Montana Associated Students

Agenda

January 8, 2019

6:00-7:00 pm

Conference Call

(712) 451-0133, Access code: 632649

1. Call to order
   1. CTO: 6:00pm
   2. Attendance: Mariah Welch, Hannah Johnson, Taylor Blossom, Stanley Munson, Savannah Merritt, Lizzy Thompson, Ellie-MCCC, Alex Butler, Jes Tews, Chad Funk, Zach Clausen, Christopher Brekke-George
2. MCCC funding information - guest
   1. Community colleges are funding differently than traditional MUS
   2. Funding model
      1. Three community colleges do not receive 6 mill levy tax, but area has a local tax dollars for funding
      2. MCA 20-15-310
         1. Funding based on formula based on FTE and overall general funds costs
      3. MUS does not have authority of how community colleges receive their money
         1. Community colleges are convened under local boards
   3. Community colleges are not included in current governor proposal for tuition freezes and long range building plan proposals
3. Campus updates
   1. MSUB:
      1. Lost senators, need help with recruitment.
      2. Exec team has been working well together. There is a lot of positive comments about their hard work.
   2. MSU:
      1. Loss of senators- due to scheduling conflicts. Potential changes in a department, students are uneasy.
      2. Campus shuttle opens tomorrow (1/9/19).
   3. GFC:
      1. Two executive members have stepped down. One executive team member is unable to continue due to grades.
      2. Hosted senator retreat, went over bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Orders.
   4. Western:
      1. Restructure senate positions. Activity coordinator resigned, a new one has been hired.
      2. New activity coordinator, she shows great potential.
   5. HC:
      1. Struggling to find a new meeting time.
      2. Holiday meal nominations were able to give away 6 meals instead of 2.
   6. Northern:
      1. Change in ASMSUN leadership.
      2. Focusing on leadership training
   7. UM:
      1. Uncovering a lot of changes in governing documents.
      2. Productive winter break (winter retreat, etc.)
   8. MCCC:
      1. Started a food pantry.
      2. Decreased club involvement.
4. Lobbyist update
   1. Priorities:
      1. Tuition freeze
      2. Long range planning
      3. Tenant rights
      4. Sexual assault: not a main priority, but will be on Sam’s radar
   2. First committee meeting is Tuesday @ 8:30 AM.
   3. No movement of section E. budget
   4. LC proposing removing sunset laws around 6 mill levy
      1. Sam won’t take a stance until told to do so.
      2. Sam will create a write up for this legislation
   5. OCHE will be hosting reception on Jan. 22 (6 PM) , are wanting students to attend.
      1. Please RSVP to Sam via email
   6. Feb. 12- MSU alumni rotunda
      1. MAS is hoping to use that as well
      2. Not a solidified plan
   7. Budget manual document - please email Sam with questions
5. Legislative session updates
   1. Rotunda day- 2/12 (in helena)
      1. Potentially partnering with MSU alumni
   2. Day of action- 2/21 or 2/26 (on individual campuses)
   3. Transmittal meetings
      1. Hannah will help schedule student governments with legislatures
   4. Letters to the editors
      1. Taylor will send out rough drafts for each student to edit
      2. This will be continual throughout the session, but primarily focused during the week of action
6. Please try to contact registrars for student hometown location
   1. Lobbyists will keep information confidential
7. Shadowing legislatures
   1. Contact Mariah if you are interested
8. General discussion
9. Adjourn
   1. 7:22 PM