

FACULTY SENATE  
OCTOBER 17 2012  
LEON JOHNSON 346  
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA  
Minutes

**Members Present:** Burrows (Ext), Cantalupo (Ext), Carucci for Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Dougher (PSPP), Durham (COB), Engel (LRES), Greenwood (Math), Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Igo (Ag Ed), Larson (M&IE), Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod. Lang), Mokwa (CE), Moreaux (A&RS), Neumeier (Physics), Newhouse (Art), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Rossmann (Libraries), Schachman (Nursing), Wiedenheft (IMID), Zhu (CS)

**Others Present:** John Carlsten, Ron Larsen, Marilyn Lockhart, Martha Potvin

Chair John Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present. The minutes of October 3 and October 10, 2012 were approved.

Course Approval – Chair Neumeier, Chair-elect Mokwa

- Of the five (5) academic items for consideration, five (5) were approved:
  - RBPF 160 “Building Performance Software”
  - RBPF 170 “Renewable Energy Concepts”
  - RBPF 190 “Building Performance Industry Certificate Prep”
  - BIOH 309 “Human Neuroscience”
  - STAT 441 “Experimental Design”

Honorary Degree Policy Discussion/Vote – Larry Carucci

- Chair of Honorary Degree Committee, John Carlsten, presented a draft policy to Faculty Senate for review and support. Carlsten noted that Faculty Senate approves selection of candidates. Additions/changes to the document included:
  - Under “Procedures” - Verbiage describing additional supporting material submission was added: “.....which *may (or could)* include, *such as*, letters of support from nationally or internationally known leaders in the area of endeavor of the nominee, from MSU faculty and students, past and present and from citizens of Montana *who* have been impacted by the nominee. Additionally, documentation such as press articles, professional organization honors, and other materials demonstrating the candidate’s notoriety usually accompany nominations.”
  - Under “Procedures” - This sentence was struck:  
“Complete nominations are due for review by November 10th of each year.”
- The annual faculty meeting referenced under “Procedures” paragraph 3 is where degrees are conferred. Carlsten queried on how the process might be improved and Faculty Senate Steering Committee will discuss the process.
- It was suggested that FS Steering Committee vet the candidates before presenting to Faculty Senate.
- Motion to accept the Honorary Degree policy, as it is, with full knowledge that future changes/clarification of what the annual faculty meeting is will transpire→seconded→unanimously approved.

Campus Updates – Chair Neumeier

- Report on results of Wilson Hall tree grove resolution
  - The majority of senators voted not to reopen discussions about the tree grove.

- Although FS missed open forums and other meeting opportunities to voice their opposition, there were other campus constituents who expressed concern about the trees.
- Inviting Facilities to discuss, in depth, the Master Plan, the Long Range Building Plan and the Landscape Master Plan might better prepare FS to discuss the future of the campus.
- Chair Neumeier would like faculty members on facilities committees, and others, report to FS from time to time.
- Before the Master Plan was crafted trees were planted, indiscriminately, across campus without consideration of where a future building might be placed.

Tracy Ellig – MUS’s Interim Director of External Relations – Q&A on Upcoming Legislative Session

- Ellig will be representing the university, for the first time, at this November’s legislative session.
- Tuition is subsidizing the majority of costs to educate a student.
- The legislature contributes 25% to MSU towards the cost of educating a student.
- Important bills mentioned were:
  - HB2 – Lump sum funding for all MUS.
  - HB5 – The bill that allows for campus buildings.
  - HB13 – Pay Plan – Where money is appropriated to help raise faculty/staff salary and wages.
- Faculty activities as it relates to the legislature:
  - State law mandates that faculty not use their work email, work phone, MSU letterhead or university equipment to persuade the legislature. There may be an exception for the elected reps of Faculty Senate, as they represent the interests of faculty.
  - If a faculty member has been asked to testify on behalf of an entity because of their expertise in a particular field, (a non-profit organization, e.g.), they may do so, but not using university resources.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Signature

*John Neumeier, Chair*

Signature

*Robert Mokwa, Chair-elect*

*Minutes were transcribed by Gale R. Gough, Administrative Associate, Faculty Senate.*