

FACULTY SENATE
FEBRUARY 27, 2013
346 LEON JOHNSON
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Bennett (English), Cantalupo (Ag Ext), Codd (MIE), Durham (COB), Engel (LRES), Franklin (Micro), Frick (Ag Ed), Gerlach (BCE), Gibson (NTI), Greenwood (Math), Harney (Music), Herbeck (Ed), (ECE), Larson (M&IE), Lawrence (Chem & Biochem), Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod Lang), Mokwa (CE), Moreaux (ARS), Neumeier (Physics), Newhouse (Art), O'Neill (Arch), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Rossmann (Library), Sharrock for Dougher (PSPP), Schachman (Nursing), Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Wiedenheft (IMID), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: Larry Carucci, Martha Potvin, Nicol Rae, George Haynes, Camie Bechtold, David Singel, Ron Larsen, Durward Sobek, Myles Watts

Chair Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present. He would like next week's meeting for regular business; the week following will be a closed meeting.

Announcements – Chair Neumeier

- The progress of Romney renovation/space issues will be communicated to those senators who made inquiries.
- Provost Potvin offered to attend FS to answer questions about resources as related to growth. Chair Neumeier will schedule a time for those discussions the week after spring break.
- A shared governance forum will be conducted Friday, 2:00, Herrick Hall 117.
- Senators are frequently requested to become members on university committees. As this is sometimes burdensome, other options would like to be explored.

Draft Academic Items for Discussion and Vote – Chair-elect Mokwa

- Financial Engineering (revised Feb 2013)
 - New undergraduate major and minor
 - Offered jointly via Ag Econ and Industrial Eng.
 - APWG addressed observations and concerns, and forwarded to the C&PC. They included the following:
 - Minor typos, which were corrected.
 - The term “Engineering” has connotations that are associated with accreditation. The committee met with the engineering board of professional licenser in Montana to discuss; the board was receptive and will write a letter of endorsement for the program.
 - It was recommended that the program include an ethics course, and has since been incorporated into it.
 - The program will impact other full-capacity courses, and implementation of additional resources will need to be considered.
 - Going forward, the Provost requested that a list of the specific new resources for new programs/courses be submitted.
 - Input from senate will go to Dean's Council, then to the BoR.

Common Hour Exams – Revised Document for Approval – Larry Carucci

- Extended time for students to get to an exam was clarified in Section 4.1.
- The newly proposed language includes limiting students to being a half an hour late to exams for conflicting events such as practice or meetings; notifying professors far in advance of conflicts; adding a Section 5 – Students representing MSU – and having it specifically noted in Section 4c, in parenthesis, as follows:
 - Are engaged in an activity or event sanctioned in paragraph 310.01 of the Student Conduct Code. (Official student representatives with a regularly scheduled practice or meeting that conflicts with a Common Hour Exam see point 5 below.)
- Senators will vote on the Common Hour and first section of the Course Credit policies via email.

Defining Course Credit Hours: Draft Policy for Discussion – Larry Carucci

- National legislation (Dept of Education via NWAAC) allows MSU to design a course credit hour policy.
- Faculty Affairs discussed two major points, among others:
 - Equivalency is on learning outcomes.
 - Senate discussed how to measure outcomes in a way that demonstrates what one has learned.
 - Lifetime learning.
 - Senate queried how it would be gauged.

- Knowledge and skills, an “effort” concept, might be included in language describing measurable outcomes as competency.
- Chair Neumeier would like senators to review the language, as posted on the FS website, provide input and Faculty Affairs will bring the policy back for a more in-depth discussion.

As there was no further business, the meeting 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.