

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: December 1, 2011

PRESENT:	Scott Murray	Stephen Eliason
	Don Larsen	Sandie Rietz
	Craig McKenzie	Keith Edgerton
	Bruce Brumley	Patricia Vettel-Becker
	Diane Duin (ex-officio)	Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
	Mark Pagano (ex-officio)	

ABSENT:	Paul Bauer*	Susan Gilbertz*
	David Gurchiek*	Doug Brown*
	Mark Hardt*	ReAnna Kero (student)*
	Ryan Shore (student)*	Tim Wilkinson (ex-officio)
	Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)*	Marsha Riley (ex-officio)
	Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)	Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)
	Barbara Wheeling (ex-officio)	

* *excused*

PRESIDING: Bruce Brumley, Chair

Bruce Brumley called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m. in the COT Health Science South Conference Room.

The minutes of November 17 were accepted as presented.

The agenda was modified to add **Item 24**.

I. ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Item 24 ACTG 435 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). Remove prerequisites.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Craig McKenzie to **accept Item 24 for information**.

⇒ Motion carried.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Brumley reported that he attended the BOR meeting November 17-18, where he met with the MUSFAR group (Montana University System Faculty Association Representatives) and was elected as its Secretary.

III. PROVOST REPORT

Mark Pagano reported that the faculty professional development proposals were reviewed and a majority was approved. The search for the COB Dean is under way, as well as the new position Vice Provost for Undergraduate Learning, which will replace the position of Interim Associate Provost. There will likely be a workshop in Helena in January regarding program prioritization for the University System. The MSUB space utilization initiative is being put on hold while we survey our students to find out what they think are the best times to have classes.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Ed.D. with MSU-Bozeman

It was noted that the real issue is how new programs get started. They should originate with faculty members, not administrators.

It was agreed that the Senate should have a discussion in the Spring with the Provost, the COE Dean, and concerned COE faculty regarding an Ed.D. being offered at MSUB.

B. Academic Senate Executive Committee Meetings

Mr. Brumley has scheduled an Executive Committee meeting with the Provost and Chancellor for a week from today.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bylaws Review

Susan Gilbertz and Mark Hardt were unable to attend today's meeting.

B. Tobacco Free Policy

Mr. Brumley forwarded a memo to Student Health Services about the Senate's need for a more formal proposal before support could be offered.

C. CARE Appeals

Mr. Brumley forwarded the sentiments of the Senate to the concerned faculty member.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

An issue of faculty not being able to attend meetings due to schedule conflicts was raised. Sandie Rietz, Chair of the Committee on Committees, noted the COC could review the situation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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