Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
February 13, 2013
Montana State University - Bozeman, Montana

Members Present: Cantalupo (Ext), Durham (COB), Eitle for Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Engel (LRES), Franklin (Micro), Gibson (NTT), Greenwood (Math), Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Igo (Ag Ed), Kaiser (ECE), Larson (M&IE), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod Lang), Mokwa (CE), Neumeier (Physics), Newhouse (Art), O'Neil (Arch), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Rossmann (Library), Schachman (Nursing), Sharrock for Dougher (PSPP), Wiedenheft (Immuno), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: Larry Carucci, Camie Bechtold, Martha Potvin, Pierce Mullen, Marty Hamilton, Ron Larsen

Chair Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present.

Common Hour Exam – Larry Carucci

- After discussions of the policy last fall, all verbiage was accepted except Section 4.1 c, which describes extending exam hours for athletes and/or MSU representatives, performing arts students.
- Chair Carucci will bring revised language back to FS for review/approval next week.

Results of Academic Items for Vote via Email

- All courses were approved:
  - HSTR 436: “Armed Conflict in Modern Latin America”
  - ARCH 431: “Sustainability in Architecture”
  - ARCH 452: “Research Methods in Architecture”
- ANSC 424/BIOM 401: “Host-Associated Microbial Systems,” is pending, as discussions within participating departments are ongoing.
- FS members would like to see comments made by other senators, and it was suggested that the courses be brought to FS earlier, before CPC votes, for discussion.

Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Credit Transfer

- Do students who transfer their AP or IB credits progress successfully to take more advance courses, based on their prior knowledge from AP courses or IB credits?
- Some dept have certain criteria for AP exam acceptance. Sometimes there is not a standard exam score.
- Chair Neumeier will ask Chris Fastnow for data and asked FS members to query their colleagues.
- The MSU and U of M websites show grade requirements for AP course transfer.

Update Regarding Efforts to Strengthen Faculty Senate

- During the Dean's Council retreat, Chair Neumeier will present the idea of deans meeting with senators.

Faculty Handbook Status

- Chair Neumeier and Vice-chair Mokwa will follow up, with legal counsel, on pending FH policies that FS approved.

ARF – MSU Emeriti Rights and Privileges – Marty Hamilton, Pearce Mullen

- Goals of ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) are to facilitate connections between retirees and the university and foster the well-being of the retired faculty/spouses. Hamilton and Mullen encouraged faculty to contact ARF before retiring for counseling and discussion of what to expect.
- ARF submitted a proposal to the Provost regarding rights and privileges. Research of peer institutions, including U of M, resulted in capturing key issues and embellishments that are included in the proposal.
- Some activities items suggested by ARF (mentoring, grants) have not yet been approved by administrators.
- Chair Neumeier will send out an email ballot for FS to vote on the Emeriti Rights and Privileges ARF document.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Signature,
John Neumeier, Chair

Signature
Robert Mokwa, Chair-elect

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