



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, March 30, 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, Senator Ferestad

EXCUSED - None

ABSENT - None

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 03/23/2021 motion by Senators Davis and Ferestad; Passed.

V. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

- Ms. Darla Tyler-McSherry
 - Gave an update on the covid testing on campus. 700 vacancies are still available.
 - Mtreadyclinic.org
- Pub Board representatives; Laie Bryce-Black and Amy Sexton
 - Asked for an amendment to be made to the summer budget that allows the retort to train the new/incoming editor and chief as well as other members that require training.
 - This amendment would help create continuity between leadership within retort.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

- Dr. Kimberly Hayworth
 - There is going to be an increase advertising for registering for classes through campus.
 - OCHE is seeking feedback regarding HB 102 and offered a website link to provide feedback, also a listening session on May 12th with the Board of Regents. Will send the email to all senators.
Leadership class is offered through Student Access and Success office; ASC 297-002
SRO Norris mentions that the Leadership class is now a 2-credit class and is available to a larger audience.
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 - Witnessed a demonstration of a software platform soon to be available at all MUS institutions. “You at College” is a platform to help support the health and wellness of the student body focusing on mental and physical wellness. Excited about the potential to improve student life.
- Dr. Paul Pope
 - There are many places that offer the covid vaccine same-day and recommends that students seriously consider their health and the sake of everybody’s health as well.
- Mr. Lance Mouser was not present.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS



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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

Recommended by Financial Board: \$46,400.00

- **President Unzaga gave his explanation of the changes that could be made with this money.**
- **Discussion**
 - Senator feedback was in support of this project based on the presentation given by President Unzaga and VP Cunningham.
 - The Furniture should arrive 4-6 weeks from the placement of the order and costs include installation.
- **Public Comment**
 - The idea of improving the university and creating a welcoming environment also received endorsement from SAB members. Utilizing School Colors is also a great idea.
 - Placing posters of the changes to be made up can increase student's awareness and excitement for this project and the changes it can make to their study space.
 - Where will the existing furniture go? It will be removed or potentially utilized in the student game room.
- **Vote**

6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

FB#9: 2021-2022 ASMSUB Budgets: Senator Ferestad

	<u>Requested</u>	<u>FB Recommends</u>
B#1- ASMSUB Activity Scholarships	\$ 31,558	\$32,710
B#2- ASMSUB Capital Account	\$ 0	\$0
B#3- ASMSUB Childcare Scholarships	\$ 3,000	\$3,000
B#4- ASMSUB EC Management Account	\$ 7,100	\$7,100
B#5- ASMSUB Game Room	\$ 500	\$500
B#6- ASMSUB HEROES	\$ 6,000	\$7,000
B#7- ASMSUB Jazz Festival	\$ 7,000	\$7,600
B#8- ASMSUB Legal Services	\$ 45,508	\$0
B#9- ASMSUB Northcutt Steele Gallery	\$ 5,350	\$5,750



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B#10- ASMSUB Operations	\$ 49,810	\$70,210
B#11- ASMSUB Retort	\$ 7,740	\$7,740
B#12- ASMSUB Stem Club	\$ 1,500	\$0
B#13- ASMSUB Student Activities Board	\$ 45,976	\$48,976
B#14- ASMSUB Student Political Action	\$ 150	\$0
B#15- ASMSUB Student Services	\$ 4,185	\$4,185
B#16- ASMSUB Undergrad/Grad Research	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
X B#17- ASMSUB Club Engagement Scholarship	-----	\$10,000
TOTAL REQUEST FROM STUDENT SENATE	<u>\$217,377</u>	

FINANCIAL BOARD RECOMENDS

\$206,771

Unallocated funds equal \$4,229

- **BMG Williams** that our total allocatable funds are at \$211,000
 - FB clarifies their recommendation on all bills.
- **Discussion**
 - **B#8, Senator Boze**, has any work with cooperating with Bozeman legal services been done or any advancements made? The original update is all the information available currently. How can student government assist a student on campus who may need legal services? If the bill passes all we do is reference them to local services and agencies. Currently we cannot pay any expenses for personal use and would not be able to pay a student through contingency funds. There is a Student Crisis Fund available for students upon request. Senator Bautista requests an update from FB at the last meeting to ensure resources are available and reach out to the office of international studies to ensure they are aware of these changes.
 - **B#17, Senator Bautista** explains this new scholarship and the stipulations to receive this value. There is a good feeling of support for this scholarship among senators and EC.
- **Public Comment**
 - Making sure we communicate with Dr. Hayworth what our future intentions with MSU are regarding Legal Services.
 - **SAB Chair, Katelyn Gillen**, mentions that there are multiple resources on and off campus, that can assist students with legal issues, and is willing to share the list of those resources with the senators. Would like to see changes in the budget regarding the NACA retreats, allocating more money towards that line item. Possibly increasing their budget in the office supplies and printing line item. Stipends could be increased for summer budgets to account for the time that is applied to training. Largest priority is the training conferences. Would like to be able to take her board along at least.
 - **HEROES, Advisor Jessie Reddick**, clarified the difference between the cares act and the student crisis fund as well as recommended the potential of adding the current unallocated funding towards the crisis fund. In conjunction with SAB would like to see



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amendments made to the covid rollover bill allowing the organization more freedom of spending should it pass. Also, would like to see support for The Retort and SAB as they can utilize additional funding.

Motion to amend the budget with the extra money, valued of \$4000, to SAB budget line items Retreats(1000) and NACA(3000) by Boze and Davis, Does Not Pass by majority vote.

Motion to amend the budget recommendation B#13 to allocate \$1157 to retreat and \$3072 to NACA by Senator Bautista and Davis. Passes with the approval of the FB#9

- **Vote**
6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #4: Resolution addressing possible Fee increases: Senator Combs

To support and endorse the fee increases as presented to Senate by Dr. Stefani Hicswa, Chancellor, and Susan Simmers, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance with exceptions to the increases in the board (meal plans), and parking fees and fines.

- Currently being brought to senators and has not yet been seen by the legislation committee.
- **Discussion**
 - Some concerns about the previously stated items as well as the addition of a fee for late graduation applications. There is a large senate concern about the parking fines and fee increase as well as the board fee increase. Concerns about the quality of business decisions of the university on a whole.
- Sent to legislation committee with an invitation to all senators and the chancellor and VC

Motion that FB reviews the recommendation of Pub Board to amend the summer budget, Motion by Senators Combs and Boze; passes.

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President James Unzaga

- EC priorities for remainder of semester
 - Updates on current game room improvements, pool table, foosball table, and painting options
 - Current extra game room supplies are being held by center for engagement and should be made aware to students. Working with CFE to address issues with game room and CFE-ASMSUB cooperation. Dr. Hayworth offers to follow up with these issues with us.



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Vice President Robin Cunningham

- Incoming President and Vice President
 - Current BMG Williams and SRO Norris are the incoming President and Vice-President, respectively.
 - Bringing in people from outside ASMSUB to vote on the incoming EC.

Business Manager Williams:

- Financial Board
 - Meeting this week to review the Covid Rollover bill.
 - Meeting soon to review the pub board recommendation.

Student Resolution Officer Norris:

- No Updates

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative committee will review the proposed resolution soon.

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

- Easter Egg Hunt volunteer opportunity, Saturday, April 3rd.
- EA sports tournament against MSU students, Madden and Super Smash Bro's. Saturday, April 10th.
- Vending Machine updates
 - Repairing broken ones as well as adding snacks to vending machines to compensate for Sodexo's hours.
- Deciding a venue to host our end of year banquet.
 - Following a senate meeting seems to be the best time.

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Recognized the Goldwater Scholarship recipient, ASMSUB President James Unzaga.
 - Brief explanation about the application process and his success in receiving the scholarship.
- ASMSUB Vice President Robin Cunningham is commissioning into the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant on April 30th at MSUB.
- Jackets, Java, Jams, Thursday at 7pm.
- Campus Sale on April 1st-2nd

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Senators Boze and Davis, Passed at 7:55