



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, October 12th, 2021- Meeting Agenda

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

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT- Pres. Williams, VP Norris, BSMG Unzaga, SRO Combs, Sen Barone, Sen Gustin, Sen Kinzie, Sen Russell, Sen Welk

EXCUSED- Sen Ferestad

ABSENT- None

III. PROXIES- None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 04/06/2021 Senators Kinzie and Barone; passed

V. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

- Maureen Brakke – Marketing and Communications Director
 - Asked for senate input on marketing materials. Input from the Senators and EC was heard and dialogue followed.
- The Retort
 - Abria Boze, Editor and Chief, described the purpose of the Retort podcast, gave an update on the Retorts work and when the next episode should be released.
 - Q&A: are you reporting on campus events only? Both campus and community. What's the first episode about? Introducing the team, the first weeks as freshman from the hosts POV.
How can people help the retort? Story writing and technical assistance.
- SAB
 - Meaghan Reed, SAB Chair, gave an update on SAB's direction this semester as they navigate Covid restriction lifts.
 - Escape room, photo booths, and Grandpa's Farm events coming up. Entrance is free with Student ID.
 - Traveling to NACA, Nov 11-13th. In Spokane, taking 5 members.

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

- Dr. Hayworth
 - "Why MSUB" groups with Dr. Hicswa, one already happened next one is on the 25th of October on Campus, and then the 29th at City College.
 - Covid Task force, 15 members across the university. How is covid impacting the university and what can we do to solve these challenges.
 - Thursday, Covid town hall at 3:00, virtual via covid webpage on MSUB webpage.
 - Thursday/Friday, accreditation for the campus, mid-cycle review. Reviewing the strategic planning.
 - Maureen Brakke is running focus groups to help identify what is distinct about MSUB.
- Dr. Gentry
 - English dept. partnering with TRIO, making a scholarship writing workshop and planning a Resume writing workshop. Looking for suggestions on how they can help the students.
- Mr. Lance Mouser
 - Registration for spring starts early November.
 - TRIO opened at City College last semester and have been active and helpful out there.



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VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Devin Williams

- BOR
 - 17-19 of November, in Missoula
 - Senators who would like to attend should speak to VP Norris
 - EC described what the BOR meeting is and how it can benefit the Senators and Campus.
- Game room
 - Open for suggestions in that area:
More games for the Nintendo

Vice President Naomi Norris

- City College check in
 - Any suggestions about what can benefit the city college:
Coffee cart in the health science building.
Laptop stands or tables around the seating areas in the health science building.
- Retreat Extension/ Senator training
 - Next Tuesday meeting we will work on missed training and Retreat topics
- Vaccination Requirement
 - UM Western, against the vaccine requirements. Polls indicated that this would negatively impact the number of students and faculty attending UM Western.
- October Picture day
 - Meet in the atrium on the 26th in Business Formal

Business Manager Unzaga

- Budgets are complete
- Spoke shop sponsorship
 - Speaking with the spoke shop to help sponsor a couple bike racks on campus
 - Asked for senate input, senate voices approve this idea
- Will be unavailable next week

Student Resolution Officer Combs

- SSPR Committee
 - Updates on the events being planned:
Senate Open forum
Halloween team up with Heroes
Service Saturday
- Covid Task Force Update



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XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT by Senators Kinzie and Barone at 6:00