



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 - Meeting Minutes

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I. CALL TO ORDER-

ROLL CALL

PRESENT- Senator Bamer, 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 Pelatt

EXCUSED- Senator Bookheimer, Senator Kern, Senator Whitley, Senator Andes

ABSENT-

II. PROXIES (fill out absentee ballot)

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion: Senator Husen
- Second: Senator Hofer
 - Unanimously approved

IV. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

- AMA
 - Conference presentation.
 - Great for networking.
 - Got to sit at a round table to see how to improve the club.
 - AMA was established 4 years ago, so they're still small, and they got to talk to other vice presidents to see **how** they grew their clubs.
 - They got to compete with other colleges from around the country.
 - They were allowed to listen to companies speak about the events that they **hold**.
 - AMA was invited to a regional event in Bozeman.
 - They all say thank you for the support!
- SAB
 - Events updates
 - Bingo March 26th: hosted in Stingers.
 - Had an estimated 45 people.
 - SAB will collaborate with Housing and RHA for Registration Royale **on** April 7th in the Glacier room from 6-8 p.m.
 - Karaoke from 6-8 p.m. in the Atrium on April 8th.
 - There will be a popcorn bar.
 - Summer sendoff April 16th from 3-5 p.m. on the SUB lawn
 - There will most likely be food trucks and yard games.
 - April 21st. City College Summer Sendoff from 12-2 on the City College lawn.
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 - Cram Jam is April 27th from 8-9 p.m.
 - Orientation: 13th and 14th of July.

V. ADVISOR REPORTS



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- Christine Whitlatch
 - Many students on City College campus for presentations.
 - The event at city college was on the news.
 - Christine got to listen to presentations from the HOSA students.
 - ~ 450 students
- Dr. Gentry
 - Excused
- Dr. Hayworth
 - Excused
- Cara Virostko
 - Student Focus Group
 - Tuesday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Sky Room to participate in the Institutional Innovation Project Student Focus Group
 - Share your perspective on the MSUB student journey and eat free pizza!

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Built-in line item to guarantee support for faculty-led programs**
 - **A. Budgeted capped amount (e.g., \$10,000)**
 - Split evenly among students going
 - **B. Budgeted capped amount AND per-student capped amount (e.g., \$10,000 & \$500/student cap)**
 - Students only get a set amount.
 - **C. Budgeted capped amount AND per-program capped amount (e.g., \$10,000 & \$2,500/program)**
 - Is distributed between programs based on program amounts, but this model is unfair because it is not based on the number of students.
 - From Dr. Hayworth's perspective, option B makes the most sense.
 - Since the number of students going changes, we would save money when there are fewer students going.
 - Motion to move **Option B** to the financial board to discuss next steps
 - Motion: Senator Brady
 - Seconded: Senator Stone
- **By-law revision**
 - Article 2
 - Sec 4C
 - The business manager, as well as the administrative advisor, is to sign all appropriate requests for the expenditure of funds provided by ASMSU Billings.
 - Sec 6
 - Change of SAB office working hours will be 10 hours to 15 hours during the school year.
 - During the summer, the chair will be compensated for 5 hours per week.
 - Sec 9
 - Executive committee compensation is to be the same as SAB.
 - During the summer, executive members will be compensated for 5 hours per week
 - Sec 19



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- The winter senate will be the same as the summer senate.
- Article 3
- Sec 1
 - Executive members do not get a scholarship.
- Motion to approve by-law revisions
 - Motion: Senator Brady
 - Second: Senator Hofer
- **Proposed wage increase for SAB chair**
 - Compensated for 10 hours and up to 15 hours.
 - **New hourly rate of \$15.00/hour.**

VII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Elijah Sneigoski

Events Update:

- Senator Roberts: Arts & crafts
- Senator Bamer: Easter egg hunt
- Senator Stone: Easter egg hunt
- Senator Pelatt: Easter egg hunt and Bible study
- Senator Eichman: Bingo and track events
- Senator Hofer: Easter egg hunt
- Senator Husen: Easter egg hunt
- Senator Brady: Easter egg hunt & Pi Day
- Senator Foxley: Intramural volleyball, Easter egg hunt
- SAB Chair Taylor: Eat the Rainbow

Vice President Alli Slade

- University Strategic Planning Session No. 2 has been cancelled and rescheduled.
 - It is not set for Wednesday, April 8th, from 2-3:30 pm in the SUB Glacier Room.
- **Mental Health First Aid part 1:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm @ SUB Beartooth
- **Mental Health First Aid part 2:** Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm @ SUB Beartooth
 - Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an 8-hour, scenario-based training where attendees are invited to enhance their communication and decision-making skills when having conversations with others experiencing mental health challenges. Additionally, Mental Health First Aid emphasizes the negative impacts of mental health stigma and how we can all do our part to reduce stigma through trainings like this. To learn more about MHFA, check out this link: <https://mentalhealthfirstaid.org/about/>.



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- *To sign-up for this training, just send me an email RSVP at: jerry.girard@msubillings.edu, and I will respond with a calendar invite.* As we get closer to each training course, there will be more emails with general info, parking instructions, etc.\
- Virtual Coffee with Chancellor Hicswa
 - April 23, 11:30-12:30 PM
 - **Microsoft Teams meeting**
 - **Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/278114064790741?p=Tl81ubknNKHCoBJCbQ>

Business Manager Ellery

- Financial Board Meeting

Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg

- SSPR Meeting

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Budget Advisory Council
 - Monday, 03/30/2026 3:00 PM in the Chancellor's Conference Room 209

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Elijah's Junior recital on April 8th at 7:00 pm in Cecil Hall!

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm

Motion by Senator Husen

Second by Senator Brady

Unanimously agreed