**Montana Associated Students**

**November MAS/BoR In-Person Meeting**

**11/20/2019**

1. Attendance
   1. Billings, Helena College,
   2. Northern - Arrive Late, Riley and Jeri
   3. Helena Arrived
   4. Billings Arrived
   5. UM - Abbigail and Ethan
   6. MSU - Taylor and Sophia
   7. Western - Ethan
   8. Tech - Amy and Ashton
   9. Great Falls - Julius and Dalton
2. Campus Updates
   1. Tech - Food drive and auxiliary fee, food bank
   2. Great Falls - Food Pantry, can the Cats/Griz, Turkey drive (35 meals), senator retention
   3. Western - Community service project, communication issues
   4. MSU - New nursing senator, new gym, food pantry, Public transit system, fitness center
   5. UM - Emergency grants, debt restructure funds, summer budget model, winter session
   6. MSUB - nothing exciting
   7. Helena - Activity fee raised, Halloween party, Christmas sweater party, spring events, partnership with Carroll college
3. Bylaw Discussion and Amendments
   1. Tribal College Discussion
      1. Concerns about tribal colleges in MUS - Hanley
      2. Most people think it doesn’t hurt anything
   2. Newsletter discussion - Belcher
      1. Can’t change timeline on newsletters, constitution
   3. The administrator of the Year section change - Blossom
   4. Where should MAS Council go? - Blossom
      1. Should get its own article - Hanley
         1. Tech agrees
   5. Motion made by Abbigail to remove MAS council from Article 4, seconded by Julius
      1. Motion approved
   6. Motion to copy Section 1 from article 4 to article 3 - Ethan
      1. Motion approved
   7. Judicial Council Discussion
      1. Judicial council maybe a little unnecessary, could be a good idea to have separate people serve - Blossom
      2. Could be a good idea to have Judicial Council as needed - Tech
      3. When would we need it? - Hanley Regent Selection - Taylor
      4. If a person files a complaint on regent selection process wouldn’t the governor’s office in some cases? - Ethan
      5. It depends on the situation, general language about corrective steps could be useful - Taylor
      6. Is the regent selection process broadcasted?- Julius
      7. MAS sets deadlines and Student Governments are responsible for advertising to campus
      8. MAS could do a better job of advertising position through website - Julius
      9. Social media could be better - Taylor
      10. Could be a way to cover ourselves - Julius
      11. Motion to amend section 3 A, paragraph one: The voting membership of the judicial committee shall consist of three MUS students who are not members of the MAS Council”
          1. When and why would they meet? - Tech
          2. Will there be a process for assigning students? Hard to get students involved at MSUB - Savannah
          3. Mostly, these students would be senators - Taylor
          4. What would happen if multiple people wanted to be on it? - Tech
          5. It would likely be a vote on MAS that would decide students - Taylor
          6. Taylor reviews the topic at Wyatt’s request
          7. Three students might not be enough - MSUB
          8. A friendly amendment from 3 to five - MSUB
          9. Should every school get to choose a representative and then have MAS pick? - Western
          10. How would MAS pick? - Savannah
          11. What if every school had one and picked from the pool for each incident?- Ethan
          12. Every MAS member would submit one person, confirmed when there is a complaint, the MAS council would pick representatives for each category of schools (2 for flagships, 2 for four years, and 2 for 2 years) Or we could rotate
              1. See Image
          13. There is a benefit to it being a pre-selected group to reduce criticism and bias - Taylor
          14. Non Flagship four years could be disadvantaged - Savannah
          15. Should each school get one rep? - Western
          16. Two years can only get a couple of students anyway - Wyatt
          17. Julius Agrees
          18. Both promise one student
          19. Brian contributes - two from each?
          20. The four-year schools will outnumber everyone anyway like MAS, to begin with - Western
          21. Or we leave it as it is - Tech
          22. Each school gets one vote wins the straw poll
          23. One member wins as a motion
      12. Motion to have the council elect its own chair - Ethan
          1. Unanimous
      13. Motion to remove section 1 and 2
          1. Unanimous
      14. Should there be a process for violation?
          1. Belcher agrees but thinks there needs to be complaint procedure and recourse
             1. Taylor and Ethan agree
      15. Do we need impeachment language? - Taylor
          1. There’s constitution language - Ethan
   8. Regent Selection Discussion
      1. Motion to add language “If the MAS PResident applies to become Student Regent, the chairing duties will be passed first to the VPEA, then to the VPIA, then to any member of MAS confirmed by a two-thirds vote”
         1. Should it stay at ⅔? It could be hard to get the threshold - Taylor
            1. A simple majority could be good - Wyatt, Ethan, and Taylor
            2. Motion passes
      2. Motion to ensure each student government has all of the correct regent application materials and that they’re marketing the application on their respective campuses.
         1. Passes unanimously
      3. Should there be hard deadlines or timelines? - Taylor
      4. Could we do a range? - Tech
      5. Taylor is open to that
      6. Ethan agrees and thinks that the timeline should be done by week
         1. Motions made to reflect this change as a slate
         2. Belcher suggests moving it back one week
         3. Motion passes
   9. Legislative Action Committee
      1. Why VPEA chair rather than the president? - Tech
      2. Could contribute to a better relationship between president and Lobbyist
      3. Motion to make chair MAS president by Ethan
         1. Motion passes
      4. Motion by Ethan to change chair from President to VPE
         1. Motion passes
      5. Friendly Motion by Abbigail to change the title to legislative action
      6. Motion by tech to add veto power for the president
         1. Should it be executives and not president?
         2. The point of just president is expediency
         3. Motion passes
   10. Fiscal Policy
       1. Legislative Fund
          1. Motion to change fiscal year to biennium - Ethan
             1. Motion passes
       2. Reserve fund discussion
          1. The lower cap seems difficult to achieve - Ethan
          2. Meant to offset the biennium - Taylor
          3. MAS only has one index, currently has 4100 in the rollover, might make more sense to do a dollar amount rather than a number- Savannah
          4. There is a budget and a budget committee, so why not have the committee decide each year? - Wyatt
          5. Budget is based on a two-year system to account for leg years, but we don’t spend money on non-leg years - savannah
          6. Motion to change reserve range to between 2,000 and 5,000
             1. Motion passes
       3. Discussion about Dues
          1. Should school dues vary and by how much?
             1. This is meant to provide leeway for 2-year schools
   11. How should amendments be made?
       1. Only approve changes at in-person meetings, if over the phone must be unanimous
          1. Abbigail amends amendment to include vote threshold for in-person meetings
       2. Motion passes
   12. Moved and seconded to table, passes unanimously
   13. Open Voting
       1. Passed Unanimously
4. Regent Update
   1. Tuition Waiver Policy
      1. Voting to consolidate tuition waivers into 3 categories
         1. Incentive
         2. Merit
         3. Access
      2. National Guard Members and Tuition Waivers
         1. Allowing out of state national guard members to qualify through a matching system
   2. Facility Items
      1. Campus Court MSUB
      2. UM Heritage Pavilion
      3. UM Rankin Hall
      4. UM Pantzer Hall
      5. UM Student Life Consultant
      6. UM Energy Service Company
   3. Revising MUS Program Approval Process
      1. Contentious - MSU Consolidating Cell Biology and Neuroscience
         1. Board ready to approve
      2. Concerns from students still - Taylor
   4. College Access Portal
      1. Uniform application to all universities
      2. Subset of CommonApp
      3. Increased strain on Admin at smaller schools
      4. How will the general fee be allocated?
      5. Does it apply to grad schools as well?
   5. State of the Students
      1. Gung ho about the spring event
      2. Form a committee (dates, location, content)
5. OCHE Update
   1. Montana 10 - student success pilot project
   2. Student mental health and wellness
      1. System-wide taskforce
   3. Affordability
      1. Cost of textbooks
      2. OER
      3. RFP for OER grants
   4. The system-wide pursuit of access for residents
      1. Access portal for student life and educational opportunities
   5. Students can join a mental health task force, student outreach with MT Project 10
   6. Access portal questions - there will be additional costs for added colleges
   7. Transfer - common course numbering on all undergraduate courses, what other tools can OCHE develop for transfer students? Mentions tribal colleges and high school students, faculty collaboration
   8. Statewide Gen ed transfer - dual enrollment policies unclear
   9. Academic suspension policy
   10. Why are there so many appeal processes to return to school? (Academic standing, credit limit, etc)
   11. Lack of disability access, specifically buildings
   12. External peer review question
   13. Transfer course substitution availability
6. Budget Update/Dues Schedule
   1. Savanah
      1. Has one invoice for each President that she will send out, Financial Advisors will know what to do with them.
      2. Budget- we do not spend any money during a non-legislative year.
         1. We have more than enough to get us through the next session
7. Spring Event Discussion
   1. What do we want to see come out of this event?
   2. What would our structure look like?
      1. Talk with Regents tomorrow
      2. Focus on the leadership aspect- students who are involved on your campus,
      3. Focus it on the students coming,
      4. Maybe have Regents attend,
      5. Show the students what we actually do and what the meetings are about
   3. Layout a rough plan and a topic or theme
8. Executive Review
   1. Survey Monkey- will provide feedback to the Exec team about how we are doing for the year.
   2. Please have it completed by the end of BoR on Friday!
9. General Discussion
   1. Regent Selection Committee
      1. UM nominated Ethan- accept
      2. MSUB nominated Taylor-accept
      3. HC nominated Wyatt-accept
      4. All approved as Selection Committee members
   2. Budgetary Committee
      1. Chair- MAS Treasurer
      2. HC- Erin
      3. UMW- Ethan P.
      4. UM-Sophie
      5. All approved as Committee Members
      6. Tech- Moves Um-2nd Budgetary Committee shall Convene
   3. Approve Dues Exceptions
      1. Move to approve that DCC, MCC, and only have to pay a minimum due of $350- approved
   4. Savanah- how do you guys deal with students coming to you about a policy change they would like to see
      1. Ethan UM- present it to respected committee
      2. Wyatt- similar issue in past (sustainability/recycling)- Went through chain of command as to who it would pertain to.
      3. MSUB drafted a resolution but doesn’t do much in the end.
      4. See if there are any students on your Senate who are passionate about the issue and have them take the right routes to fix it.
   5. HC-Senate election turnover, struggle finding candidates
      1. GFC- Marketing, helps if someone runs against you. Competition!
         1. It helps with engaging students and shows someone is caring for you. Has proven to increase voter turnout.
         2. Incentives? Give them a reason, want to make a difference on campus? In your community?
      2. Open it to the whole student body.
   6. Constitution
      1. Next meeting, need to work on seamless documents. Make sure Constitution matches the Bylaws
10. Adjourn
    1. 6:38 pm