



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 - Meeting Minutes

We strive for Leadership, Involvement, Sustainability, and Service

I. CALL TO ORDER- Vice President Slade calls the meeting to order at 6:32pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT- Senator Andes, Senator Bamer, Senator Bookheimer, Senator Brady, Senator Eichman, Business Manager Ellery, Senator Foxley, Senator Hofer, Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg, Senator Husen, Senator Kern, Senator Roberts, Vice President Slade, Senator Whitley, Senator Pelatt

EXCUSED- President Sneigoski, Senator Stone

ABSENT-

II. PROXIES (fill out absentee ballot)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion: Senator Foxley
- Seconded: Senator Andes
- Unanimously approved

IV. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

- Abby Cook- Office of International Studies
 - Faculty-led program presentation
 - Proposal to streamline the funding support
 - 1-2 week programs, curricular and based within a program. The faculty work out all of the logistics
 - These are accessible because it is shorter than a regular study abroad
 - Current “model” the programs come to us for a contingency request- this model only supports a small number of students
 - This could be better utilized to support a larger number of students
 - Proposal- built in budget line item versus a contingency. This would have a wider impact and larger student demographics
 - This could make the difference to students applying. Even if a small amount of funding is guaranteed it could cause it to be more attainable for students
 - 3 proposed models
 - Budgeted Capped Amount- split evenly among all students participating in faculty led programs
 - Budgeted Capped Amount and per student capped amount- ex \$10,000 with a cap of \$500 per student
 - Budgeted Capped Amount and per program capped amount- \$10,000 with \$2,500 per program
 - Depending on the model ASMSUB would be credited and it would be advertised the funding we have committed.
 - Typically programs are less than \$2,000
 - Faculty led is growing and will continue to grow



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- Senator Roberts- if it continues to trend upwards would we need to increase funding- if we cap per student it would just lessen the amount given per student- any funding is better than nothing
- Looking to make these opportunities more equitable for more students- wants to support all students
 - Motion to move to next week for discussion: Vice President Slade
 - Seconded: Senator Brady
 - Unanimously Approved
- Dean Gagnon
 - Department name changes
 - Proposed name change to 3 of the 4 departments at City College
 - Current Name: Computer Technology Proposed Name: Business and Computer Systems
 - Current Name: General Education, Transfer, and Learner Support Proposed Name: General Education
 - Current Name: Transportation and Welding Proposed Name Change: Trades and Industry
 - This would be formally proposed next Fall, but the first step is to present it here
 - Senator Hofer: Why combine Business and Computer Systems- This is due to the size of the departments and there is financial considerations- there is no impact to how courses would be delivered
 - Senator Whitley and Senator Brady are in favor
 - Senator Roberts; Why general education? – This was brought by the faculty of the department- there is some concern over confusion with general education on the University campus- the faculty in this department see every single student at City College
- SAB- Taylor Smallwood
 - Events updates
 - This week Bingo 6-8pm in Stingers on Thursday 3/26- Stingers won't be open but there will be coffee
 - Thursday April 16th Summer send off- this is planned for the week before dead week
 - Still accepting applications for Executive SAB members
 - Event planning for orientation and the upcoming school year- send ideas to Taylor
 - Senator Brady- how is the executive committee chosen? - ASMSUB appoints the Chair and the Chair works with the advisor to complete an interview process- mirrors the process for our business manager and SRO
 - Senator Brady- request as for wage increases while working on SAB budget
 - Senator Roberts- current pay?- Stipend system, but also based off of the minimum wage, \$500 for marketing and secretary and \$1000 for Vice chair
 - Christine- Is there another event at City College? Not currently- Suggestion to find a City College Representative- table? Summer Send off for City College in the works

V. ADVISOR REPORTS

- Christine Whitlatch
 - Thank you to all who took up the challenge for Jacket Giving Day- did a 4-1 match
 - Next Tuesday HOSA (Healthcare Occupations Students of America) event on campus in the Health and Science Building please be aware of shifting class locations



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- Jacket Giving Day City College project raised roughly \$4,000- the pavilion should be up before the end of the term
- We are in the last third of the semester- communicate with your professor sooner rather than later
- Dr. Gentry
 - Will be gone next week
 - Has a demo for how the election would run
- Dr. Hayworth
 - Raise your hand if you are not graduating this Spring
 - Raise your hand if you are registered next Fall
 - Raise your hand if you will be registering for next Fall
 - Registration for Fall and Summer are now open
 - Positive influences survey sent to graduating students please fill this out
 - Tomorrow the campus engagement surveys will launch. Please complete these!
 - Strategic visioning meetings started today- The next one is tomorrow, another one on Monday and April 6th
 - March 27th is preview day on both campuses
 - Next Tuesday is 9th grade day
 - April 14th Innovation Process Redesign- there will be dinner!
 - Wine and Food Fest is April 17th- Need volunteers to help clean up at 9:30pm
 - If you are able to help please contact Lisa McKinney email address: lisa.mckinney@msubfoundation.com
- Cara Virostko
 - By-law revision
 - Article 8, Section 5 did not agree with Article 1, Section 6.
 - o 10-15 hours/week vs. at least 15 hours/week.
 - Change in Article 5 – Recommendation to reduce the number of people from eight to five to vote in Committees (see Section 2 B and D).
 - The word stipend was changed to salary to better align with the actual process
 - Removed that the president has the right to veto one line item in the budget
 - Article 1 Section 9f: Adjustment to EC working hours during SUB open hours
 - Article 1 Section 9g: change from 10 hours to up to 15 hours
 - Article 1 Section 16h: Changes to taking the vote- formal votes shall be done by raising nametags unless written vote requested and the historian will record votes by name
 - Article 2 Section 7- removed articles and clarifies how election results are announced
 - Article 2 Section 9.5- Section removed
 - Article 2 Section 4d- write in candidates removed as it does not allow for the vetting process by the vice chancellor's office
 - Article Section 6 d/f- senator candidate breakdown to include all colleges. This would remove at- large- senators and move to individual college representatives
 - Demonstration by Dr. Gentry of how this would work in an election- Multiple Non- Transferable Vote
 - Article 4 Section 4 i/k/p/s- Updated to budget timeline, remove 3 week constraint, removed p- removed s
 - Article 4 Section 10- removed this section- putting trust in club managers to manage their budget



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- Article 4 Section 12- removed budget procedures
- Article 5 Section 3c- cut timeline for advertising the Business Manager and Student Resolution officer positions- 2 weeks
- Article 6 Section 9g/h- retort related duties will be 15 hours to match the EC
 - Senator Andes would like it to read 10 hours up to 15 hours
- Article 7 Section 4b/c- historian will maintain attendance and voting records and legislation, if they are part of the EC their hours will be increased to 10 hours
- Article 8 Section 3d- update EC members of SAB
- Recommendation to table conversation to next week
 - Motion: Senator Hofer
 - Seconded: Senator Andes
 - Approved: Unanimously

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS



- **Senator Whitely is proposing a wage increase for the SAB chair**
 - Motion to Table to next week: Senator Hofer
 - Seconded: Senator Foxley
 - Unanimously Approved

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Elijah Sneigoski

- Excused

Vice President Alli Slade

- MSUB Library now has online access to the Wall Street Journal
 - Visit the Library's [A-Z Databases](#) page and select **Wall Street Journal Academic Access** or, alternatively, scan the QR code on the attached flyer.
 - Log in with your NetID.
 - Follow the on-screen instructions to create your WSJ account using your MSUB email.
 - Once your account is created, you may also download and use the WSJ mobile app.
- Student Health Services and Vitalant are teaming up for a blood drive on Thursday, April 2 from noon to 4:30pm.
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Business Manager Ellery

- Financial Board Meeting
 - No Meeting tonight

Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg

- SSPR Meeting



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XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Hiring committee for Health and Human Performance
 - Friday, March 27th in PE 121 from 1:40-2:10pm.

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Retort is still happening interesting meeting this Thursday 3/26
 - Goal to have a test issue out by the end of the semester- online publication
 - Looking for individuals interested in editing
 - Looking for a wide variety of folks to help with publication- if anyone is interested, please send them to Senator Andes
 - ASMSUB Members cannot officially be a member of the retort

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bailee- April 20-22nd there are events at City College for dead week
- If you have not RSVPD for the Student Leadership banquet on April 15th please do so

XV. ADJOURNMENT- Vice President Slade Adjourns the meeting at 7:50pm