at a lower cost when provided on campus and that this is a valuable resource for international students

**BMG Williams** mentions that there will be a fairly decent cut to current budgets and possible future positions if we keep the position open and fill it

**Pres Unzaga** mentions there is a possible cooperation between us and MSU's legal aid, which would allow us to use their services

**Sen Davis** believes that the union of legal services with MSU and MSUB will save us money and allow us to utilize that money on our own campus

**Sen Bautista** asks whether we would be funding MSU's services as well or will the cost be waived and the services provided to us without MSUB cost. **Dr. Hayworth** is not aware of a cost but this may be the case

**VP Cunningham** asks in general, what could this money that we save go towards?

**Pres Unzaga** wants the senators to take an outside look at what our decisions could mean to improve campus life



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### Public comment:

**Sen Davis** mentions that because we have previously offered the service we should offer some substitute and not abolish the position entirely. International students especially have used these services heavily

**Pres Unzaga:** is it ASMSUB's responsibility or international studies responsibility to advise international students on local laws?

**Sen Bautista** mentions that if he were studying abroad then he would have sought out the office of international studies to provide legal advice for international students. However, he still believes that legal services themselves should still be a student government matter.

**Sen Boze:** we are here for the students and legal services should be provided because that is a way that we can help students. Sharing with Bozeman is probably the best option pending the requirements to utilize that service.

**SRO Norris** agrees that, as a student leader, we should have some method to help students with legal needs.

**Dr. Pope:** consider the logistics of having a legal service provider outside of billings, possible costs of travel if the advisor need to travel here.

**Dr. Hayworth** mentions that Judy would not accompany students to court or travel. It is hard to decide between two good options, collect information until you have enough to make a decision and sort out the main priority/return on investment.

**BMG Williams** mentions that the money not spent will not be immediately turned into the budgets for ASMSUB orgs, it may be utilized in anything

- Senator Consensus:  
No consensus has been reached at this time

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

### President James Unzaga

- Covid-19 Rollover Bill (Interest shown by clubs/orgs), a senator has to initiate this. Senator to take initiative on the Covid-19 Rollover Bill is Senator Davis
- Please send in the 15 suggestions sheet tonight.
- Posters: what can we replace the SLS segment with pending the removal of the service on campus? Sen Bautista: Office of International Studies.

### Vice President Robin Cunningham

- Yellow Jacket identity display: helping students created an identity on campus and develop yellow jacket pride. An area where we display the history of MSUB, accomplishment in athletics, outstanding alumni, Campus events and the Northcutt Steele Gallery, and projects done by outstanding leaders on campus. Essentially to tell the Yellowjacket Story. A Senator will have to do this as Robin is not going to be returning. No senator has elected to take on this task at this time.



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- Elections (applications now open)
- App interest, any senators interested on helping with developing a campus app should speak to VP Cunningham

### Financial Board:

- Devin Williams had to leave before he gave his announcement

### Student Resolution Officer:

- Naomi Norris:
  - SnowBowl Trivia Night March 18<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30, mandatory event for senate.
  - Try to get people to join senate, from City College as well.

## XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

- Scholarship Initiative: **Senator Bautista** is waiting on a meeting with the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Finance to discuss the dollar amounts available for providing to students. We don't know the amount of money available yet but we should consider the number of students we want to provide this scholarship for. **VP Cunningham** mentions that it's the senator's responsibility to help with this if they support it. **Sen Boze** offers her support and acceptance of this effort. **Pres Unzaga** mentions this may be called a stipend and not a scholarship. **Dr. Hayworth** mentions that the best time to reach students is when they're right out of high school but we should also address current students. **Sen Bautista** mentions that he still needs to work on the requirements and potential rescinding of funds for failed requirements. Also, asks whether senators prefer the credit option or the large cash payout and to voice our thoughts to him.
- **Sen Hubbard** mentions the advertising video coming up
- **VP Cunningham** asks what the EC can do to help get senators engaged. The recent projects have been mainly EC driven and he would like to see more senator engagement. **SRO Norris** mentions that the senators have been doing well in SSPR committee and believes the senator engagement issue has slowly gone away from where it was in previous years. **Sen Bautista** mentions that the EC mainly has taken initiative and the rest of senate is more of a helper in his past experience.
- Possible change of seating to integrate the EC into senate and not as a standalone group
- **VP Cunningham** mentions that we need to promote creativity between senators and support each other in our initiatives.

### XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Refer to master calendar



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### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

**At 6:55, Motion by Senators Boze and Bautista; Passes**