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Dear Chairman, Commissioner Stearns, and Members of the Board,

I'm Katy Miller from Miles Community College. I would like to thank you for taking this time to allow me to share with you what's been going on at MCC. It's been two weeks since school has started, and I already have a full plate. To start off with:

- ❖ Summer Orientation: There was a good hand full of students at orientation this summer. I personally think things went pretty smoothly. It was my first time giving tours, and I was a little afraid I might lead them in the wrong direction. You can only imagine how good that would look being the Student Senate President and all. That evening we put on a BBQ at the park. We had a pie eating contest where our vice president won, and we had a three legged race that even our President, Dr. Hammon, joined in on.
- Fall Orientation: It was humbling when I walked into the room to speak to the students at fall orientation compared to summer's orientation. I figured there would be more students but wasn't expecting two full rooms. It was great to see all those new faces. That evening we had another BBQ. We had a basketball player participate in our watermelon eating contest. I swear he ate at least two full watermelons. We had the three legged race again, and to end the evening, we had our baseball coach on the top of a dunking booth. Out of all the baseball players that took a shot at him it wasn't until a volleyball player stepped up to dunk him.
- ★ Makoshika: We had our annual Makoshika trip for leadership training on September 1st and 2nd. It was for our elected officers, and we offered to let the new volleyball coach and her team join us so we could get to know the girls and see if any of them would be interested in joining Student Senate.
- ❖ Movie Night: We were able to put together a movie night last Tuesday and Wednesday. The students always seem to enjoy a free movie once a month. It's a great way for them to get away from the school and hang out with their friends for free.
- ❖ Student Senate Elections: We just finished up our Student Senate Elections. Vice President, secretary, sophomore representative, and the two freshman representative positions have all been filled giving us a complete Student Senate group. That's always a good feeling.
- Library Hours: Last year our library was open on the weekends. They discontinued it due to the low count of students. We think by providing a different access to the library such as the main front door to the school maybe this will help students to know that it's actually open. Hopefully the librarian will be up to this idea of opening it back up on the weekends.
- * Rodeo Tailgate Party: This Friday we are putting on our rodeo tailgate party. This is our one chance to show recognition for our rodeo team. Following will be the MCC Rodeo. If you don't know already, the rodeo is a big deal in Miles City so we're all excited for that.
- Highway Clean up & RSVP Appreciation Dinner: Further down the road we will be doing a highway clean up with the help of the volleyball and basketball teams. Also, the teams will be serving food at an RSVP Appreciation Dinner that is put on every year.

That is all I have for you today. Thank you again for sharing this time with me giving me the chance to let you in on what is happening at Miles Community College. One more thing, Roxanne says "hi" and wishes you the best of luck this year.

Sincerely,

Katy Miller ASMCC President

Start Here ... Go Anywhere.

MSU-Northern

Ending out last year

In efforts to obtain 35,000 dollar marquee. Held fund raiser in which we brought in two bands for student entertainment that was also open to the public. Opening band was border line local band. Second band was a Beatles tribute band. This successful fund raises netted 5,000 dollars. This will be put towards the marquee. We are currently seeking ways to obtain the rest of the 30,000 dollars.

Homecoming- Activities

Hello Walk We purchased \$130.00 worth of paint for students to come out and paint the steps.

Royalty we have 6 groups running this year, Skills USA (VICA), SEA, Student Senate, Sweet Grass Society, Athletics, Nursing, PAS.

The 24th after the football game we are holding a concert for students and in keeping with are theme Back in Black an AC/DC Tribute band will be playing. We will be having a beer garden where one hundred percent of the beer will be donated back to the college.

ATC building

Features of

Three roller, 1000 horse power dynamometer, Engine dyno 1000 horse 100 stadium seating lecture hall, New state of the art hydraulics lab Half a million dollar oil testing facilities curtsey of Kiewit

Reinvasions

Morgan hall has been updated

Internet, Cable, Phones, Student lounge New pin and Cue, Redid old pool tables

Sub

New lighting, new doors

Bookstore

New clothing line, cleaning out inventory

Further development on campus

Last year we were looking at the possibility of ripping out the parking south of Cowan hall and putting in a landscape feature. Creating another parking lot elsewhere on campus. I have not yet had the opportunity this year to find out where the school is currently at with this project. Also this year I have found four students who have been affected by last year's moratorium. These students where allowed to enroll in a Bachelor program that is currently no longer offered. I have not yet had the opportunity to communicate with the administration about this situation.

Sincerely



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Access & Excellence

MSU-Billings has started the year off on the right foot with a record enrollment of 4,714 students. Our dorms thus far are at full capacity with a waiting list of students who want to move into the dorms in single rooms.

The Associated Students held their fall elections on September 14th and 15th. Five new senators were elected with a voter turnout of 5.5% which was an increase from our Spring Election. The Student Senate is currently busy gearing up for our annual retreat in Red Lodge, MT scheduled for September 23-24.

Because MSU-Billings is considered a non-traditional, commuter school of sorts, getting students involved has been a challenge to our Student Activities Board in the past few years. However, student turn-out at on-campus activities has increased drastically this year. In fact, thanks to new student leadership found in the 2005-06 Student Activities Board Chair, Brian White, our student activities here on campus have doubled in attendance since last year. Brian White has pulled together a group of motivated, proactive students to fill his Board; with new marketing strategies, they have managed to renew interest in student activities on campus.

Our SAB kicked off the new school year with a tradition that we call: Welcome Week. Welcome Week was celebrated this year with Barbeques, Bands, Comedians, and much more.

The Student Newspaper at MSU-Billings, <u>The Retort</u> has likewise had a positive turn-around this year under the leadership of Editor Olivia Koernig. Our newspaper has changed its layout and content to attract new readership at MSU-B.

The Academic Senate of MSU-Billings has recently changed their by-laws to include a student vote. This establishes MSU-Billings as the first university in Montana to include a student vote on the Faculty Senate.

The Inter-Tribal Indian Club, in conjunction with Multicultural Student Services, hosted a tipi raising ceremony on September 22, in honor of American Indian Heritage Day. The tipi can be viewed on the lawn between the Student Union Building and McMullen Hall.

Our intra-mural sports program has included a new sport in its line-up this year: Co-Ed Dodgeball. One of our Student Senators, Matt Harris, was very excited by the idea and decided to start a Dodgeball team among student leadership. After signing three members of Student Government, including myself and Vice President Dan Hansen, Senator Harris took the initiative to walk into Chancellor Sexton's office and say, "Ron, we need to talk about Dodgeball." Much to our surprise, Chancellor Sexton replied, "Let's give it a try." Mr. Harris came back to our office boasting the Chancellor's signature which initiated a ripple effect of signing new members: Dean Khaleel, Dr. Whiater, and Mr. Dan Carter from University Relations. Now with an all-star line-up and practices beginning soon, the students are excited to see our Chancellor in action during Intramural Dodgeball games this year.

Tracy Overberg



Student Report ASMSU Bozeman September 23, 2005

At the last home football game, MSU Athletics, in conjunction with ASMSU and the Bozeman community, raised a total of \$7800 for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Steve Erickson, the new ASMSU Director of Intramural sports, extended hours for our fitness center on Sundays from 1-9 p.m.

Homecoming royalty and ASMSU Senate elections will take place next week.

Howard Putnam, a renowned business leader and former CEO of Southwest Airlines, will give a free public lecture on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Strand Union Building (SUB) Ballrooms on the Montana State University campus.

The annual Career Fair will be held Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the SUB Ballrooms. More than 140 employers will be on campus that day to meet with job-seeking students.

The proposed parking garage, which is planned to be located on the NE side of campus, will be researched and discussed amongst the student body before the November Board of Regents meeting in Bozeman.

The current Bobcat Transit system (student bus) is exploring options that would allow for expansion. A partnership with a local bus service and matching funds from the government would allow for the increased service.

ASMSU recently hired a new assistant business manager. She will be assisting our student business manager in payroll, costs, and revenues for our all ASMSU committees.

Renovation update: SUB, H&PE, Black Box Theater

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Rasmussen ASMSU President Rock Wankel ASMSU VP



MAS Report

The September 21, 2005 MAS meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Adam Lucido, former ASMSU-B President and the interim MAS president. Eight MUS schools were present for the meeting.

Presentations:

Harry Freeborn- MAS account transfer to OCHE

Jan Lombardi, ilombardi@mt.gov (Governor's Education Policy Advisor):

- Greetings from Gov. Schweitzer
- Thanks regent French for her service
- Governor Schweitzer has a commitment to diverse appointment policy on boards and commissions
- Introduce governor's educational intern, John Bacino

Regent French: Regent selection timeline

- MAS interviews November 16th
- MAS selection announcement, Friday November 18th during student reports.

Dustin Frost, Dustin.frost@mail.house.gov (Field Rep. Sen. Rehberg)

- Enlightened us on his ASUM experience
- Solicits input on Federal Higher Education issues

MAS Elections 2005-2006:

President:

MSU-Bozeman President, Blake Rasmussen

Vice-President:

ASUM-Missoula President Brad Cederberg

Treasurer:

MSU -Billings President, Tracie Overberg

Student Reports

Luncheon topics discussed on Thursday, September 22, 2005 during the luncheon with the regents included textbooks and exploring career options in Montana.

Respectfully submitted,

Blake Rasmussen MAS President

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Student Report Written by Solomon Redfern- ASMT President September 21-22

Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Sterns, Members of the Board:

- Montana Tech was again recognized by the Princeton Review's annual college guide, "The Best 361 Colleges – 2006 Edition." Assets listed by students surveyed include the great placement rate and computer facilities, availability of financial aid, and interesting and accessible professors.
- The seven B.S. engineering programs and the M.S. in Industrial Hygiene in the School of Mines & Engineering were successfully reaccredited by ABET following a Fall 2004 visit.
- The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology's regional seismograph network recorded the July 25, 2005 earthquake (magnitude 5.6) centered nine miles north of Dillon. Within minutes, emergency-response agencies and the public were provided with information needed in order to realize that this was not a major disaster, and an appropriate response could be planned. Recognizing a need for additional data in the immediate area, the U.S. Geological Survey, in cooperation with the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology, installed a new seismic station north of Dillon. The new station became functional on August 12 and raw seismic data are posted to the Bureau's Earthquake Studies Office website.
- The sixth annual career fair was the largest to date at Tech. A total of 79 companies representing the interests of mining, construction, healthcare, petroleum, and business all attended.
- Orientation went very well this year, with presentations being done by various faculty, staff, and ASMT officers.
- The Student Union and Technical outreach Offices are sponsoring American Heritage Day, Friday September 23. Several Activities are planned including a lunch and Native dances

Respectfully Submitted,

Solomon Redfern ASMT-President