

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: September 29, 2011

PRESENT:	Stephen Eliason	Don Larsen
	Sandie Rietz	Paul Bauer
	Susan Gilbertz	Lorrie Steerey
	David Gurchiek	Keith Edgerton
	Doug Brown	Mark Hardt
	Bruce Brumley	Patricia Vettel-Becker
	ReAnna Kero (student)	Ryan Shore (student)
	Diane Duin (ex-officio)	Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
	Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)	Marsha Riley (ex-officio)

ABSENT:	Scott Murray	
	Tim Wilkinson (ex-officio)	Barbara Wheeling (ex-officio)*
	Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)	Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)
		<i>* excused</i>

GUESTS:	Darla Tyler-McSherry	Dalton Emig-Wahrman
	Trinity Halverson	

PRESIDING: Lorrie Steerey, Chair

Lorrie Steerey called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The minutes of September 15 were accepted with corrections.

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 1 EDU 397G Methods: 5-12 Science, EDU 397H Methods: K-12 Art, EDU 397I Methods: K-12 Music, EDU 497A Methods: 5-12 Social Studies, EDU 497B Methods: 5-12 Mathematics, EDU 497C Methods: K-12 Modern Language, EDU 497D Methods: 5-12 English. Add EDU 354 as a corequisite to the listed courses.

⇒ Motion by Doug Brown, seconded by Paul Bauer to **accept Item 1 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 4 AAS in Radiologic Technology. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Mark Hardt, seconded by Sandie Rietz to **accept Item 4 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

II. PRESENTATION on Tobacco-Free Campus Policy Efforts
Darla Tyler-McSherry, Interim Director, Student Health Services
Dalton Emig-Wahrman, student
Trinity Halverson, Marketing, Student Health Services

The presentation is attached to these minutes.

The question was raised as to why “tobacco-free” instead of “smoke-free.” Tobacco-free would include any product such as chew, snus, and even tobacco mints which are newer products on the market. Ms. Tyler-McSherry stated that they want to give a consistent health message. Also, clean-up by the custodial staff of the mess created by chewing tobacco can be hazardous to them.

It was noted that students do pay to live in the dorms. Can we really stop them from using tobacco in any way, when they pay to live here? We don’t stop off-campus students from using tobacco.

It was stated that the tobacco-free policy seems to protect people from themselves. It’s a paternalistic issue: “We’re doing it for your own good.” This does not seem appropriate. If MSUB were to adopt a smoke-free rather than tobacco-free policy, it would be much easier buy-in.

It was cited that enforcement is also an issue. How do you even know someone is using chewing tobacco unless you can see it? Ms. Tyler-McSherry stated that rather than fines and punishment, they would work toward education, and this policy is by no means finalized.

Ms. Tyler-McSherry stated they would like the Senate’s statement on the policy by November 30. It was agreed this topic will be discussed at a later Senate meeting.

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Board of Regents Meeting Debriefing

Dr. Steerey noted that the BOR approved the contract. The only other issue of note was Montana Tech wants to offer a Ph.D. and Bozeman is opposed to the idea.

B. Provost Council Report

Dr. Rietz stated that they received an enrollment report at yesterday's meeting. We are down just slightly—61 students—from last fall. The COT enrollment is slightly down but we are up in graduate students and international students.

Additional notes are attached to these minutes.

C. Chancellor's Cabinet Report

Dr. Steerey noted that we are \$286,000 above budget, most likely because of our mix of graduate and international students.

Noel Levitz will be visiting in October. Fifty-two percent of our students leave and do not return.

The dining services contract is currently out for bid. There are five different companies in the bidding process.

MSU-Bozeman is ending the MSUii. This was the initiative to bring all the MSU units onto the same calendar and pay schedule. However, President Cruzado would like everyone to be on the two-week pay schedule.

MSU-Bozeman has started the Golden Awards, a recognition open to faculty, staff, and students across the MSU system. The Senate should consider a process to nominate people for this award. Dr. Steerey will contact President Cruzado to find out what kind of process Bozeman intends with these new awards.

D. New Provost

As soon as Mark Pagano is available, the Senate will hold a meeting with him for discussion and with no particular agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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