

## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

**DATE:** October 11, 2001

**PRESENT:** George Benedict  
George Madden  
Randall Gloege  
Mark Hardt  
Matt Redinger  
Christina Sprague for Jennifer Gerondale (ex-officio)

Sandie Rietz  
Keith Edgerton  
Doxey Hatch  
Connie Landis

**ABSENT:** Doug Brown – *excused*  
Paul Bauer – *excused*  
Scott Harris (ex-officio)  
George White (ex-officio)  
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)  
Lee Peters (ex-officio)

David Gurchiek – *excused*  
Randy Rhine (ex-officio)  
Dan Zirker (ex-officio)  
Janie Park (ex-officio)  
Bob Carr (ex-officio)

**PRESIDING:** Sandie Rietz, Chair

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Sandie Rietz called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. on October 11, 2001 in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

Sandie Rietz welcomed Keith Edgerton as a new at-large member of the Senate.

Sandie Rietz also welcomed Christina Sprague, Student Resolution Officer, as the representative from ASMSU-B.

The October 4, 2001 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

### I. OLD BUSINESS

#### A. Senate memo to the Chancellor concerning UCC and Senate actions on Items 118, 119, 119.a, and 121.

**118:** Bachelor of Science in Education Degree Teaching Major in Social Science. Deletion of program.

**119:** Bachelor of Science Degree Teaching Certificate Option in Biology. Modify existing program.

**119.a:** Bachelor of Science Degree Teaching Certificate Option in Chemistry. Modify existing program.

**121:** Bachelor of Arts Degree with Teaching Certificate Option in History. Modify existing program.

After explanation for new members about the past events, revision of the memo ensued. The Senate discussed the questionable legality of the catalog, which is a contract, and decided that a response should be requested from the Chancellor. The memo was so revised and will be attached to the listed items along with the memo from the UCC.

**B. Chair Elect Policy Draft.** Sandie Rietz presented her draft of the policy change. She stated that the Chair Elect is a vital addition at Board of Regents meetings, because MSU-B would have one voice that carried over several years, rather than a number of different voices. Name recognition at the meetings is also important. Duties of the Chair Elect were discussed.

⇒ Motion by Matt Redinger, second by Randall Gloege to approve the changes.

The duties of the Chair Elect shall be:

- 1. Attend Board of Regents meetings with the Chair.**
- 2. Succeed to Chair when the Chair's term is over.**
- 3. Succeed to Chair in the event that the Chair steps down.**

⇒ Motion carried.

**C. Memo to Dr. Park requesting funds to purchase books for the General Education Committee.** There were no changes. The memo will be sent to Dr. Park.

**D. Faculty Association/Senate Meeting Date.** Sandie Rietz announced that the next FA/Senate meeting would be Monday, October 22, 2001, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Bridger room of the SUB. The Senate Chair and Vice-Chairs are required to go, but all Senate members and faculty are invited. A reminder will be sent out.

**E. Performance Based Funding.** The Senate further discussed their concerns about this program. It was pointed out that this is much more information about the budget and funding than the faculty ever received in the past. Also noted was the timeline for this program, which is tightly packed, and some of the committee members have stated to Senate members that they “don’t have time to stop and think.” Finally, it was cited that the use of this program was already decided before the faculty knew about it. The Senate decided to bring up these concerns at the FA/Senate meeting on October 22, 2001.

## II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

**Item 122** SPAN 309 Mexican-American Literature. Change title and catalog description.  
 ⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, second by Matt Redinger to accept Item 122 for information only.  
 ⇒ Motion carried.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Board of Regents Edict on Writing Proficiency.** A copy of the memo from Joyce A. Scott, Deputy Commissioner for Academic and Student Affairs, and attachments were distributed. Sandie Rietz requested that the Senate members read the materials for the next meeting.

**B. Selection of Sabbatical Committee Candidates.** A list of candidates that had been assembled by the Chair and Secretary was distributed. The Senate removed two names, and the list was accepted and will be sent to Dr. Park, as per her request.

**Item 8** Addition to Academic Senate Bylaws, General Education Standing Committee.

**Item 8.a** Change of Academic Senate Bylaws, Article III., Organization of the Academic Senate (Vice Chair policy).

⇒ Motion by Randall Gloege, second by Doxey Hatch to approve Items 8 and 8.a.

⇒ Motion carried.

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A. UBC.** George Benedict stated that the Senate is actually offered two positions on the University Budget Committee. He asked that any interested Senate members join him at the next meeting.

**B. MAP Concerns.** Sandie Rietz stated that last summer she and Mary Susan Fishbaugh were requested to attend MAP training periods. They refused. The Faculty Association will be modifying a memo about this problem at their next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2001.

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