

## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

**DATE:** February 14, 2002

**PRESENT:** Sandie Rietz  
Paul Bauer  
Keith Edgerton  
Connie Landis  
Janie Park (ex-officio)

Dave Gurchiek  
George Madden  
Randall Gloege

**ABSENT:** George Benedict – *excused*  
Mark Hardt – *excused*  
Doxey Hatch

Bob Carr (ex-officio)  
Randy Rhine (ex-officio)  
Dan Zirker (ex-officio)  
Bryce Anderson (ex-officio)

Doug Brown – *excused*  
Matt Redinger – *excused*

Scott Harris (ex-officio)  
George White (ex-officio)  
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)  
Bryce Lee Peters (ex-officio)

**GUEST:** Carl Hanson

**PRESIDING:** Sandie Rietz, Chair

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Sandie Rietz called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. on February 14, 2002 in room B8 at the College of Technology.

The February 7, 2002 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

### I. Athletic Training Master's

Carl Hanson, Chair, Department of Health, Physical Education, and Human Services, presented the progress of the Master's in Athletic Training. He stated that his department received the go-ahead to hire new faculty in October of 2001. They began interviewing candidates for the new faculty position in Athletic Training at the beginning of February. He stated that the reason his department had received a new faculty position was they had proposed a new program in Athletic Training as per a request for proposals from Dean White, and were awarded the funding for this position. The Provost, by way of Dean White, had asked for proposals for new programs, because the Chancellor had found

funding that would make available seven to eight new faculty positions. After the authorization to hire new faculty came through in October, the department noted that a Notice of Intent for a new program was due to the Board of Regents by November. A notice was then written and submitted as soon as possible.

Dr. Hanson then stated that he is working on a 15-page report to be sent to the Board of Regents proposing the new program. However, this report is mainly concerned with financial and faculty requirements, not necessarily with syllabi and courses involved in the program.

It was suggested that the Senate be sent the Notice of Intent at the time it is sent to the Board so the Senate will be aware of new program proposals.

It was also noted that faculty should be informed that all changes, from course changes to department name changes, be sent to the Senate.

The Senate asked that Carl Hanson send the Notice of Intent and his 15-page report to the Senate as information items.

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The question was then raised as to why this department got three new faculty (actually 2 new and one fill for a retiring faculty member). Janie Park, Provost, responded that Dr. Sexton had informed her there will be funding for seven to eight new faculty positions, and that she should create a list according to priority of where these new positions should go. Dr. Park delegated this task to the Deans, who made the choices as to where the funding went (and these choices were then approved by the Provost and Chancellor).

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A question was then raised about the “rumor” of a College of Allied Health on campus. Dr. Park stated that right now the idea is a health school or center within a college. Billings Deaconess Hospital has expressed a great deal of interest in a 2-year nursing program in Billings, which they may start themselves due to resistance from Bozeman.

⇒Motion by Keith Edgerton, second by Dave Gurchiek that when departments or colleges generate **Notices of Intent for new program proposals** that they provide the Academic Senate, prior to submission to the Board of Regents, a copy of the notice for information and review.

⇒Motion carried.

## II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

**Item 13** Student Assignments for Committee Roster 2001-2002. For information only.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, second by Dave Gurchiek to accept **Item 13** for information only.

⇒ Motion carried.

## III. OLD BUSINESS

**A. Agenda of Topics to Discuss with Geoff Gamble, President, Montana State University.** A list was generated by the Senate, including:

- faculty load
- a two-year nursing program
- shared governance
- uniqueness of our clientele (large non-traditional population)
- enrollment differences (many students who go in & out over several years)
- performance improvement and accountability
- credit transfer issues (other Montana schools' capability to reject MSU-B students' credits)

The Senate also discussed meetings for Dr. Gamble. It was suggested that he meet with the entire College of Technology faculty. It was also suggested that to be fair he should also meet with the entire faculty of the main campus. A third meeting should be set so the Senate and Faculty Association could speak with Dr. Gamble.

Sandie Rietz stated that she would write a letter containing an agenda with the above items, a venue, and a rough schedule of these meetings for the next Senate meeting.

**B. General Education Committee.** The motion by the Gen Ed Committee to reduce the required credits to 31 was clarified. It is not a motion of the Senate. Sandie Rietz also noted that the Writing Proficiency Committee will have a statement in 2-3 weeks that will be sent to the Provost and the Senate.

The Senate then made this statement:

**The Senate has received the resolution and minutes of the General Education Committee's meeting and the Senate eagerly awaits the model to come.**

**C. Statements Written by George Madden.** Discussion of these statements will be postponed until a later meeting.

**D. Conflict Between NCATE Requirements and the CBA.** It was stated that according to an attorney, the faculty is in charge of the syllabus and they do not have to make the changes required by NCATE. There are two ways to approach the problem: each faculty member could file a grievance and get lost in the paper work, or the faculty could refuse to make the change and it will go to the bargaining table.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

**A. Set Deadlines for the 2003-2005 (next) Undergraduate Catalog.** After some discussion of timelines, the Senate made a motion.

⇒ Motion by Randall Gloege, second by Paul Bauer to set an **annual deadline** for submissions for the catalog as **the last Senate meeting before Thanksgiving**.

⇒ Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

The next Senate meeting will be February 21, 2002.

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