



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, March 23, 2021- Meeting Agenda

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

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT- President Unzaga, VP Cunningham, Bus. Mgr. Williams, SRO Norris, Senator Boze, Senator Combs, Senator Davis, Senator Hubbard, Senator Bautista (20 Minutes Late), Senator Ferestad

EXCUSED- None

ABSENT- None

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 03/16/2021 motion by Senators Davis and Ferestad; Passes

V. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

- Chancellor Hicswa & Vice-Chancellor for Administration & Finance; Susan Simmers
 - Proposed MSUB Tuition, Room, Board & Fee increases for the next biennium, FY22-23.
 - Previous recommendations have been included in the presentation.
 - VC Simmer reviewed the Executive and Process summary with those present.
 - Mainly addressed changes in tuition and course costs.
 - Opened discussion for senator's input -
Pres Unzaga mentions his concern for certain parking fees. **Senator Boze** asks whether the fee increase for parking lot maintenance will be expected to reduce after the repairs are completed. Not likely to reduce due to the repeated costs of repair. **SRO Norris** voices her concern with the housing and dining fee increase and anticipates the pushback from students in this increase. **VP Cunningham** and other senators voice their concerns specifically with the dining experience here and that it detracts from student engagement. **Chancellor and VC** mention that their costs are not based on quality and advised that the concerns we have mentioned are something that we can have an impact in changing. **Dr. Pope** suggests that it may be possible for MSUB to take over food services, pending the contract. Also, a possible larger group effort from other campus' in the area to help create a bulk cost to reduce the individual campus cost. **SRO Norris** offers to organize a new meeting to discuss the quality of food with the Sodexo representative. **Student Regent Sexton** asks for a future inquiry into whether there is a stipulation in the contract about the food quality provided to the students.
 - Asks for a resolution to the proposed summary of tuition and fees. Resolution should be completed by next Senate meeting.
 - **VP Cunningham** made assessment on his concerns in the fees listed within the Student Activity Fee increase and how they did not accurately reflect the issues he was aware of. **VC Simmers** offers to follow up with the Recreation director about this concern.
- Ms. Darla Tyler-McSherry
 - More changes to vaccine availability. Many appointments are available and are open for any Yellowstone county resident 16 and older.



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- Symptomatic testing still available for students with same or next day results. Will most likely be available next semester as well.
- Covid town halls are still available on Thursdays.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

- Dr. Kimberly Hayworth
 - Athletic training program is being reviewed to be approved for continued accreditation. Next week the music dept. will be undergoing the same thing.
 - 11 faculty searches ongoing currently. Interim provost among them.
 - New student employee positions are open as Summer Student Ambassadors.
 - Caps and Gowns are available through the campus store.
 - Large campus store sale on April 1st and 2nd.
 - **SRO Norris** mentions that a couple tour groups walked by and there was no mention of ASMSUB and little accurate information on the organizations described. A possible fix for this is to actively go into the organization rooms when on a tour to see if a representative can give any more information.
 - **President Unzaga** delivered belated birthday cookies to Dr. Hayworth.
- Dr. Paul Pope
 - No new reports. Thanked us for peaking with the chancellor about campus concerns.
- Mr. Lance Mouser
 - Thanked us for our efforts as well.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

FB #8: Contingency Request -Funds for SUB Furniture: Senator Bautista

That the Sum of \$46,400.00 be allocated from the ASMSUB contingency fund towards the purchase of furniture for the Glacier room and the upper gallery of the Student Union Building. The furniture will create an environment that better serves students and facilitates acceleration in both academics and student engagement on campus.

Expenses: \$46,400.00

Total: \$46,400.00

Less money raised (0)

Total Request from Student Senate: \$46,400.00

- **VP Cunningham** explains the process and purpose of this bill further.



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Discussion:

- This value is not the final and can be adjusted by financial board once a final number is found.

Sent to Financial board by VP Cunningham

SB #1: Covid-19 Rollover: Senator Davis

To make an exception for clubs and organizations to the Financial policy outlined within the ASMSUB By-Laws: Article 4, Section 4(T) for the academic year FY21/22. To allow clubs and organizations to utilize their remaining funds in the upcoming year that have not been utilized during FY20/21. The bill has been proposed due to limitations of events due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- **Senator Davis** briefly explains this bill.
- **Pres Unzaga** mentions a possible amendment regarding clubs that are not active anymore.
- **VP Cunningham** mentions a possible amendment to the mislabeling of the article of reference.

Sent to Financial board (for consideration with the recommended amendments) by VP Cunningham.

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President James Unzaga

- Poster Stands have been set up at the City College and are being used actively by other organizations on campus.
- The remaining schedule for ASMSUB
- Mentions his appreciation of Snowbowl's success.

Vice President Robin Cunningham

- Update on furniture project based on FB #8
- Meeting with Representatives of the Legislature had a good turn out from student representatives.
- Elections tomorrow – Vote!
- Retort & the Publications Board
 - Pub board meeting tomorrow and the next step will be looking for people to fill the new positions.
 - Retort has been utilizing the funds acquired through contingency to help improve production.

Business Manager Williams:

- Game room update
 - Purchased an arcade table.
 - Possible painting options to repaint the Game Room.
 - Possibly painting it ourselves or utilizing a fee from SUB or Facilities



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- Dr. Hayworth mentions that we may be able to ask Bret Weiss for advice and help in this project.
 - Financial Board
 - Thursday at 1:30 Pm will meet to discuss the final recommendation to Senate.

Student Resolution Officer Norris:

- Snow Bowl – a success
 - Mentions her appreciation for the efforts of those who helped make it happen.

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Classes end in 30 Days

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Senators Boze and Davis; Passes
At 6:45 Pm