



Associated Students of Montana State University Billings

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 - Meeting Agenda

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I. CALL TO ORDER- Vice President Sneigoski calls the meeting to order at 6:30pm

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT-Senator Andes, Senator Bamer, Senator Bookheimer, Senator Brady, Senator Eichman, Senator Foxley, Senator Husen, Senator Kern, President Kumar, Senator Merdanovich, Senator Pelatt, Senator Roberts, Senator Slade, Vice President Sneigoski, Senator Stone, Senator Whitley

EXCUSED- SRO Hollenberg, Business Manager Ellery, Senator Hofer

ABSENT-

III. PROXIES (fill out absentee ballot)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 09/16/2025 Minutes
 - Motion: senator Foxley
 - Seconded: Senator Husen
 - Unanimously Approved
- 09/23/2025 Minutes
 - Motion: senator Foxley
 - Seconded: Senator Husen
 - Unanimously Approved

V. GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

- SAB- Taylor
 - Game Night was last night about 50 attended
 - 10/1 City College pop- up 11am – 1pm in tech commons
 - 10/13 All Nations Club and SAB hosting round dance from 5-8pm in Glacier Room there will be a craft corner
 - 10/29 Haunted Halls, dance, costume contest
 - Shared SAB office hours
 - Where is Waldo? event/ find the SAB member at sporting events- find the SAB member and be entered into a drawing to win a prize
- Sodexo: Nathan Trent
 - Here looking for feedback
 - Just baked
 - LA location
 - Stingers location moving to Petro Lobby Foyer- 24 hour access this way
 - \$1 reduction across the board on items
 - There are new items coming available as well
 - October 20th customer survey starts- there is an app look for the QR code- encourage everyone to share their thoughts
 - 1st Culinary Council has happened
 - Thoughts/ Feedback
 - Senator Foxley- students would like to see a wider salad bar as well as Vegan, gluten free, dairy free options- Nathan let us know that there are items that are available on request. If anyone has a dietary restriction, they can make accommodations
 - Senator Brady- Broccoli Soup delicious, enjoyed the salad bar, cheesecake



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was great. Enjoyed the variety of ice cream offered. The spinach with the brisket was good too!

- Vice President Sneigoski- Warm cookie Wednesday is the best! Very excited about this!

VI. ADVISOR REPORTS

- Christine Whitlatch
 - Fall Scholarships end today but will reopen for Spring at the end of December. Everyone should apply! Please reach out to Faculty directly for references. Do not just cold send the reference request
 - Attended the Alumni awards brunch on Saturday. Celebrated Dr. Garcia.
 - CC Senators meeting with Dean Gagnon next week (10/6 1 pm)
- Dr. Gentry
 - Welcome new senators
 - Passed out a simplified version of Robert's Rules of Order
 - Passed out a section of the by-laws
 - There are parts of the by-laws that disagree with other parts of the by-laws- we need to get this fixed
 - We as senators are representing the student body. We are recognized in the University's constitution as a governing body.
 - Please read and know the by-laws (and be aware they are changing)
 - On the Robert's handout President of the Board refers to our Vice President
 - Robert's Rules
 - Please see the chart on the back of the handout
 - A motion means you want consideration
 - Minutes are the notes from the previous meeting
 - Second confirms the motion
 - Tabling if you are in the thick of something and you need more time to think you can motion to table something- if approved we halt conversation until the next meeting
 - If nobody seconds a motion the motion dies
 - Dr. Gentry will be out the next two weeks
- Dr. Hayworth
 - Absent

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Financial Bill #1: NAFME-C
That the sum of \$3,146 be allocated from contingency index #630200 to NAFME-C to attend the Montana Music Educators Association (MMEA) conference in Great Falls.
 - Senator Husen offered information
 - Senator Roberts asked what their plan is when they get back?
 - Senator Brady agrees that it is good that they raised some money.
 - Cara offered that our by-laws say they have to fund at least 30%
 - Senator Slade appreciates we are not funding professors
 - Motion: Senator Slade
 - Seconded: Senator Husen



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- Unanimously approved to move to Slido Vote
 - Slido Vote:
 - For: 14
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - Majority Approved
- Business Proposal #1: Executive Committee Pay

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

 - Cara hands out information: showing the budget overage for the current amount of 15 hours and the overage amount if we approve the changes
 - We are required to pay for President Kumar's benefits this year because he worked over 20+ hours last year (between IT and ASMSUB)
 - Current overage is: \$23,220.00
 - Proposed overage: \$35,180.00
 - If this approved, we have to figure out where the funds will come from.
 - Senator Brady wants to know if there is a way that we can figure out the budget.
 - Senator Roberts motions to delay the vote
 - Seconded: Senator Brady
 - Unanimously Approved
 - Senator Brady asked if the SABs chair hours would be increasing. The answer is no.
 - Taylor is curious if there is evidence of the EC working over the hours? Is there a log at this point?
 - Vice President Sneigoski reports there is no log
 - Senator Brady asked if SAB is logging their hours and they currently are. Taylor has requested that this happen so they can use it as evidence for an increase in hours.
 - President Kumar- explains where the EC is working over there hours
 - Senator Brady- expresses that she believes there should be a log.
 - Senator Roberts- Logging is the correct way to do this for the entire EC. There needs to be evidence of hours worked. This will bring more accountability.
 - Senator Andes- A little scared but no reason to be. Understands the frustration of logging hours but thinks that a log will help with transparency. This will help build trust with not only the senators but the campus.
 - Senator Stone- if we can't approve the increase would the EC be open to sticking to just the 15 hours?
 - President Kumar responds that this is a salaried position
 - Senator Bamer- Is there a way to keep a log for at least a month so that we can see what hours are being worked before voting on this?
 - Senator Roberts brought up the concern of falsified hours
 - Dr. Gentry- the EC receives a salary. They are expected to work at least 15 hours per week. They are asking for a raise on the cap from 15 hours to 19 hours. The minimum is 7.5 hours per week. The idea is that some weeks you will work less than the 15 hours and still receive full pay as well as, they will work over 15 hours some weeks but still only receive 15 hours of pay.
 - Christine Whitlach- brings up the two instances she was in a salaried position.



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She had to provide a log of all hours as evidence of transparency. The evidence was building the argument for the hours rise. There has not been the history to gather evidence and data on ECs hours worked. Thanks, us for doing our due diligence in safeguarding the budget as we were asked to do.

- Senator Foxley agrees.
 - Senator Whitley- This comes from a place of passion.
- Dr. Gentry- to change this it would need to be voted in as a by-law revision. Not sure that we have the ability to make the request that they keep a log for one month.
- Senator Eichman- is 19 hours what the EC is currently working? Why 19 hours?
 - President Kumar- 19 hours is the cap for student workers
- Cara- The EC was hired by the student body on 5/2/2025. They have been receiving 15 hours a week since then. This includes the summer
- Senator Roberts- Where is the current overage coming from?
 - Cara- Senate set a budget in April it would be unethical to take this from clubs. There are budgeted line items that we could revise and pull these funds from. There is a possibility of shifting some money around. The other option is that it could be taken as a contingency.
 - Senator Bookheimer- just wanted to verify that if we pull from contingency it will mean we have less money to approve those requests.
 - If anyone wants to see the budget it is on our website.
- Senator Brady- Does not want to take it from contingency but would be willing to move from operations. Reminder that we are already over budget before we approve this.
- Dr. Gentry- we can move to create a ad hoc committee to investigate the budget and provide suggestions
- Senator Slade motions to postpone this conversation until next week
 - Seconded: Senator Brady
 - Unanimously approved
- Senator Andes Motions for use to independently investigate this matter and discuss next week
 - Seconded: Senator Foxley
 - Unanimously Approved

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. EXECUTIVE & STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Vikash Kumar

- Events Update
 - Senator Stone- Tabling for Elections, History Club Meeting
 - Senator Roberts- Gilmore Girls and Cocoa
 - Senator Palett- NA
 - Senator Bamer- Women's Soccer
 - Senator Kern- Women's Soccer
 - Senator Merdanovich- NA



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 - **Senator Husen- Board Game Event**
 - **Senator Brady- Gilmore Girls and Cocoa**
 - **Senator Whitley- NA**
 - **Senator Slade- Tabled for faculty led trip to Peru**
 - **Senator Andes- NA**
 - **Senator Foxley- Tabled for elections, Gilmore Girls and Cocoa**
 - **Senator Bookheimer- attempted Gilmore Girls and cocoa**
- **Senator Contracts**
- **2025-2026 Academic Committees**
 - **Academic Standing Committees**
 - **Academic Standards and Scholastic Standing Committee**
 - Meets a few times per year
 - 5 students (one from each college)
 - **Senator Brady**
 - **Library Committee**
 - Meets once per semester
 - 1 student
 - **Senator Bamer**
 - **Graduate Committee**
 - 2 Graduate Students
 - **Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**
 - Meets every other Wednesday
 - 1 student
 - **Senator Stone**
 - **General Education Committee**
 - Meets once a month on a Monday @ 3pm
 - 2 students
 - **Senator Roberts**
 - **Senator Andes**
 - **Administrative Support Committees**
 - **Commencement Committee**
 - Meets 2-4 times per year
 - 2 students
 - **Senator Slade**
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- **ASMSUB Committees – postponed to next week**
 - **Financial Board**
 - **SSPR**
- **Team Building Dinner**
 - **October 14th - meeting and then dinner**
- **Chancellor Hicswa will attend the October 7th Meeting**
 - **Please dress business casual**
- **Please use the desk in the ASMSUB office and know that the space is for us!**
- **Any ASMSUB communication must go to your university email account.**



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Vice President Elijah Sneigoski

- **Presidency will be going to Vice President Sneigoski in the Spring as President Kumar is graduating. He will need a VP and we all meet the requirements for this. Cara brought up that there may be a credit requirement.**
 - **Senator Stone asked if it would just be Spring and yes it will be.**
 - **The senators will be voting on the VP**

Business Manager Ellery

- **Financial Board Meeting**
 - **No meeting tonight**

Student Resolution Officer Hollenberg

- **SSPR Meeting**
 - **No meeting tonight**

XI. SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

XII. SENATE & ACADEMIC CONCERNS

XIII. WORDS ON CAMPUS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Leadership Course taught by Jeanie Tracy- Dinner is provided and you get a certificate of completion for attending all three.**

XV. ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm

- **Motion: Senator Husen**
- **Seconded: Senator Foxley**
- **Unanimously approved**