



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

November 10, 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, 6 Senators

EXCUSED- 0

ABSENT- 0

III. PROXIES

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-10/27/2020

V. PRESENTORS/REPRESENTATIVES –

- Katelyn Gillen spoke on the work that SAB has done. With the 25 people limit there have been a decrease in events. Jackets java and jams is tonight from 7-8. The hot coco study jamboree is this weekend from 1-4 pm on Saturdays in the ASC, to bring awareness to the campus weekend hours. Planning next semester with Covid considerations. Online events are an option and are in the works for next semester.
- Dr. David Kendrick spoke with Senator Boze about online fees. He voiced his appreciation for students concerns with their fees and what happens with the money they spend. And recommends distributing the student bill of rights to review and elaborate on the purposes of the fees. The \$30/credit fee is spent to pay personnel, pay for software like D2L, and goes to faculty development to improve the use of technology by faculty.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS –

- Dr. Kim Hayworth asked ASMSUB if they had any questions for watermain issues. Senators Combs, Abdyyeva, and Davis, as well as President Unzaga, spoke on their thoughts on how the residence office was communicating about the issue. Covid academic survey is designed by faculty and they want to improve the Covid response next semester, remember to fill it out. Thanked the students who participated in the study jamboree and advertised the next two Saturdays of this event. Reminds everybody to register for next semester. Kathy Koteki is working with Sodexo to provide food for the students staying in the residence halls over the break. Also, there are Free flu shots until the rest of the semester.
- Dr. Paul Pope recommend again that students stay safe and healthy as we get ready for finals.
- Lance Mouser let us know that the city college is wrapping up this semester and recommends that students try to stay safe and try to continue to avoid Covid.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

FB#3Funds for “The Rook”: Senator Eldridge



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That the sum of \$1,500.00 be allocated from Contingency index #630200 to The Rook index #630316 for publishing and printing costs.

Printing Costs: \$1,500.00

TOTAL REQUEST FROM STUDENT SENATE: \$1,500.00

FINANCIAL BOARD RECOMMENDS: \$1,500.00

Moved to a vote by Senators Abdyeva and Davis

Discussion:

Daniel Lurie spoke about the request. Volunteer led, no paid positions, no profit. Poetry, art, photography exposure for students on campus.

Senator Abdyeva spoke about the rook from the FB point of view. Speaks to its professional look and the opportunity to show off student skills. Recommends the support from ASMSUB.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

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 vote by Senators Davis and Boze

Discussion:

Moved to amend that the change of the word "Requires" to "Requests" by Senators Abdyeva and Davis

Senator Boze explains the changes made by the legislation committee

Moved to correct the errors of the spelling of "student" by Senators Combs and Eldridge

Moved to Vote on the amended resolution by Senators Eldridge and Combs

Discussion: none

Vote: 6 for, 0 against

IX. NEW BUSINESS



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FB#5: Funds for Bossan Abdyeva: VP Cunningham

That the sum of \$150.00 be allocated from Contingency index #630200, to Bossan Abdyeva to cover her NCAA eligibility costs to join the MSUB Track and Field team in Spring 2021.

Total Request from Student Senate: \$150.00

Moved to FB by Senators Combs and Boze

Discussion:

President Unzaga - In the bylaws there is no wording against it however, possible ethical issues of perspective in this.

Kim Hayworth – Doesn't find an ethical issue with this request, however, may set a precedent to other students and cautions that president.

Voted to move to FB

FB#6: Funds for ASMSUB to Hire a Marketing Specialist: VP Cunningham

That the sum of \$500.00 be allocated from Contingency index #630200 to ASMSUB Activity Scholarships index #630182, to hire a student to do the ASMSUB Marketing.

Total Request from Student Senate: \$500.00

Moved to FB by Senators Combs and Hubbard

Discussion:

President Unzaga – would like to find a way to establish oversight on this project to ensure the job completion.

- Response would be to pay them hourly and have a responsibility list
- The responsibility list was already provided, in the initial contingency request

BM Williams – recommends looking into the logistics and will have more information ready for the FB if this passes

SRO Norris – recommends considering office space for this position. And voices her concern with overstaffing ASMSUB senators.

- Will likely be somebody outside ASMSUB

Not moved to FB, the Bill dies on the floor



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X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President James Unzaga:

- Make sure to register for classes
- Looking for senators to serve on a
- No legislation committee
- Consider safety and health concerns when attending events on and off campus
- Glacier room project will take more time to complete

Vice President Robin Cunningham:

- Recycling options are in the works with the custodians but there are obstacles
- Glacier room project has a couple obstacles that will take a lot of time, completion will not be this semester

Business Manager Devin Williams:

- FB will be meeting to review the summer budget and bills just requested
- Looking at budgets coming in from clubs and orgs

Student Resolution Officer Naomi Norris:

- Student fee increase draft is being completed and will be up for vote next week
- Ordering ski tickets from red lodge mountain
- Mental health tips video was sent out
- Snap a picture and email to covid questions to motivate students who are practicing their masks and social distancing on campus
- Working on moving the seats in the ASC
- The Covid Resolution will be brought to the Academic Senate, asks senators to help present. Thursday November 12th at 3:4 in room LI 148

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

SRO Norris – Student health ambassadors received funding to enhance quarantine for students. Send any suggestion on how to improve the quarantine experience on campus to her email

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

Wednesday November 11th

-Veterans Day, No classes and offices closed

Friday November 20th- Wednesday November 25th

-Finals week



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XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday November 12th

- MSUB Blood Drive, 8-5pm, SUB Beartooth
- COVID-19 Town Hall, 3-3:30pm, Online
- Jackets java and jams at 7pm tonight

Ongoing free flu shotgs

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Darla Tyler-McSherry – Wants to thank the student government and mentions that students are doing good work and to keep it up regarding the Covid Response.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Senators Davis and Hubbard at 6:37 Pm