



Montana Associated Students Agenda

9.18.2024

MAS - Order of Business

September 18th, 2024 - Room 122, College of Education, 4 pm

Montana State University - Billings

Presiding Officer - President, Alexis Loucks

Secretary - Vice President of Internal Affairs, Logan Colberg

1. Meeting called order at 4:04

2. Roll Call

Present:

ASUM

ASUMW

ASHC

ASMSU

ASMUB

ASMSUN

ASGF

Absent:

ASMT

3. Public Comment

Raina - Student Regent from Western. She is a voting member on the Board of Regents and is an open line of communication for MAS to reach out to with questions for the regents and processes going on.

4. Administrative Reports

A. President - Lexi Loucks is the president at ASUMW, and is excited for this upcoming year

B. Vice President of External Affairs - Jacob Zink is the president at ASMSU

C. Vice President of Internal Affairs - Logan Colberg is the vice president at ASUM

D. Treasurer - Elizabeth Kamminga is the president at ASUM

E. MAS Advisor - Crystine Miller - the director of student affairs at OCHE, is the connection from their office to MAS and ensures open communication. Worked on student retention focusing on specific tasks such as textbooks. Is hoping to connect with MAS on initiatives. Is looking for student representation from MAS or student campuses broadly to serve on focus groups. Hoping to have MAS stay strong this year and wants students to keep in mind: how processes and roles can get nailed down earlier then focus on strategic planning. Wants MAS to discuss leadership development training or a conference this year. These are skills that will help with student engagement across MUS.

5. Campus Reports

A. ASUM - supreme court was created and up and running, has 5 justices with staggered terms. Designed shirts for a pink out game on October 5th - money will be given to student groups and cancer foundations

- B. ASUMW - construction on campus. Block Hall is gutted and should be done in 2027. The Wellness center will be done in 2025 and a new football stadium just opened.
 - C. ASHC - renovations on campus - hvac systems are being put in place. Working on engagement and tabling events. Hosting events such as Fall Fest
 - D. ASMT - absent
 - E. ASMSU - Student wellness center just opened, including dental services, urgent care and doctors offices, as well as, gym and pool services. Broken ground on Gianforte building. Is appointing chief justices and senators - will have a full senate. Planning homecoming and rail jam events for students.
 - F. ASMUB - Had the first meeting last night and went well. Has elections next week and expects a full senate.
 - G. ASMSUN - Aurora complex and chancellor meetings happening this week. Working to increase wellness centers. Down three senators but working on engagement and filling seats for a full senate. Hosting events such as bingo night and getting the ball rolling.
 - H. ASGF - Waiting to elect non-executive roles such as justices. Looking into hosting fundraisers for a student in need on campus. Planning events such as harvest fest for student engagement - seeing more activity with student government.
6. MAS Goals and Standards:
- Ensure that all students get representation in the legislative session. All collaborating and having a say in decisions made. An open line of communication. Focusing on having 2 year and small school representation with the lobbyist. Getting MAS more involved in general and having each school present at each meeting.

7. Lobbyist - Hoping to have the lobbyist attend the November BOR meeting. Posting application and picking interview committee soon.
8. Retreat - Potentially Friday the 22nd of November afternoon retreat for leadership. Wants to focus the legislative session and the lobbyist all creating and aligning goals for the session and what their intentions are. Has \$250 to spend on this event. Midnight by October 21st is the deadline to inform AMSU who will be in attendance for November BOR.
9. Status of the Accounts - Spreadsheet will be sent out. The budget for the lobbyist has been laid out with a max payout and left out housing payments as ASUM and ASMSU are covering these payments during the legislative session. Planning on saving \$500 for the upcoming year as padding for the account. Has \$500 set aside for events such as retreat and rotunda day.
10. Bylaw Rework - executives will be rewriting their specific roles in the bylaws and will be seen by MAS at the next meeting - hoping to have bylaws updated.
11. New Business - Hunger free campus is a bill being piloted by Kat Cowley. Has been in contact with all campuses so far and is working on ensuring that all campuses and students across MUS have access to food resources and fight food insecurity.
Comments by Galen Hollebaugh - Deputy Commissioner for Government Relations and Communications at OCHE. Has experience in student government and wants to assure MAS that students have immense power in the MUS system and all want student success. Lobbying will be run through him, and can assist all three lobbyists during the session. Will be tracking OCHE agendas and MAS agendas. Have three priorities: budgets, house bill 5 (long range planning - deferred maintenance) will be looking to MAS for assistance, house bill 13 looking at about 3% increase in wages.

Says MAS doesn't need a bill for the hunger free campus. Wants MAS to look into campaigns and ask for money. Has commissioner support and will provide letters of recommendations for food campus.

Lobby reporting requirements - make sure to file those for lobbyists and in accordance with their schedule.

Commissioners office does not carry legislation, they run initiatives through budget proposals.

Ensure that we do not get in each other's way - open communication about what we are working on and how we can collaborate and work efficiently during the session.

There is a reception for legislators and provides good opportunities for MAS and OCHE to network and have open conversation. Organizing the date of this event and will announce it soon.

12. Adjournment at 4:48.