



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

October 27, 2020- Meeting Minutes

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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, 5 Senators

EXCUSED- 0

ABSENT- 1 Senator

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-10/20/2020

Approved with the amendment “to mandate faculty to have an online option.” Instead of “to move back to online learning.”

Moved by Boze and Combs

V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES-

- Interim Chancellor Groseth gives his thanks to the students for sticking through this unusual semester. Invites the new elected chancellor.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS –

- Dr. Kim Hayworth updated us on the registration, a backup of available appointments for professional advising due to a decrease of advisors on campus. Have invited the EC to join the incident command team to discuss covid plans on campus. Will be offering CARES act funds for the spring, given no change from higher government. Online commencement is planned for November and is still in the works from the marketing department. A new yearbook for city college and university can be found on the respective landing pages.
- Dr. Paul Pope asks that students communicate with their professors as attendance has dropped to a low and asks student to inform their faculty when they will not be attending classes.
- Lance Mouser City college is still registering for classes and advises students to register early to help faculty plan better for the next semester. Classes begin on Jan 13th but will be online for the first few days then move to in person. City college faculty has been stressed as well as students. More students are choosing to take classes online.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

SB#1 to Reallocate Funds from SS Holding to Contingency: Senator Hubbard

-See attached Senate Amendment



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Moved to a vote by Hubbard and Combs

Discussion: Amendment to make the money immediately accessible. Line - to make the funds allocated to contingency immediately accessible this year

- Clarified the intention of the bill and what changes are made should it pass
- Possible future bill to ensure that the contingency has a lower limit and doesn't run down

Amendment moves and seconded by combs and Boze

Vote: Unanimously for the bill as amended

IX. NEW BUSINESS

FB#4: 2021 Summer Operations Budget: Senator Boze

That the sum of \$6,785.00 be allocated to the Summer Session Operations account #630185 for operation during the Summer of 2021. Business Manager Williams has a full detail of the budget.

Moved to FB by Abdyeva and Combs

FB#5: 2021 Summer Activities Budget: Senator Hubbard

That the sum of \$8,000.00 be allocated to the Summer Session Activities account #630183 for operation during the Summer of 2021. Business Manager Williams has a full detail of the budget.

Moved to FB by Boze and Hubbard

Resolution F20-4: To Recommend that MSUB Requires all Faculty to Include an Online Option for Every Class that is Offered to Students: Senator Boze

-See attached Resolution

Moved to Legislation by Boze and Abdyeva

SRO Norris asked about whether ASMSUB can mandate faculty and asked for a better way to word this resolution.

- Lance Mouser mentions that there are union contracts that must be followed but the idea should reach faculty to help them see the difficulties of students
- Dr. Pope let us know that this discussion is happening on the faculty side already and to speak with the union leaders about possible options
- VP Cunningham recommends calling academic senate to address this issue as well



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X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President James Unzaga:

- EC discussed the Glacier room project and ASMSUB's involvement in the project
- Will be a legislation meeting soon

Vice President Robin Cunningham:

- Second "Hive" podcast episode has been released, recommends listening and supporting the Retort on Spotify, apple podcast, or YouTube
- Tomorrow 3:30 pm will be a Pub Board meeting, retort marketing position filled

Business Manager Devin Williams:

- FB will be meeting with the rook soon
- Budgets will be coming in from student orgs. to vote on next semester

Student Resolution Officer Naomi Norris:

- SSPR will be planning jackets for jackets tradition
- Programs will be put on every Saturday on November
- Student Health Ambassador Committee, Maureen Brakke makes covid videos on information. Asks for volunteer for a video on mental health; Hubbard, Abdyeva and Davis.
- Will send out a "Covid Decision" chart to senators after the meeting

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Pres Unzaga – next Tuesday is voting day so no senate meeting. Will be having a meeting on Friday, send Pres. Unzaga your availability for Friday after 2pm

Friday October 30th

-Last Day to Apply to Graduate for Spring 2021

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday October 28th

-UCM Agree to Disagree, 3-4pm, SUB Gallatin

Thursday October 29th

- COVID-19 Townhall, 3-4pm, Online
- Laser Tag Night in the PE Building, 8-10pm, PE Building

Friday October 30th

-Turkmenistan Food Event, 11am-1:30pm, Rimrock Café



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XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Darla Tyler-McSherry – Flu shots are still available after the two large clinics. Clinics were well attended but there is still an availability of vaccines at no cost to students.

- Spoke on the covid response teams efforts in providing sanitation items in rooms. Email Covidfacilities@msubillings.edu to request products in rooms
- Recommends students watch the infection prevention presentation on the Covid-19 Central page on the MSU Billings Website

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Boze and Davis

Adjourned at 6:12 Pm



Attachment 1: Financial Amendment

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MSU-BILLINGS

FALL TERM TWO THOUSAND TWENTY

FINANCIAL AMENDMENT. F20-001

AUTHORED BY: Devin Williams

A FINANCIAL AMENDMENT TO: REALLOCATE FUNDS FROM ASMSUB SS HOLDING AND ASMSUB AY HOLDING TO CONTINGENCY TO COMPLY WITH ASMSUB BYLAWS

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MSU-BILLINGS ENACTS:

WHEREAS, The ASMSUB SS Holding Account Index 638001 contains \$102,616.66; AND

WHEREAS, The ASMSUB AY Holding Account Index 638002 contains \$97,623.57; AND

WHEREAS, Within the ASMSUB bylaws there is no mention of the ASMSUB SS holding account nor the ASMSUB AY holding Account; AND

WHEREAS, The ASMSUB SS Holding Account and the ASMSUB AY holding Account are not accessible to students or Student Senate through the ASMSUB bylaws (See article IV); AND

WHEREAS, There is no purpose outlined for these accounts in the ASMSUB bylaws; AND

WHEREAS, The Contingency Account intended to act as a reserve account. (See article IV section 8A); AND



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WHEREAS, Moving the funds into the Contingency Account will allow students to access these funds through the Contingency request process (See article IV section 8C) as indicated by the ASMSUB bylaws.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS:

The Associated Students of Montana State University Billings reallocate \$102,616.66 from ASMSUB SS Holding Account Index 638001 to the ASMSUB Contingency Account Index 638027; AND

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS:

The Associated Students of Montana State University Billings reallocate \$97,623.57 from ASMSUB AY Holding Account Index 638002 to the ASMSUB Contingency Account Index 638027.

VOTE TOTALS:

☐ **YES**

☐ **NO**

☐ **ABSTAIN**



Attachment 2: COVID Resolution

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MSU-BILLINGS

FALL TERM TWO THOUSAND TWENTY

RESOLUTION NO. 20 F20-003

AUTHORED BY: Naomi Norris

A RESOLUTION TO: RECOMMEND THAT MONTANA STATE UNIVERISTY BILLINGS
REQUIRES ALL FACULTY TO INCLUDE AN ONLINE OPTION FOR EVERY CLASS THAT IS
OFFERED TO STUDENTS

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MSU-BILLINGS ENACTS:

WHEREAS, Montana State University Billings encourages students to stay home when sick or showing
COVID 19 symptoms.

WHEREAS, The students of Montana State University Billings are put at a disadvantage if they are not
able to attend face to face class sessions.

WHEREAS, The health of students and faculty are being put at risk by attending face to face classes
while showing COVID symptoms.

WHEREAS, Professors expect students to attend face to face classes, regardless of COVID symptoms.



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WHEREAS, Not every class offers a WebEx option to attend class virtually.

WHEREAS, Requiring an online option will slow the spread of COVID 19 at MSU Billings.

WHEREAS, Faculty has multiple resources to utilize to get their lectures online.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDNETS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS:

The Associated Students of Montana State University Billings call for administration to mandate that faculty provide an online option for every class that is offered.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED STUDNETS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BILLINGS:

The Associated Students of Montana State University Billings call for faculty to integrate the online option in a way that it does not put students at a disadvantage for not attending a face to face lecture.

VOTE TOTALS:

__ YES

__ NO

__ ABSTAIN