

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Receive Presentation on a Proposal from the Associated Students of Montana State University Related to Ex-officio Membership on City Boards

MEETING DATE: December 2, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: Receive presentation on a proposal from the Associated Students of Montana State University related to ex-officio membership on City Boards.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

BACKGROUND: MSU and ASMSU Student Leaders will be presenting information regarding an effort to improve MSU student engagement within City Government. This initiative, the Student Advisory Council, would create a non-voting seat designated to a MSU student on each Super City Advisory Board. These students, who will undergo a nomination and training process, will then be able to represent student interests in different aspects of city policy. Additionally, they will be able to collaborate on cross-cutting issues to facilitate the creation of official student opinions. Because these seats are non-voting, they can be flexible for student's unique needs while not interfering with the functioning of the city advisory board.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None identified

ALTERNATIVES: As per the Commission

FISCAL EFFECTS: none

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