

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: April 9, 2015

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| PRESENT: | Tom Dell | Patricia Vettel-Becker |
| | Cindy Dell | Francisco Saldivar |
| | Susan Gilbertz | James Barron |
| | Andrew Sullivan | Paul Pope |
| | Bruce Brumley | Stephen Coffman |
| | Sonja Choriki (student) | Christine Shearer (ex-officio) |
| | Barbara Wheeling (ex-officio) | Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio) |
| | Rita Kratky (ex-officio) | William Shields (ex-officio) |

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| ABSENT: | A.J. Otjen* | Debra Johnson* |
| | Kelly Shumway | Diane Duin (ex-officio)* |
| | Matt Redinger (ex-officio)* | Terrie Iverson (ex-officio) |
| | Joe Oravec (ex-officio) | |

* *excused*

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| GUESTS: | Mark Nook | Mark Jacobson |
| | Don Wilathgamuwa | Maggie McBride |
| | Darrel Williams | |

PRESIDING: Bruce Brumley, Chair

Bruce Brumley called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. in the City College Health Science South Conference Room.

The minutes of March 26 were accepted as presented.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Brumley noted that the Executive Budget Council is mostly looking at where we are. There will probably be no new investments, but if there are any, they will be discussed at the University Budget Committee. Also, the UBC will now be seeing all of the auxiliary budgets. At the next UBC meeting, the committee will be given an introduction to auxiliary budgets.

II. CHANCELLOR REPORT

Commencement

After the loss of Sue Hart, longtime coordinator of Commencement, the Commencement Committee is discussing some changes. The Ivy Guard is probably the most controversial. Most of the feedback regarding the Ivy Guard has been negative, since only women are allowed and they are dressed in white. One option is to do a mixed group of students wearing something other than white robes, and another option is to have faculty do this function. At other universities, the second option is done in private, i.e., off stage, and becomes a very personal moment between faculty and students. This could also be done more formally and publically. If this option is chosen, it will change how everyone enters the Metra, with students entering first and the platform group last. The other part of Commencement we will be doing away with is the invocation and benediction. Sooner or later, someone is going to object and we will have to remove it anyway. There will also be a row added at the front for honored guests who don't need to be on the platform, such as the Chancellor's wife, the speaker's spouse, etc. Susan Gilbertz, Commencement Committee member, stated that the committee had several good, long debates about these issues.

BSED/Billings Gazette

Big Sky Economic Development and the Gazette have asked the Chancellor to work with them to build MSUB's image and reputation. With that in mind, a regular editorial in the Gazette was proposed.

Legislature

Dr. Nook noted that the state pay plan bill has been killed. This does not necessarily impact the University System. The pay plan may still be passed in another bill. However, if the pay plan does not pass, then the tuition freeze as part of that agreement also dies, and thus the Regents could increase tuition to fund a pay increase.

The funding for our Library updates is looking good to pass, but nothing is guaranteed.

Yellowstone Hall

Regarding fundraising for Yellowstone Hall, in April of 2014, our total was about \$138,000. It is now about \$1.5 million, and we need another \$3.5 million. The Foundation has pulled its board together and will be doing targeted fundraising within various industry sectors. Yellowstone Hall has been linked with the proposed eastern Montana crime lab in the Legislature, but the Regents were not in on that decision and it has to come through them. The crime lab would be a secured facility, so students would not be able to work there.

III. PROVOST REPORT

Dr. Shields noted that he carefully considered the structure of the Provost Council and decided to reduce it. It will now consist only of the Provost's direct reports, the deans, a representative from Staff Senate, a representative from Academic Senate, and the Vice

Chancellor for Student Affairs. Every meeting will have an agenda, which has not always been the case in the past. As a result, the meetings have been shorter.

Dr. Shields also held a listening session with the College of Arts & Sciences Chairs. The Chairs' concerns have been shared with the Chancellor, and as Dr. Nook has stated, he is open to alternatives to the reorganization. Within about the next ten days, the Chairs will be submitting a report of alternatives to the reorganization.

Chancellor Nook noted that while the alternatives are in process, a committee elected from CAS will be put together to discuss the reorganization.

V. CURRICULUM ITEMS – CONSENT

Item 92 M 110 Mathematical Computing. Remove corequisite.

Item 92.a M 172 Calculus II. Remove corequisite.

Item 92.b M 273 Multivariable Calculus. Change prerequisite.

Item 92.c M 274 Introduction to Differential Equations. Change prerequisite.

Item 92.e MATH 161 Math for Health Sciences. Delete course.

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Cindy Dell to **accept the consent agenda.**

⇒ Motion carried.

VI. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 92.f Minor in Statistics. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Steve Coffman, seconded by Francisco Saldivar to **approve Item 92.f on first reading.**

Maggie McBride, Chair of Mathematics, noted that they worked with multiple departments to develop the list of interdisciplinary courses now included in the minor.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Cindy Dell to **waive second reading of Item 92.f.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 91 EDCI 517 Integrating the Arts across the Elementary Curriculum. New course.

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Francisco Saldivar to **approve Item 91 on first reading.**

It was noted that this course has been offered as a workshop for some time.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Francisco Saldivar to **waive second reading of Item 91.**

⇒ Motion carried.

VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 96 HHP 435 Health Aspects of Aging. Change rubric to HTH and title to Health and Wellness across the Lifespan. In effect, deletes HHP 435. Changes due to CCN; for information only.

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Cindy Dell to **accept Item 96 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 101 BA Major in Communication Arts Theatre Option and Minor in Communication Arts Theatre Option. Placing programs on moratorium. For information only.

⇒ Motion by Francisco Saldivar, seconded by Cindy Dell to **accept Item 101 for information.**

The Department has not had a theater faculty member for two years.

⇒ Motion carried with 1 opposed.

Item 101.a AAS in Drafting and Design Technology and AS Program of Study in Drafting and Design. Placing programs on moratorium. For information only.

Item 101.b Certificate of AS in Assistant Drafter, Architectural or Civil. Placing programs on moratorium. For information only.

These items will be held for the next meeting since the paperwork has not been received.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. The Future for the Academic Computing & Allied Technology Committee

It was noted that our Chief Information Officer has no use for this committee, and it has not met in years. The Senate should consider removing the committee.

⇒ Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Cindy Dell that the **Academic Computing & Allied Technology Committee convene early in the fall to determine if they have any business, and report back to the Academic Senate.**

⇒ Motion carried with 1 opposed.

B. Courses Not Offered since Fall 2010

It was agreed that the Senate will send out the list to Department Chairs and Deans, and a request for information will be included. The Senate is only requesting information or a decision, not pushing for deletion of any courses. The request will be sent this month, and again in August, with reporting due to the Senate by October 16. These will be considered consent agenda items, to help streamline any deletions that may occur.

It was noted this should be done periodically to keep the catalog up to date.

C. Review/Revise Emeritus Policy: Procedure for approving nominations does not include Academic Senate

It was noted that emeritus status can be treated either as an evaluative procedure like faculty evaluations, or it can be awarded to any faculty member who retires from MSUB. Chancellor Nook noted that it seems odd that the decision to award the status lies with the Chancellor; it should be in the hands of the faculty. This topic will be on the fall Retreat agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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