



## Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - Meeting Minutes

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### I. CALL TO ORDER-

**ROLL CALL- Vice President Slade**

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

**EXCUSED- Senator Bookeimer, Senator Kern**

**ABSENT-**

**II. PROXIES** (fill out absentee ballot)

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Motion: Senator Hofer
  - Second- Senator Andes

**IV. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES**

- SAB
  - Events updates
    - Registration Royal was held April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.
    - Karaoke will be held in the Atrium on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm.
    - The Student Leadership Awards Banquet Dinner will be held at 5:30 PM on April 15<sup>th</sup> in SUB Glacier
    - Summer sendoff is on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 pm on the Campus Lawn
      - Food trucks, yard games, etc.
    - City College summer sendoff on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 12-2 pm on the City College Lawn.
    - Cram Jam April 27<sup>th</sup> in the Rimrock Cafe from 8-9:30 pm
    - Orientation on 7/13 and 7/14

**V. ADVISOR REPORTS**

- Christine Whitlatch
  - Will be donating a giant Jenga set to ASMSUB or SAB.
  - There will be three college general education writing presentations.
    - Email Christine for information
- Dr. Gentry
  - Western Political Science Association is impressed by the things we do as such as small school.
  - Research and Creativity Symposium on April 17<sup>th</sup> at 12-3:30 pm in Glacier Room.
- Dr. Hayworth
  - The National Survey for Student Engagement is out.
    - Completing the survey enters you for the \$500 amazon gift card
  - Help clean up after the Wine and Food festival.
    - April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 p.m.
  - Student Experience Workshop on April 21<sup>st</sup> 2-4pm



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- All faculty, staff, and students invited
- Talking about working together and imagining what the future would look like for students from enrollment to graduation
- 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

### VII. OLD BUSINESS

### IX. NEW BUSINESS

- New proposed budget
  - Total: \$292,773
    - Budget: \$286,561
    - Difference: \$6,212
  - Northcutt Steel Gallery: \$21,175
    - 63% increase
  - Operations: \$45,000
    - \$65,000 last year
  - Exec stipend include SAB increase: \$49,633
  - Summer operations \$8,930
    - T-shirts
    - Accessories
  - Powwow: \$10,000
    - To take away from contingency
  - Undergrad: \$5,000
  - MT Associated Students:
  - SAB: \$50,500
    - \$1,000 increase
  - EC Management Account: Reduced
    - \$7,000
  - Rook: \$1,575
  - Potters Guild: \$5,700
    - 9% increase
    - More opportunities for hosting people
  - Circle K: \$1,250
    - More food budget
  - HEROES: \$5,750
  - Honors Club: \$4,775



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### Take away from contingency requests

- Pre-Med Club: \$2,820
  - Prep students for med school
  - For supplies/training
- Service Sting: \$2,000
  - Grant students' money for projects
  - Gives awards for projects
  - Supplies for projects
- OUT Club: \$1,100
  - 12-14 students
  - Funds merch, supplies, food, etc.
- UCM: \$3,720
  - Events, posters, food, etc.
- Board Game: \$1,550
  - Posters, food, games, merch, etc.
- Jazz: \$21,00
  - Not asking for more
  - Jazz Festival
- Club Engagement Scholarship: \$15,000
  - Our scholarships
- East Asia Club: \$4,000
  - Events, food, etc.
- Multicultural Club: \$8,500
  - Events, group activities
- Student Parent Club: \$2,200
  - Catering materials, \$1,000 given for school supplies
- BPA: \$1,500
  - \$500 less than last year
  - Students' workplace experience
  - Leadership skills
- SAAC: \$3,000
  - 2 athletes from each sport and provide information to staff to improve student athlete experience
  - Provide game day events support
- Swing Dancing: \$1,480
  - Food and drinks
- Counseling Honorary: \$1,685
  - Honor Cords
- PROPOSAL:



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Add \$15,000 for Faculty-Led Programs

- Motion: Senator Brady
  - Second: Senator Andes

### X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### President Elijah Sneigoski

#### Vice President Alli Slade

- Forums for City College Associate Dean candidates
  - Candidate: Precious McKenzie
    - Thursday, April 9
    - 2-3 p.m.
    - City College, Health Science Building – Room 101
    - Teams Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25045565814542?p=4EFYGLTdFwokvEzvwL>
  - Candidate: Sam Giordanango
    - Wednesday, April 15
    - 2-3 p.m.
    - City College, Health Science Building – Room 101
    - Teams Link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25619278057140?p=PlbSUDoySTZzEkRUWT>
  - Elder-in-Residence Program – Theda New Breast (COE 122) at 3 PM on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.
    - The Elder-In-Residence program brings tribal elders from across Montana to the MSUB campuses to share their knowledge and perspectives with our students, faculty, staff, and Billings community. The program is designed to help faculty and staff across all disciplines to develop cultural competencies to more effectively support our Native students. Your attendance will help make MSUB a more welcoming place for all!
  - Volunteering for the Montana Women’s Run on Saturday, May 9.
    - Let me know and I will send Dan Carter the names and t-shirt sizes!
    - Deadline for sign-up is April 10<sup>th</sup>
    - The event is a really great way to celebrate spring, celebrate community, and support all the women in our lives. The Women's Run has been around for 45 years, and money raised is used to support women's organizations, domestic violence programs, women's wellness programs, children's services, and scholarships, including scholarship support of the MSU Billings women's cross-country program.
    - A key part of the event is the volunteer crews who help guide runners and provide water. I've been involved as a water stop coordinator for a decade and last year we teamed up with friends at Par Montana to handle H2O dispensation at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North and North 26<sup>th</sup> Street near the city parking garage.



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We'll be there again this year and could use your help.

- It's a fun time! We make people happy and cheer them on as they run by. You can bring a spouse or a kid who wants to help. We often have live music nearby, and the vibe is pretty cool! We set up at about 8 am and are done by about 10:30.

**You will even get a cool shirt as part of our support crew!**

### Business Manager Ellery

- Financial Board Meeting
  - No meeting
  - Shared handout
  - Grading scale for contingency requests

### Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg

- SSPR Meeting
  - No meeting

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

- SOR interviews next Thursday
- Rook being published Finals Week
- Retort being published also Finals Week
- Final meeting Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Taco Bar/ Pizza?
  - Bowling?

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

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

- Junior recital, tomorrow, April 8<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at Cecil Hall

### **XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion: Senator Hofer
- Second: Senator Husen
- Unanimously agreed at 7:31 pm.