



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, April 1, 2025- Meeting Agenda

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i. CALL TO ORDER- Vice President Husen calls the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

ii. ROLL CALL

PRESENT- Senator Brady, Senator Chenoweth, Senator Ellery, Senator Foxley, Senator Garayeva, Senator Hickey, Senator Hofer, Senator Hollenberg, Senator Husen, Vice President Husen, Senator Imokhai, President Kumar, Senator McGraw, Senator Merdanovich, Senator Murillo, Student Resolution Officer Sharpe, Senator Slade, Senator Sneigoski

ABSENT-

EXCUSED- Senator Bookheimer

iii. PROXIES (fill out absentee ballot)

iv. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3/25 Minutes
 - Approved unanimously

GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

- Sodexo
 - Phillip Bond – executive chef
 - Nathan Trent – general manager
 - Micheal Maroney – operations manager
 - Senator Brady asked if the food served in the Rimrock café could also be served at City College
 - All the senators enjoyed the meal
 - The roast beef was a little chewy
 - Protein goals – athletes are not able to get a double portion of protein
 - Like the taco bar
 - Like protein bowls being offered during meals
 - Soda station levers are getting stuck
 - SAB asked why catering costs so much
 - \$150 for 4 dozens of cookies, gallon of lemonade and iced tea
 - Can clubs get a discount on catering?
 - The food is seasoned well
 - The squash and zucchini were overcooked today



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- **SAB**
 - Karaoke – 44 people and \$156 (\$3.60 per person)
 - April 16 tabling at university campus for new SAB members
 - April 17 tabling at CC – mini spring break ; need to find a new date
 - Cram jam on April 28
 - Sip n Paint – 35 people and \$375 (\$8.11 per person)
 - Senator Slade won
 - Need more canvases next year
 - Casino night partnering with Housing
 - Monday at 7pm
 - themed dinner in dining hall
 - extra chips are provided if students are registered for fall classes, registered for housing or signed up in Navigate

v. ADVISOR REPORTS

- **Christine Whitlatch**
 - HOSA competition
 - CC graduates: student awards on May 3rd
- **Dr. Gentry**
 - Bylaws revision committee has fallen apart
 - please reach out if you would be interested in reviewing bylaws in the summer
 - usually need to have dedicated senators who are available in the summer – volunteer-based
- **Dr. Hayworth**
 - Student Leadership dinner is next Wednesday – RSVP due this Friday
 - Photoshoot with the Chancellor
 - From 2-4pm ; don't need to stay the entire time
 - Financial aid statements should be available on MyInfo if you have already applied for FAFSA
 - Dress for success closet at Career Service – open house was today and has headshot studio
 - Good quality business clothes (\$6 a shirt)



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vi. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

vii. OLD BUSINESS

- **Financial Bill #16: Multicultural Club Trip**

That the sum of \$500.00 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the Multicultural Club to take international students on a trip to Cody, Wyoming.

- **Approved**

- **Financial Bill #17: Study Lounge Renovation**

That the sum of \$15,000 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to Housing to renovate the study rooms in the dorms.

- Senators Chenoweth, Imokhai, Bookheimer agreed to give \$10,500 to renovate one to prove that all the rooms will be utilized after renovation– they recommend to vote against this bill
- Senator McGraw and Foxley have lived in the dorms – and believe the rooms will be used
- Dr. Hayworth: there is a 40% discount right now to do the rooms
 - Initial request was about \$40,000
 - Received \$10,500 from the equipment fees
- Jorden and Chloe from SAB expressed that students have told her about wanting to update the study lounged
- Only 300 students will really be using the new room
- Equipment fee meeting: if the one room was a success, then the equipment fees would fund the rest of the requested amount the next year
- People who are paying extra to live on campus deserve to get the new study rooms – other students can use the library and the other campus resources
- Purpose of ASMSUB: be the largest voice for the student body
- Senator Garayeva- has seen students using the old study rooms as late as 2 am during her rounds
- Business manager: we have a limited budget so by funding this then we would not be able to fund a different contingency request
- Senator Slade: which is more important, improving student life in the dorms or funding club trips
- Long term impact – over the course of at least a decade
- Dr. Gentry commented that she was proud to see a Real debate!
- The more appealing the residence space is, the more students would want to attend our college
 - **Approved by majority**



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IX. NEW BUSINESS

- **Financial Bill #18: Literary Magazine**

That the sum of \$1,500 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the Rook to create and publish the literary magazine showcasing submissions from students.

- Publication for magazine
- AWP conference gave tips for marketing
- Means a lot to students to publish a magazine (locally)

- **Financial Bill #19: Honor's Club Team Building**

That the sum of \$500 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the Honors Club to go axe-throwing for their team building.

- Approved to move to financial board

- **Financial Bill #20: Startup Funds for Women in Business**

That the sum of \$650.00 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the newly established Women in Business club to initially help fund their events.

- Approved to move to financial board

- **Financial Bill #21: BPA Conference**

That the sum of \$3,126 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to Business Professionals of America to attend and compete at a conference in Orlando, Florida.

- Approved to move to financial board

x. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Vikash Kumar

- Team building on April 27th
 - Dinner at 5:30 pm at Lemongrass
 - If you're late that's okay – Lemongrass will have everyone's preordered meals ready
 - Bowling at Sunset Bowl at 8:30pm
- SRO and Business Manager position interviews will be held next week
- Events update
 - Brady – N/A
 - Chenoweth – budget meetings and LA building Paper workshop
 - Ellery – budget meetings
 - Foxley – Wellness Wednesday at TRIO and Sip n Paint, ASMSUB tabling
 - Garaveya – ASMSUB tabling
 - Hickey – ASMSUB tabling



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- Hofer – ASMSUB tabling
- Hollenberg – ASMSUB tabling and Dress the Hive event
- Husen – ASMSUB tabling and Leadership workshop
- Imokhai – budget meetings
- McGraw – N/A
- Merdanovich – budget meeting
- Murillo – budget meetings
- Slade – sip n paint; won SAB part
- Sneigoski – sip n paint, got 3rd and ASMSUB tabling

Vice President Lamiya Husen

- Election results
 - 99 total ballots cast
 - Everyone on the ballot was elected
 - Congratulations to Vikash and Elijah!
- Photoshoot with the Chancellor
 - Wants to update the photos of the Chancellor interacting with students
 - April 10 from 2-4 pm
 - Message Vice President Husen on GroupMe if interested
- Powwow
 - Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th
 - Need volunteers for Saturday evening – volunteers will get Soda Station cards

Business Manager Nikola Sladic

- Financial board meeting
- 3 contingency and 2 annual budget meetings tonight

Student Resolution Officer Jackie Sharpe

- April event
 - Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday, April 16 from 5:30pm – 6:30 pm in the library (15-20 minutes to set up)
 - SAB will partner
 - Maybe reschedule since students will be leaving for mini break
- SSPR meeting

xi. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS



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xii. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

xiii. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 11th event that was mentioned by CC senators will be canceled – moved to September

xiv. PUBLIC COMMENT

xv. ADJOURNMENT – meeting adjourned at 7:36pm