

## Student Reports

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The University of Montana – Missoula

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**Thank you for a great November meeting! Have  
a wonderful holiday season!**

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\*The Associated Students of Montana Tech (ASMT) have requested that President Lucido to present the ASMT student report to the Regents.



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As the end of the semester approaches, most of our senate's attention is being directed towards helping to create a smooth transition into our experiential learning program. As we prepare for full implementation next fall, our senators are sitting on numerous committees dedicated to ensure an efficient shift into X1.

Our senate is extremely involved in other campus wide committees, including:

- Developing a five year strategic plan
- Increasing energy efficiency

We continue to coordinate a number of events on campus, including:

- Concerts
- Guest Speaker
- Movie Series
- Food Drives
- Awareness Rallies

Finally we have expanded our senate by four members due to the overwhelming increase of applications this semester.

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Chairman Mercer, Commissioner Stearns and the Board of Regents,

This fall has been an exciting, active time for ASUM and the students of The University of Montana. Since the last Board of Regents meeting, we have been working diligently on campus safety issues. Students were represented on a campus team that discussed the many options for increasing the safety infrastructure on campus, the ASUM Senate formed an ad-hoc committee to deal with safety issues, and ASUM funded a series of four safe living/self-defense classes.

It has also been an incredibly exciting time politically. ASUM, along with its partners in the Montana Youth Vote Coalition (MYVC), registered more than 4,000 young voters. On Election Day and the three days preceding it, MYVC volunteers used the ASUM offices as a home base for phone-banking. Together, we called every registered voter between the ages of 18 and 25 in Missoula County, over 10,000 people. We distributed hundreds of copies of our ASUM Voter Guide, which featured profiles from gubernatorial, Secretary of State and US Representative candidates, and information on both sides of all seven initiatives. Finally, we set a new record for voter turnout in the campus precinct, that votes here in the University Center.

Just last week, ASUM approved a loan for the purchase of yet another bus for the ASUM Office of Transportation (ASUM OT), due to the incredible success of our Park'n'Ride program. This program is on target to give well over 250,000 rides this academic year. I would also like to take this opportunity to the administration officials who have been helping the ASUM OT form a bond schedule for the construction of a new garage for our growing fleet of buses.

Finally, our Student Political Action committee has solidified our lobbying platform for the 2005 session. Our first tier of priorities includes issues of accessibility and quality for the Montana University System, including affordability, need-based aid, employee pay, and special initiatives. We anticipate strongly supporting the Shared Leadership initiatives. Our second tier of priorities deals with issues outside higher education that are important to current students, including tenant-landlord law, and child care. Our next tier deals with issues that are important to students once they graduate: jobs and healthcare. We are excited to work with the OCHE and the Regents to accomplish a lot in Helena this spring.

Respectfully,

Gale L. Price, ASUM President

To Chairman Mercer, Commissioner Stearns, and the Board of Regents,

We the Student Senate at The University of Montana Helena College of Technology are having a great year so far. We have finished the following projects.

1. September, Student Senate cleaned the highway that U.M. Helena adopted.
2. October, Student Senate held the annual blood drive for the Red Cross. We had 37 students donate blood.
3. October, Student Senate had the annual Halloween party including food and a costume contest. In addition we asked students to donate food for Food Share.
4. The Student Senate funded money to buy eyeballs for the nursing students lab.

Current Projects underway are as follows.

1. We are working on finding a way to get a day care started.
2. We are going to have a raffle to try to raise funds for equipment that the Auto Dept. needs.
3. We are planning the annual Christmas party.
4. Student Senate is planning to fund a project for the Electronics Dept. to build a robot. This robot is going to be used in demonstrations to promote student enrollment.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Frank Belgarde". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "F".

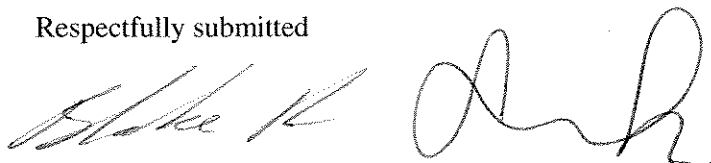
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- The Kickoff Meeting for the Fitness Center Renovation was on Wednesday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual ASMSU Senate Townhouse meeting planned for Dec 1<sup>st</sup>. Final plans for the SUB will be presented.
- MAS will visit the Capital on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. We plan to meet with Rod Sundsted and tour the OCHE.
- Warren Jones, MUS Faculty Council chair, gave the ASMSU senate a presentation on the structure of the MUS. This is part of our effort to educate the students before the legislative session.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Majors Fair was held this fall in the SUB ballrooms
- Blake Rasmussen and Peter Elverum, an ASMSU senator, members of the Fee Waiver Allocation Committee
- Currently updating our webpage to include meeting minutes and resolutions
- Blake Rasmussen was selected to attend the Project Interchange trip to Israel Dec 26-Jan 3rd
- Senate Swap. Lauren Krnavek attended a MSU-B senate meeting
- Revamped the Committee Head Contract
- Homecoming was amazing (and not just because the Bobcats won!)
- Standing room only for comedian Kyle Cease
- Over 10 noon-show concerts this semester with a very well known group coming in next semester
- Exit Gallery hosted over 5 art shows throughout the semester
- The Exponent is phenomenal compared to past years still
- State Legislative committee has crammed 2 semesters of work into 1, making connections with Legislators
- Tech Services has had incredible success bring in revenue
- Community Outreach Committee has a successful blood drive while raising a ton of money towards Cat Cab
- The Leadership Institute has received ridiculously generous grants

Respectfully submitted

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'Blake R' and the second is 'Lauren K'.

Blake Rasmussen  
Lauren Krnavek

## Montana State University-Northern

Northern is still in full swing with their 75<sup>th</sup> year celebration. We had good student turn out at the homecoming football game, and enjoyed student participation all week with homecoming activities. There is a new club on campus, armory animals, which is a club whose signal purpose is trying to improve student support of all athletic activities. They have organized trips for students to travel to all away games. They are also trying to raise enough money to buy a mascot for the school.

The construction of our new state of the art automotive/diesel shop is still under way. All exterior walls are up and interior construction is well under way.

In more recent history last Tuesday of this week (the 16<sup>th</sup>) Northern had a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Great Falls campus. In the past MSU-Northern faculty had been spread out in all different corners of the campus. We now have all Northern faculty and staff in the same office on the Great Falls campus. On the 17<sup>th</sup> we held a blood drive on campus, and on the 18<sup>th</sup> we started to implement our new smoking policy. This new policy states that any smoking must now take place 25 feet from any entrance or exit of any building on campus.

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Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Stearns, and Members of the Board,

As always, it is a pleasure to be able to speak to you on behalf of the Associated Students of Miles Community College.

The objective that many of our recent events have focused on is that of reaching out to the community. As you know, we did have our annual highway cleanup, unfortunately none of the regents were able to attend, but maybe we can give you a little more notice next year.

- Turkey Baskets: On November 22nd, we will be delivering turkey dinners to the families of Non-Traditional students. The faculty members were asked for suggestions on whom they thought should receive the baskets. So far we will be delivering twenty five baskets in which Albertsons donated almost five hundred dollars worth of food. We do a "May Day" like delivery system and stick around just long enough to see their faces when they spot the meal.
- Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP): This semester we were also able to reach out to the retired seniors of the Miles City community. Ride-to-Vote was a program set up this year to provide all seniors with the opportunity to voice their opinion by giving them rides to and from the voting booths and also accompanying them to and from the polls if needed.
- Phi Theta Kappa Service Award: A goal was set for our Honors Society by its president Daylynn Hartshaw to receive a service award at the upcoming National Convention. The focus for the year will be aiding with cancer prevention and cancer patients by fundraising and advertising.
- Non-Traditional Group: Again, we are focusing heavily on child care, since the average age of our students is 27, many of them have families and we would love to be able to accommodate them as well as the students.
- Sonisweb Transition: Yet another convenience that the faculty and staff at MCC have been working on is a new system upgrade. Starting next semester students will begin to be able to register and obtain their grades online.
- Homecoming: A unanimous decision was made by our committee to step it up when it comes to proper apparel. Candidates are going to be dressed formally. A ski lodge theme has been decided on to coincide with the events, which may include activities such as sledding and ice skating.
- Student Senate Legacy: In order to help beautify our school, we have decided to put up a cast iron sign. Not only will this help with advertising our campus, but we also hired a student to make the sign for us.
- Mascot Improvements: In the past the Pioneer logo has consisted of a covered wagon with "Pioneers" displayed inside. The students have been challenged to create a new mascot that will hopefully resemble a pioneer a little more closely.
- Murder Mystery: For the first time, our senate conducted a murder mystery. The students pieced together clues which allowed them to figure out who did it, the weapon of choice, and location.
- Pioneer Preview Day: Last Saturday we opened up our campus to all interested students. We had a great turnout of workers, students, and parents. We look forward to reporting an even larger enrollment increase in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Lowney  
ASMCC President

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**Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings Student Report:  
Presented by President Adam Lucido to the Montana Board of Regents of Higher  
Education on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004—The University of Montana – Missoula, MT.**

**Chairman Mercer, members of the board, Commissioner Stearns: Good Morning!**

Once again, I'm Adam Lucido, representing the Associated Students of Montana State University-Billings and before I begin, I would just like to thank you all for allowing this opportunity for student reports.

As we rapidly approach the end of a busy Fall Semester, I am excited to have this opportunity to share with you the different feats, accomplishments and endeavors that a very involved and dedicated MSU-Billings Student body has experienced this semester.

I'd like to begin by sharing with you a few inspiring student success stories. Weeks ago, student Jacquelyn Weitz competed in the International Young Artists' Competition in the Netherlands. Jacquelyn was one of only thirty students the world over selected to compete in this prestigious piano competition – an event in which young artists from over twenty different countries participated. Jacquelyn not only adequately represented MSU-Billings, but admirably represented the entire United States as being the sole U.S. representative selected to participate in the competition. That very same week, MSU-Billings received further recognition, as student Kyle Elefsun attended the National Communication Conference in Chicago. Kyle returned home with first place honors by the conference adjudicators on the presentation of his communication paper.

For the first time at MSU-Billings, student leadership has volunteered to be an integral part of our Preview Day sessions, these events being an opportunity for prospective students to tour our campus and learn more about attending MSU-Billings. What has been a process conducted primarily of admissions and orientation staff, now sees a student panel comprised of ASMSU-B Senators and officers, RA's, student ambassadors and athletes. Prospective students enjoyed conversing with current students representing a myriad of areas of our campus community.

MSU-Billings will have the pleasure of hosting two noteworthy student conferences this year. Bids went out and were accepted for the Residence Hall Association and Montana Campus Compact's "Raise Your Voice" division. RHA will host the Intermountain Associated of College and University Residence Halls (IACURH) region's "No Frills"



conference while "Raise Your Voice," an organization whose mission is to connect students with civic engagement, service learning, and political activism, will hold their statewide convention. Both of these events will be held next spring.

ASMSU-Billings has indeed begun its researching efforts regarding both mandatory and discretionary fee waivers. Our invigorated task force will be in the process of conducting meetings with key individuals concerning these waivers over the next few weeks. Upon obtaining fee waiver information, students will come together, compare notes, and prepare a conglomerate report of our findings. I am excited ASMSU-Billings will be able to provide the board with a report on the various MSU-Billings fee waivers that will have been furnished not just via the student body president, but through a group of dedicated MSU-Billings student leadership who will have had made a difference and had experience of learning more about our campus.

Accentuating the connectivity between MSU-B and the Billings community, the Office for Community Involvement has worked diligently in engaging MSU-B students in various community service projects within Billings. MSU-Billings students are proud to have a full-service, high caliber hub for community involvement on our campus that provides them with various opportunities to get out and volunteer in our community. ASMSU-B will engage in one of the many service projects tomorrow morning. Also reaching out to the Billings community has been the MSU-Billings College of Business. Students at the college of business have been involved in collaborating with businesses in Billings and developing detailed business plans and strategies for these participating businesses. Thus far, it has been an amazing learning experience for both parties involved.

Finally, I couldn't be more pleased to report to you all on MSU-Billings first ever "Political Action Fair Week," but before I do, I just want to thank Chairman Mercer and the Regents for their advice on communicating with Montana's policy makers. It was because of your profound message and guidance that MSU-Billings was able to conduct four very successful forums. We had over 30 candidates in attendance and resounding response from both MSU-Billings student and the Billings community. Thanks be again to the Board of Regents, Commissioner Stearns and Student Political Action Director and MSU-Billings Student Lobbyist, Connie Summers for truly making this monumental event a success!

To a great, safe holiday season! Cheers!



Adam Lucido, President

Associated Students of Montana State University - Billings