



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - Meeting Minutes

*We strive for Leadership, Involvement, Sustainability, and Service*

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- **CALL TO ORDER- Vice President Slade calls meeting to order at 6:32**
  - **ROLL CALL**
  - **PRESENT-** Senator Andes, Senator Bamer, Senator Brady, Senator Eichman, Business Manager Ellery, Senator Foxley, Senator Hofer, Senator Husen, Senator Kern, Senator Pelatt, Vice President Slade, Senator Stone, Senator Whitley
  - **EXCUSED-** Senator Bookheimer, SRO Hollenberg, President Sneigoski
  - **ABSENT-** Senator Roberts
- I. PROXIES** (fill out absentee ballot)
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- Senator Eichman was excused, not absent
  - Taylor would like “rehab” to be changed to vocational rehab for specification
    - Approval moved to next week to account for edits
- III. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES**
- SAB
    - February 11<sup>th</sup> Love N Stuff tomorrow, Main Campus, meet at 5 PM.
    - February 12<sup>th</sup>, Love N Stuff Tech Commons at 11 AM-1PM
    - Open Mic Night in two weeks.
    - Craft Kits in two weeks.
- IV. ADVISOR REPORTS**
- Christine Whitlatch
    - February 13<sup>th</sup>- City College Senators meeting Dean on Friday
    - Believe in Yourself!
  - Dr. Gentry
    - March 12<sup>th</sup>, Civic Forum on Democracy with our professors leading the discussion brought to us by the Mansfield Center
  - Dr. Hayworth
    - February 17, summer registration opens
    - February 18, Virtual Job Fair
    - March 10th- Kathleen Thatcher visiting from the strategic planning committee
    - Would like to discuss the Big Beautiful Bill and its impact on Financial Aid in the future

- Cara Virostko
  - Excused

## V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### • **Contingency #6 – MSUB All Nations Club (\$2,741.00)**

That the sum of \$2,741.00 to be allocated from contingency index #630200 for the MSUB All Nation’s Club to attend the 2026 Reservation Economic Summit in Las Vegas, Nevada from 03/23-03/27/2026.

- Motion to Vote: Senator Husen
- Secondary: Senator Eichman
- Motion to have a Public Vote instead of a Private Slido Vote: Senator Husen
- Secondary: Senator Kern
- Unanimously Approved

### • **Contingency #5 – MSUB Annual Powwow (\$10,000.00)**

That the sum of \$10,000.00 be allocated from contingency index #630200 for the MSUB Annual Powwow.

- Motion to Discuss: Senator Husen
- Secondary: Senator Foxley
  - Biggest event on campus, offering for a senator to hold one of the flags during the flag ceremony on April 10th.
- Motion to Vote: Senator Brady
- Secondary: Senator Stone
- Senator Andes spilled her soup, brief recess.
- Unanimously Approved

### • **Contingency #7 – American Indigenous Business Leadership Conference (\$2650.00)**

That the sum of \$2650.00 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the Native American Students of MSU Billings to present a Small Business Plan on a national level in Las Vegas, Nevada. From 03/22-03/25/2026.

- Motion to Discuss: Senator Hussen
- Second: Senator Eichman
  - Using previous funds to help fund the trip.
  - Frequently
- Motion to Vote: Senator Foxley
- Secondary: Senator Eichman
- Unanimously Approved

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Contingency Request for United Campus Ministry at MSUB** - That the sum of \$3,600 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the The United Campus Ministry at MSUB for Brandan Robertson to present and advocate for LGBTQ+ inclusion in faith communities.
  - Motion to move to Financial Board- Senator Husen
  - Secondary- Senator Stone
- **Contingency Request for Office of Graduate Studies Hooding Ceremony** - That the sum of \$4,000.00 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the Office of Graduate Studies Hooding Ceremony to allow graduate students, their families, friends, and MSUB faculty to gather to individually recognize the accomplishment of earning a graduate degree.
  - Motion to move to Financial Board: Senator Hofer
  - Secondary: Senator Foxley
- **Contingency Request for the University Honors Program** - That the sum of \$3,300.00 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to the University Honors Program to attend the Western States Communication Association Conference in San Diego, CA from 02/26-03/02/2026.
  - Motion to Move to Financial Board: Senator Brady
  - Secondary: Senator Pelatt

## **X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **President Elijah Sneigoski (Excused)**
- **Vice President Alli Slade**
  - “In-office” sign
    - Allows for students know when a Senator is in office
  - Hiring Committee for Assistant Professor Tenure- Track Research looking for student members
  - Fridge Vending Machine in Petro does not take U-Card
  - March 14<sup>th</sup> Science Expo looking for Volunteer Judges from 10-4
  - Events Update (specified events not listed):
    - Senator Bamer:
    - Senator Kern:
    - Senator Stone:
    - Senator Pelatt: One Event
    - Senator Eichman: Three Events
    - Senator Brady: One Event
    - Senator Whitley: One Event
    - Senator Husen: One Event

- Senator Foxley: One Event
- Senator Andes: One Event
- Vice President Slade: Two Events
- Business Manager Ellery: One Event
- **Business Manager Ellery**
  - Financial Board Meeting today
    - Special Guests- University Honors Program, Potter's Guild, College of Business
- **Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg (Excused)**

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

- Student Purchases Committee meeting Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM
- Academic Senate Last Week
  - Some people have parents' emails in Navigate
  - Looking to be able to enroll certain high school students for the College Experience Course

#### **XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS**

#### **XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Senator Andes- Rook submissions due this Friday, February 13th

#### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to Adjourn: Senator Hofer
- Secondary: Senator Husen