MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 2, 2005
101 Reid Hall
Montana State University-Bozeman
4:10-5:00 PM

Members Present: Amin, Ashley, Becker, Bennett, Cherry, Jones, Kommers, Levy, Marlow for Gipp, C. McClure, M. McClure, Metz, Neeley, Peed, Pratt, Seymour, Taper, Taylor, D. Weaver, D. J. Young, Zhu

Members Absent: Babcock, Bradley, Croy, Erickson, Giroux, HHD, Hoffman, Idzerda, Jackson, Knight, Lynes-Hayes, Mathenia, McDermott, Prawdzienski, E. Schmidt, Thompson

Others: Dooley, Fedock, Lansverk, Lashaway, Lewis, McIlhattan, McLeod, O’Driscoll, Schontzler, Stump

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM. A quorum was present. Minutes from the February 23, 2005 Faculty Council were approved.

FACULTY AFFAIRS – Chair Marvin Lansverk
• Section 300 in the Faculty Handbook language labels.
  o “Tenurable academic faculty” (or tenurable academic “position”) and “non-tenurable” will be used.
• Moved to have language go to Staff Bulletin→seconded→all in favor→passed.

CHAIR’S REPORT – Chair Elect Taylor
• TRS/TIAA-CREF HB430 – Legislature reluctant to move forward due to $80M commitment to correct the problem, even though it would have been spread over 20+ years. May be resurrected next legislative session. Steering Committee is asking author of the bill to speak to FC to investigate other options to ignite process of correction again. We are not a collective bargaining campus, and it would not be problematic.
• Transfer audit group has three draft policies.
  • Minimum grade (minimum grade you have to have in a course so it counts as a transfer);
  • Age of coursework that can be transferred (5 years for courses in general; 15 years for courses that satisfy the general education requirement); and
  • System of controls (how do you insure that you are doing the transfer evaluations in a timely fashion).
• Search committee for the Director of Intramurals still needs a faculty member.
• All sabbaticals were granted this year, but word still needs to go out to faculty that this program is vigorous and needs applicants.

HP&E COMPLEX – Bob Lashaway
• Next Design Team meeting occurs on Friday, March 4, 2005. After that meeting, Chair Jones will distribute outcome via email to FC, PC and CEPAC so they may distribute to their constituents. Feedback from constituents will be provided to UGC on March 9, 2005 to bring forward to President Gamble.
• Bob Lashaway presented enhancements for faculty and staff, with costs and practicality from the February 16, 2005 Design Team meeting.
• Locker and storage solutions.
  • 150 full-sized lockers per gender at a cost of $107,000.
• Divide locker and shower areas.
• An additional 250 sq ft with a wall and circulation space, that would cost represents marginal cost of dividing facilities as opposed to dedicated and separate faculty/staff facilities - $50,000. Currently, there is no prohibition in Romney (faculty can go over to students’ areas and students may go to faculty areas) but not establishing a cast environment; by use, not by policy.
• Saunas per each gender.
• Roughly 8’X10’ at $200 = $16,000 cost for the footprint for each sauna. Sauna itself is $24,000. Roughly $40,000 impact in each locker room. Proposed that the students pay for one; the faculty pay for another.
• Romney Gym to be preserved. Not all restrooms to be decommissioned. Historical building that will likely be preserved. It is in a transitional stage and how it will be used is not certain.
• Geoff supports this proposal. Total cost is $197,000 with administration carrying $100,000. Funding for the $97,000 may be financed internally.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM, as there was no further business.

Signature
Warren L. Jones, Chair

Signature
Gale R. Gough, Secretary