



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

Once again, I'm here to fill you in on what's been going on at MCC. There is never a dull moment for us at Miles Community College. As I say this, I pay particular attention to the word community. Most of the activities we've been putting on have involved a lot of the community and that is what we've been striving for. Here are some of the activities we've been busy with.

- Hayride: Our Agricultural Club put together a hayride followed by a bonfire with hot chocolate and roasting marshmallows for our student senate members and a few guests. It was a great turnout and the weather couldn't have been any perfect. The trailer was completely packed with people and a good time for our student senate group to spend some time getting to know more about each other.
- Scarecrow Festival: The results for this weren't quite what we were hoping for. It was fun collecting the memorabilia for this project from all the athletic departments and then putting them together. The finished product was an MCC pioneer basketball player and cheerleader, which was perfect for representing our school. I guess we were just hoping that they would have received more than five dollars from auction of our scarecrows for the actual fundraiser but it was for a good cause it most of all it was fun doing it. They ended up making over \$600 from all the scarecrows, which was great for them.
- Pumpkin Carving: For our non-traditional students we thought it would be fun for them and their families to carve pumpkins together for this Halloween. We have a large number of non-traditional students at MCC and we like to make them feel like they are just as important to our school as the average student. We do this by offering activities that we think they would enjoy and the pumpkin carving was a great success. On top of that we got to see some great artistic ability through the carvings and made a contest of it. Our foreign exchange student from Poland that also plays basketball for us took first place.
- RSVP Dinner: For some reason I always love taking part in activities involving older folks. The RSVP Dinner that our Student Senate and some of the baseball players helped with turned out great. I know that my dad looks forward to hitting that age when he'll be able to attend gathering similar to this with a dinner and some good old country music. Getting a simple smile and thank you from those folks was worth it all and that's what I look forward to sharing with my dad in the future. I hope they appreciated the dinner as much as we did serving at it.
- House Weatherizing: A hand full of us students along with a couple of staff members spent our Sunday morning weatherizing six houses. We sealed windows and covered a couple of doors and were rewarded with home baked brownies from one of the grateful families. We are in the process of buying a new door for one of the elderly ladies we covered windows for. We thought it was horrible to see living through the winter season with a foot wide opening in her doorway after the door has been closed. We want her to have a safe and warm winter so we hope to do this by providing her with a new door for her home.
- Turkey Baskets: Next week we will be proving less fortunate families with a basket full of Thanksgiving dinner goodies. It's an interesting way we deliver these baskets. We simply set them in front of their front door, ring the doorbell, and run away before the families answer the door. It's a great way to keep them from feeling uncomfortable or awkward since they don't know us personally.

That's all that's new happening at MCC. It's always appreciated when you give us this time to share what we've all been doing at our schools. I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and will see you next meeting.

Sincerely,
Katy Miller
ASMCC President

Montana State University-Bozeman
Student Report

Since the last Board of Regents in Billings, the students of MSU-Bozeman have been involved in a wide variety of campus issues. A great deal of discussion has taken place for the proposed parking structure, the issue of rising tuition, and the upcoming student enhancement projects that include the SUB renovation and H&PE complex renovation.

Students have taken a more active role in these decisions that will shape the future of MSU-Bozeman. Students have also become more aware that their thoughts and actions will impact the future students of MSU-Bozeman. The thought that MSU students have been apathetic is far from reality. Listed below are some of the items that students have taken interest in.

Our recent fee increase of \$5⁰⁰ that supports ASMSU has allowed our student senate to replenish the budgets of many of our student service committees. We have been able to become more fiscally responsible with the determined efforts of our ASMSU student business manager, Jacob Lorang. Also, we have had a great deal of success in our student service committees, even with a strict budget. Our own Leadership Institute has held inspirational lectures and shown paradigm shifting films to crowds of students and community members that are standing room only.

ASMSU's student bus service committee, dubbed "Bobcat Transit," is undergoing a major overhaul in relation to scope of service. In the near future, we have hopes of combining the service of our Bobcat Transit and a local transit service to provide a better service to our students and the Gallatin valley. Also, we are testing the feasibility of a bus that operates on bio-diesel.

The physical appearance of MSU is changing every day. With the construction of the chemistry research building, the planning of the proposed parking structure, and the planning of the animal research buildings, the students of MSU have a lot of decisions ahead of them. The recently elected student senators will be challenged to continue their level of activity as we encounter exciting projects and proposals.

Lastly, we must cheer on our Bobcat football team as they take on the Grizzlies tomorrow. We hope for a good game and hope that all meeting participants can join us.

GO CATS!

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Rasmussen
ASMSU President

Rock T. Wankel
ASMSU Vice President

MSU-Northern

Dear Regents,

MSU-Northern Woman's basketball team was way at a game to Portland. Early in the morning upon there trip back a 15 passenger van hit a patch of black ice, the driver lost control of the van and it was rolled. While there where injuries none were life threatening and the students are getting all the medical attention they need.

MSU-Northern is in the process of securing a building in our Lewistown site to further enhance there needs. This building will provide a centralized feeling for the student. This will also allow student to find the teacher in there offices, instead of hoping to find them in the basement of the hospital, which is were the students are currently located. The student understand that they will need to help pay for this new facility through building fees and while not necessarily ecstatic about that, they do understand the reasoning behind it.

Latter this month construction should come under way with the removal of the parking lot south of Cowen hall. This will be replaced with a central park to help tie the campus together.

The electronic marquee, that some of you may remember me talking about at the last meeting, is still moving ahead. To date students have now raised \$19,000.00 (at the last meeting we had only \$4,700.00). This new marquee will allow for better communication of campus activities, not only to students but to the entire community.

MAT (Montana's Actors Theater) is running a theatrical production called Rug Burns. Student senate has taken steps to make these productions more accessible to students by providing tickets down at the info desk in the student union building. Before student that attended the plays had to pay \$7.50 a ticket, now they can show there student ID and get a ticket for free and student senate picks up the bill.

Kelly A. Paul

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Members of the Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education

Chairman Mercer, Members of the Board:

As usual, the fall semester at the University of Montana – Missoula has been an eventful one. The Associated Students have been working on many issues involving our campus, the Missoula Community, and the Montana University System.

ASUM Transportation is awaiting final approval on a \$500,000 Federal grant for a garage to house our new bus repair facility and ASUM Park 'n Ride use is up over 1,500 riders per day. In an effort to increase student involvement, the ASUM Executives are developing the "Students First!" promotional campaign. This campaign includes promotional materials, increased efforts at the Missoula COT, and pay cut for the ASUM President that will be used to help fund the President's Grant for Student Involvement. ASUM is also playing an active roll in local government through the ASUM Student Political Action (SPA) Office. ASUM SPA Director, Rikki Gregory, organized city candidate forums and called over 1,000 registered student voters to get out the vote. ASUM is also currently working with the UM Office of Public Safety to increase student input on the contentious issue of parking. We are also excited to announce our candidates for the new Student Regent. Vinnie Pavlish, Heather O'Laughlin, and Jon Meyer, are all excellent candidates and we are proud to have them representing The University of Montana.

On behalf of the Associated Students of The University of Montana, I would like to thank the members of the board for their hard work and careful consideration of the issues that affect all Montana University System Students. I see great things ahead for our campus and will do everything that I can to make them possible. I would also like to thank our gracious hosts here at Montana State and have requested that the Grizzlies go easy on the Cats during Saturday's game.

Sincerely,

Brad Cederberg
ASUM President



Montana State University
Bozeman, MT

MAS Report
November 18, 2005

University of Montana
Missoula, MT

Montana Tech of UM
Butte, MT

The MAS meeting was held on Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. in SUB 276. The individual campuses will be ratifying the revised MAS constitution over the course of the next several months.

Montana State University
Billings, MT

MAS will be participating in a leadership training exercise this afternoon hosted by Rose Furst with the Montana Campus Compact. The Montana Campus Compact (MTCC) is an organization committed to fostering a renewed vision for higher education, one that supports civic engagement through community service and volunteerism.

**Montana State University-
Northern**
Havre, MT

**Western Montana College
of UM**
Dillon, MT

During the MAS meeting we had a constructive conversation with John from the Governor's office regarding the length of term of the student regent. MAS will be sending a formal response to Governor Schweitzer along with our nominations.

Dawson Community College
Glendive, MT

In response to the Governor's request, MAS will be passing along four names for the student regent position. Bovard Tiberi, John Meyer, Heather O'Loughlin, and Vincent Pavlish all had excellent interviews and will be recommended to the Governor. MAS highly endorse two of the candidates Mr. Tiberi and Miss O'Loughlin.

**Flathead Valley Community
College**
Kalispell, MT

Miles Community College
Miles City, MT

The Cat Griz wager is in effect once again. To clarify the rules, the student body president from the losing team will sing the winning team's school song at the January meeting.

**Great Falls College of
Technology**
Great Falls, MT

Respectfully submitted,

**Division of Technology
of Montana Tech**
Butte, MT

Blake Rasmussen
MAS President 05-06

**Missoula College of
Technology**
Missoula, MT

**Helena College of
Technology**
Helena, MT