

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: November 1, 2001

PRESENT:	Sandie Rietz	Paul Bauer
	George Madden	Keith Edgerton
	Randall Gloege	Mark Hardt
	Connie Landis	Matt Redinger
	Dan Zirker (ex-officio)	

ABSENT:	George Benedict – <i>excused</i>	Doug Brown – <i>excused</i>
	David Gurchiek – <i>excused</i>	Doxey Hatch
	Bob Carr (ex-officio)	Scott Harris (ex-officio)
	Randy Rhine (ex-officio)	George White (ex-officio)
	Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)	Janie Park (ex-officio)
	Jennifer Gerondale (ex-officio)	Lee Peters (ex-officio)

PRESIDING: Sandie Rietz, Chair

Sandie Rietz called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. on November 1, 2001 in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The October 25, 2001 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. November Board of Regents Meeting – Call for Topics. Sandie Reitz requested that all senate members identify policies that are obstructive to programs at MSU-B. Other policies and proposals discussed included the credit cap being lowered, student representation at the Board, and transferability of credits between universities. The Senate decided to take the position that it supports flexibility in the credit cap requirements and requests the ability to negotiate credits for transfer students, should the subject of credit caps come up at the meeting. It was also decided that salary parity for MSU-Bozeman and MSU-Billings should be brought up at the meeting.

B. Background on Items 53, 53.a, and 53.b (EDUC 584, 585, 586). The Senate reviewed Item 36 (1999-2000) New Course, SPED 584 Student Teaching, which is listed at nine credits, and confirmed that items 53-53.b should be sent back to the Graduate Committee for clarification.

C. Academic Senate/Faculty Association Coalition (ASFAC). The Senate indicated that the administration is *not* a part of this coalition. The Senate further noted that the Performance Based Funding Model is an excellent example of the need for this coalition. The administration could communicate with the faculty through two different groups and the faculty could get “in the loop” sooner on administrative initiatives.

Sandie Rietz distributed a rewritten copy of the memo of understanding between the Senate and the Faculty Association.

⇒Motion by Randall Gloege, second by Mark Hardt to accept the memo as written.

⇒Motion carried.

Sandie Rietz announced that the first meeting of the ASFAC and the Chancellor is scheduled for November 29, 2001 at 3:30 p.m.

- Senators are asked to bring any suggestions for discussion of the Performance Based Funding Model or other topics to the Executive Committee.

D. Performance Based Funding Model. Dan Zirker, facilitator of the Faculty Quality Committee, stated that the model they are attempting to build is much more related to performance rather than budget. The Senate noted that some sort of concept was formed, if not decided upon, before it was ever brought to the faculty—yet another reason to form the ASFAC. The further use of the term “punishment” was discussed. The Senate decided that the members of the committees and all faculty must be very aware of what they are building so as not to put themselves into a hole that is much too deep.

III NEW BUSINESS

A. Membership of the ad hoc Committee on Writing Proficiency. Senate members are asked to give any suggestions to Rita J. Rabe, Academic Senate Office Secretary.

B. Senate Member to Attend November BoR Meeting. Sandie Rietz asks for any volunteers. Please contact Sandie Rietz or Rita J. Rabe. Keith Edgerton volunteered but cannot attend the November meeting.

C. Crisis Management. Sandie Rietz distributed the minutes of the Crisis Management Team Meeting on October 26, 2001. Sandie stated that there will probably be many policy changes forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2001.

Upcoming events:

- Board of Regents Meet in Bozeman, November 15-16, 2001
- ASFAC Preliminary Meeting, November 29, 2001
- ASFAC Meeting with Administration, December 6, 2001

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