

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: September 12, 2013

PRESENT: Scott Murray Patricia Vettel-Becker
Don Larsen Cindy Dell
Barb Pedula Susan Gilbertz
Craig McKenzie David Gurchiek
Paul Pope Bruce Brumley
Francisco Saldivar Ryan Shore (student)
Diane Duin (ex-officio) Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
Barbara Wheeling (ex-officio) Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)
Marsha Riley (ex-officio) Matt Redinger (ex-officio)
Adrian Robertson (for Debra Johnson)

ABSENT: Mark Pagano (ex-officio)* Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)
Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)
* *excused*

GUESTS: Cheri Johannes Kevin Nemeth
Susan Balter-Reitz

PRESIDING: Bruce Brumley, Chair

Bruce Brumley called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The minutes of April 18 and August 29 were accepted as presented.

I. Sabbatical Committee

The request for 10 faculty names has been received from the Provost. The Senate will put out an email call for volunteers.

II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 1 AAS in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration. Termination of program. (Has been on moratorium since Fall 2010) For information.
BOR approved May 2013

⇒ Motion by Don Larsen, seconded by Susan Gilbertz to **accept Item 1 for information.**

The question was raised as to whether a proper review of the HVAC program was done in the moratorium period.

⇒ Motion carried with one abstention.

Item 2 Committee Report for 2012-2013: Graduate Committee.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Susan Gilbertz to **accept Item 2 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 3 Committee Report for 2012-2013: Commencement Committee.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Dave Gurchiek to **accept Item 3 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 4 Committee Report for 2012-2013: Library Committee.

⇒ Motion by Patricia Vettel-Becker, seconded by Scott Murray to **accept Item 4 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 5 Committee Report for 2012-2013: CARE Committee.

⇒ Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Scott Murray to **accept Item 5 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 7 Committee Roster for 2013-2014.

⇒ Motion by Don Larsen, seconded by Scott Murray to **accept Item 7 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 8 Emeritus Nomination: Sue Hart, Department of English, Philosophy and Modern Languages, College of Arts and Sciences. For information.

⇒ Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Scott Murray to **accept Item 8 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried unanimously.

Item 9 Emeritus Nomination: Craig Wilson, Department of Sociology, Political Science, Native American Studies and Environmental Studies, College of Arts and Sciences. For information.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Susan Gilbertz to **accept Item 9 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried unanimously.

Item 10 Committee Report for 2012-2013: Academic Standards & Scholastic Standing Committee.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Cindy Dell to **accept Item 10 for information.**

The report was amended to include reference to the approved changes in the Fresh Start Policy. The change is to permit students who are not in BA/BS programs to complete 15 credits instead of 30 to be eligible to request an academic fresh start bankruptcy.

⇒ Motion carried.

III. PROVOST REPORT

A. Copyright, Online Courses, and BOR Policy (ongoing issue)

Sue Balter-Reitz, Interim Director of eLearning, stated that she is here to present information on this topic. There is a new policy which is going to the Board of Regents next week for approval. It is very liberal for faculty rights, as the material now belongs to the creator. References to using University-owned computers causing the material to belong to the University have been removed. There are now only two situations where faculty would not own the material: the faculty member signed a contract to convert a course to online and receives a stipend, or the faculty member received a grant to create or convert a course.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Prioritization Council

The criteria are available on the web and comments are still being accepted. The APC has agreed that the data will go to the Deans and then the Academic Senate. That is, the Senate will have access to all the data. The Senate will then be asked to make a recommendation for each program: retain, expand, blend, or phase out. How this will take place is not planned yet.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion of No Credit Limit Rule: Need for Faculty Approval Guest: Cheri Johannes, Registrar

Dr. Johannes noted that the undergraduate credit overload policy is different than the graduate policy, and she understands that the Graduate Committee is currently reviewing their policy. Since we no longer have the “Flat Spot,” more students will likely request higher credit loads. The current undergraduate policy is:

Any student not on probation may register for up to 18 credits per term. However, individual students who have a 3.00 grade point average (GPA) may register for up to 20 credits per semester without consent being required. Students who wish to register for a credit load in excess of 18 hours, but who have less than a 3.00 GPA must have approval of the chairperson of the department in which they are majoring. Students who have a 3.00 GPA and wish to register for a credit load in excess of 20 credits per semester must have the approval of the chairperson of the department in which they are majoring, complete a Request for Overload form, and return the form to the Office of Admissions and Records.

It was noted that it would make sense to move the limit for students with a GPA of 3.00 or better to 21 credits, rather than 20, since most courses are 3 credits. The question was raised as to whether any student should be allowed to register for more than 18 credits. It could turn a great student into a failure in a course or two. It was cited that the financial obligation of college for students makes credit overloads a good financial decision for the students who are capable. We do need to make sure that support and resources are available to those students. The question was raised as to whether we should even restrict students from registering for as many credits as they want. It was noted that it is important to have a conversation with the student before enrolling in a high-credit situation.

It was agreed that the Senate asked the Academic Standards & Scholastic Standing Committee to review the Credit Overload policy.

B. Extended Campus Faculty Workgroup (one year ad hoc committee)**Guest: Kevin Nemeth, Director, MSUB Extended Campus**

Mr. Brumley stated that Director Nemeth has asked the Senate to form an ad hoc committee with one faculty member from each of the five colleges, the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and himself as chairperson. Mr. Nemeth stated that the concept of Extended Campus needs to be defined and some infrastructure put in place. A lot of faculty input is needed for development of this program. Mr. Nemeth cited that we need to create policy and procedures where there were none before, or if they did exist, they were unclear.

It was suggested the committee be formed either with Senators or that Senators find a faculty member from their colleges to serve. It was suggested that a student representative should also be added. It was also suggested that each of the faculty unions be represented, since discussions of faculty compensation will likely occur.

VI. ACADEMIC SENATE BYLAWS MODIFICATIONS: FIRST READING

Item 11 Academic Senate Bylaws Article III. Organization of the Academic Senate. Changes to Chair Elect and Vice Chair officer positions.
Requires general faculty vote.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Ryan Shore to **approve Item 11 on first reading.**

If the situation arises where a Senator's term on Senate ends while he or she is chair, we will address it when it happens.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 11.a Academic Senate Bylaws. Change name of College of Technology to City College.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Cindy Dell to **approve Item 11.a on first reading.**

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Barb Pedula, seconded by Don Larsen to **waive second reading of Item 11.a.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 11.b Academic Senate Bylaws Article IV. Section B. 9. Committee on Committees. Rename committee to the Committee on Faculty Service.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Don Larsen to **approve Item 11.b on first reading.**

⇒ Motion carried with one opposed.

⇒ Motion by Don Larsen, seconded by Scott Murray to **waive second reading of Item 11.b.**

⇒ Motion carried with one opposed.

Item 11.c Academic Senate Bylaws Article VII. Amendments. Change to include approval via electronic vote in addition to general faculty meeting.
Requires general faculty vote.

⇒ Motion by Don Larsen, seconded by Cindy Dell to **approve Item 11.c on first reading.**

⇒ Motion carried.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Patricia Vettel-Becker volunteered to be the Senate representative to Provost Council.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Required Summer Courses

We have a few programs which now move students in cohorts, and those programs do have required courses offered only in summer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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