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# **Associated Students of Montana State University Billings**

Tuesday, November 9th, 2021- Meeting Agenda We strive for Leadership, Involvement, Sustainability, and Service

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

#### II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT- 4 EC: President Williams, VP Norris, Business Manager Unzaga, SRO Combs, Senators Ferestad, Gustin, Kinzie, Russell (4)

**EXCUSED-**

**ABSENT- Senator Barone, Welk (2)** 

- III. PROXIES
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 11/02/2021, motion by Senator Russell and Senator Ferestad
- V. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES
  - Dr. Hicswa
    - o Senate will join Dr. Hicswa for dinner in Missoula during BOR
    - o Talked about Simon Sinek book, "Start With Why" and talking about Why MSUB
    - Asked the senators why they chose MSUB
    - Senators responded with lower cost and closer connections with faculties and other students, parking, smaller, more personable university, and nice dorm room sizes
  - SAB
    - SAB has an event tonight, Karaoke at Stingers at 7 pm
    - Turkey tag next week
    - o Doing different activities in the gym next Thursday 7-9 pm

### **VI. ADVISOR REPORTS**

- Dr. Gentry
  - The scholarship presentation went well
  - o MSUB general scholarship is available and due by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022
  - o Possibly doing a scholarship workshop the beginning of next semester
- Mr. Lance Mouser
  - Encourages students to apply for scholarships
  - The drop class deadline is November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Dr. Hayworth
  - The Administrative Associate has resigned, reviewing the job description and deciding what changes to make for that position.
  - Student Health Services has the flu shot available for free, as well as the COVID 19 vaccine.
  - Childcare scholarship is available, it is not just to pay for childcare but also for child-related type expenses.
    - Email Dr. Hayworth or Kathy C for more details on the scholarship
  - This Thursday is Veteran's Day, no classes

#### VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS** 

Resolution Fall 21-001: Senator Russell

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- See Attached Resolution
- Discussion:
  - Business Manager Unzaga mentions the changes to the resolution, one change is that
    this situation poses an additional obstacle to international students who lack their own
    means of personal transportation.
  - Senator Kinzie thinks this is a good option for students
  - o **Dr. Hayworth** asks if all the bus passes have been given out
  - V. Pres Norris mentions that all bus passes have been sold and the price was also increased.
  - Pres. Williams mentions that this was an issue in Missoula as well and was eventually passed on to the university.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

Bylaw Revisions saved for next week

## X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **President Devin Williams**

- Next week we are going to BOR
- Meet outside of the SUB, Wednesday at 8 am
- Still working towards getting the specifics on painting the SUB

#### **Vice President Naomi Norris**

- Still having a meeting next Tuesday before leaving for Missoula
- Possibly no meeting during Thanksgiving week, TBD

#### **Business Manager Unzaga**

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#### **Student Resolution Officer Combs**

- Student feedback from the Meet and Greet event
  - Asked students if there was anything student government could do on campus
- Adopt a family and Angel tree event, working to schedule these events
- Service Saturday sponsored by Student Government, December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Possibly doing a gingerbread decorating event
- Possibly doing goody bags for the community

#### **XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Covid Task Force Update
  - o If someone tests positive, it is important to report it
  - You do not need a negative covid test to come back to campus

#### XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS



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• Reminder that meetings are business casual

# XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

• Editor in Chief of the Retort, Abria Boze, said to start listening to the Retort

# XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 5:57 pm, motion by Senators Kinize and Russell; Passes