



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 - Meeting Agenda

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I. CALL TO ORDER- Vice President Sneigoski calls the meeting to order at 6:31pm

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT- Senator Bamer, Senator Bookheimer, Senator Brady, Business Manager Ellery, Senator Foxley, Senator Hofer, Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg, Senator Husen, President Kumar, Senator Merdanovich, Senator Roberts, Senator Slade, Vice President Sneigoski, Senator Stone

EXCUSED- NA

ABSENT-NA

III. PROXIES (fill out absentee ballot)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 09/16/2025 Minutes
 - Tabled for next week- roll call and time called to order need updated

V. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

- SAB- Taylor
 - Karaoke- about 50 attended
 - 9/21 Out of the Darkness Walk with Heros
 - Monday 9/29- game night 6-8pm in the Glacier room
 - SAB office hours- Craft circle in SAB office Tuesday 2-3pm
 - Working with NACC and All Nations club event in the work for Indigenous People's Day

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

- Christine Whitlatch
 - Students are more visible and showing up early for class
 - Classes are going well
 - Teaching College Experience courses and sees some campus swaps- university campus students attending city college courses and vice versa
 - Dean Gagnon will meet with Christine and all CC senators
 - Missing sign and bag of swag
- Dr. Gentry
 - Cara, Dr. Gentry, and Christine are reviewing by laws to make more streamlined and less conflicting
 - Election continuity issues, Business Manager and SRO both have sections that show conflicts between being elected or appointed
 - Gaining feel of the room for elections- feeling redundancy with holding elections in the Fall and the Spring. Possibility to eliminate Spring elections, keep as is and figure out how to restructure the ballots, have the EC election in the Spring and Senator election in the Fall
 - Officially we must currently hold an election as there is no rollover, and we are all on a one-year term
 - President Kumar recommends keeping 2 elections
 - Both elections currently elect for Fall hence the redundancy
 - Can appoint vacancies by the Senate
 - Senator Brady like EC election in the Spring and Senators in the Fall



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- Vice President Sneigoski in favor of EC election only in the Spring and senator election in the Fall- feels there is a greater risk of dropping out when elected in the Spring.
- Dr. Hayworth- holding the full election in the Fall would delay the meetings due to procedure and it compresses the time we as a senate must act. Would lose about a month of working time
- Cara- wanted to reiterate that losing people over the summer is a consistent concern. To Dr. Hayworth's point we could adjust the by-laws to not compress the time as much.
- Dr. Hayworth if EC is elected in the Spring, we could run the election earlier in the semester and advertise right away.
- President Kumar- brought up summer senate and trainings that happen over the summer
- Dr. Gentry- we do currently have in the by-laws a provisional summer senate and could take advantage of it.
- Is the Spring Senate election worth it?
 - Just Freshman in fall- we will need a provision to set aside seats for freshman
 - Senator Stone- could we have spring elections for summer and have official elections in the Fall?
 - President Kumar- brought up that senators would need to apply and run again in fall
 - Cara- brings up that all EC may not be available over the summer and worrying about what will happen over the summer may not have as much weight as we are placing on it
- Please ponder this and think of a way to move forward.
 - Show of hands how are we leaning:
 - o Keep as is: 2 hands
 - o Eliminate the spring election entirely: half
 - o Keep EC election in Spring, Senate only in Fall: half
 - We can always revise if this does not work out
- Dr. Hayworth
 - NWCCU Volunteers please email Vice President Sneigoski
 - October 8th at 1pm all student forum-need students to show up LI 231
 - Specifically, a meeting for Student Leaders October 9th at 3pm location: TBD (This counts as attendance at an event)
 - o Senator Roberts will attend
 - o If you can make this, please email Dr. Hayworth
 - Gideon's will be on campus tomorrow
 - Follow up on Just Baked concern- burn marks could have looked like mold- if anyone has any concerns with these machines, please direct them to Nathan Trent at Sodexo
 - o Have them take a picture- Sodexo wants students to be satisfied
 - Reminder MyMSUB launches October 2nd there is more information on the website



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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- Financial Bill #1: NafME-C

That the sum of \$4900 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to NafME-C to attend the Montana Music Educators Association (MMEA) conference in Great Falls.

- National Association for Music Educators- Collegiate Level
- Money being used for transportation and lodging
- This amount has decreased
- 21 students are attending
- Motion to move to Financial Board: Senator Hofer

- Seconded: Senator Stone
- Approved: unanimously

- Business Proposal #1: Executive Committee Pay

That the hours claimed by the Executive Committee be raised from 15 per week to 19 per week.

- EC work a maximum of 15 hours per week, and they are requesting that we increase this to 19 hours per week- an additional 4 hours per each EC member
- EC members currently hold about 6 office hours per week and report 15 hours every week because they even out- think salary exempt
- Christine asks how we verify the number of hours worked- there must be some reporting for financial fidelity
- Senator Roberts- How do we track what is actually being worked? Is there a way to CYA and document all hours worked
- Cara- the budget approved does not currently cover all EC members to have 15 hours every week.
- If we approve this we will need to also vote in a new budget in order to cover this
- Will be discussed next week

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Vikash Kumar

- Events Update
 - Vice President Sneigoski: NA- but gave an example of how reports should be given
 - Senator Bamer: Out of the Darkness Walk
 - Senator Stone: Edgerton Talk
 - Senator Brady: Culinary Council
 - Senator Roberts: Karaoke
 - Senator Husen: Karaoke, Volleyball Game
 - Senator Slade: Out of the Darkness Walk
 - Senator Merdanovich: Council of Student Advisors for COB
 - Senator Foxley: NA
 - Senator Hofer: NA
 - Senator Bookheimer: NA
 - SRO Hollenberg- Out of the Darkness Walk



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- President Kumar: Culinary Council

Vice President Elijah Sneigoski

- Elections Tabling Reminder
 - Thursday (Election Day) 11am in atrium or roving
 - Senator Stone
 - Senator Foxley
- Northwest Accreditation Visit
 - Please see the information given above by Dr. Hayworth
 - Please email Vice President Sneigoski if you are planning on volunteering.

Business Manager Ellery

- Financial Board Meeting
 - Undergraduate Research Budget has been awarded
 - 2 students attending conferences

Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg

- SSPR Meeting
- SSPR Event
 - COE 122 4-6pm event Friday 9/26
- Looking for volunteers to help organize storage units
 - Throw your availability in the group chat and we will get this organized
 - Senator Foxley
 - Senator Brady

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Senator Slade has not received an email with information yet
- They will be reaching out
- Senator Stone
 - 1st meeting of Undergraduate General Education Committee
 - Voted on one item but it is not an action item and will not need to be voted on by students

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- See Campus Leak
- SUB rooms got new artwork and clocks. Artwork is related to the room names

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

XV. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:28pm

- Motion: Senator Brady
- Seconded: Senator Foxley
- Approved: Unanimously Approved