

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: February 5, 2004

PRESENT:	Lorrie Steerey	Sandie Rietz
	Paul Bauer	Audrey ConnerRosberg
	Mary Susan Fishbaugh	Keith Edgerton
	Randall Gloege	Alan Davis
	Connie Landis	Matt Redinger
	John Cech (ex-officio)	George White (ex-officio)
	Janie Park (ex-officio)	Amanda Mears (ex-officio)
	Victor Sargent (ex-officio)	Carl Hanson (ex-officio)

ABSENT:	St. John Robinson – <i>excused</i>	Mark Hardt – <i>excused</i>
	Joe Michels (ex-officio)	Randy Rhine (ex-officio)
	Dan Zirker (ex-officio)	Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)
	Curt Kochner (ex-officio)	

GUESTS:	Lonnie Schrag	Stan Wiatr
	Patty Frimodig	Susan Floyd

PRESIDING: Keith Edgerton, Chair

Keith Edgerton called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. in room B009 at the College of Technology.

The minutes of January 29 were accepted as presented.

It was noted that Lorrie Steerey will now be the temporary replacement for Doug Brown on the Senate, and Debbie Schoenfeld will take Dr. Steerey's place on the University Budget Committee.

I. ITEM – FIRST READING

Item 26 Faculty Development Council: RACE/IPD Committee Bylaws. Proposed changes.

George White & Stan Wiatr

George White, the Chair of the Committee, stated that there is little flexibility in the bylaws. The proposed changes will help with the funding allocation process and tracking of the dollars. It was also noted that the Committee makes recommendations only.

It was noted that as per the bylaws, an administrator is chair of the committee. This could result in a conflict of interest, and it is unusual that an administrator would chair a faculty committee. It was noted that other committees with an administrator as chair are considered administrative (not faculty) committees.

It was noted that the Director of Graduate Studies was originally a half-time faculty position. The position has evolved and our bylaws have not changed along with it.

⇒ Motion by Lorrie Steerey, seconded by Audrey ConnerRosberg to **accept Item 26, with the following amendments:**

The Committee shall be **called** the Research and Creative Endeavor (RACE) Committee, doing away with the Faculty Development Council and the IPD references.

The **Composition** of the committee shall now read:

The RACE/IPD Committee shall consist of one (1) faculty member from each college, two (2) students (see below), the Director of Graduate Studies, Research and Research Compliance (ex-officio), the Director of Grants and Sponsored Programs (ex-officio), and the Research Compliance Officer (ex-officio).

Students: one (1) graduate student to be appointed by the Academic Senate upon recommendation of the Graduate Student Association and one (1) undergraduate student to be appointed by the President of ASMSU-Billings.

The **Officers** shall now read:

The Chair of the Committee shall be elected from the faculty members.

⇒ Motion carried unanimously.

It was cited that the submission form for RACE funding has a “Disapproved. Return to Faculty Member” box, but no comment box. It was cited that a dean or chair could possibly disapprove a proposal for personal reasons that have nothing to do with the University, and that proposal would go no farther.

It was stated that a comment box should be added to the form, and the process should be amended to allow a proposal to reach the RACE Committee regardless of the chair’s and dean’s approval.

⇒ Motion by Randall Gloege, seconded by Sandie Rietz to **waive second reading of Item 26.**

⇒ Motion carried.

It was noted that the appointments to the RACE Committee need to be made as soon as possible, because they will be meeting very soon this semester.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. College of Allied Health Professions Update

Carl Hanson, Interim Dean, stated that several faculty have expressed interest in moving their programs to the new college. Janie Park, Provost, drafted Memorandums of Understanding for those faculty to move to the CAHP, and almost all have signed those Memos. The programs include the Health and Physical Education programs, the Health Administration program, and also the Human Services & Rehabilitation programs. Once the faculty have “moved” (i.e. signed the Memorandum of Understanding), we will begin discussions as a faculty about departmental organization.

Dr. Park noted that with the move of the Human Services programs to the CAHP, the CEHS will require a name change. The paperwork has started forward to change CEHS to simply the College of Education. We are also making changes in the Commencement programs. If a student does not want to graduate under the new college, he or she has the option to graduate under the old college.

Keith Edgerton noted that the Academic Senate bylaws will also need to reflect these changes.

The question was then raised as to how the COT fits into all of this.

John Cech, Dean, College of Technology, stated that he and Dr. Hanson have been working on the many articulation opportunities the new CAHP presents. It will be a slow process, but all of the COT allied health programs are currently being evaluated for 2 + 2 degree completion with the CAHP.

It was noted that moving all the two-year allied health programs currently at the COT to the CAHP means a major philosophical change to the CAHP.

It was further noted that classes at the COT are 25% cheaper, which is a major attraction for all students, including those who may move on to a four-year degree. The faculty at the COT also have a different bargaining agreement, which will probably cause some problems. It was cited that the faculty in these programs may have two deans, which may present problems as well.

It was noted that this is the first the COT faculty have heard about these discussions between the colleges.

It was cited that there have been proposals to move all two-year degrees to the COT. It was noted that this doesn't make much sense for some two-year degrees offered from the other colleges, but perhaps tuition could be adjusted for those students.

It was noted that the COT faculty want to be in on the ground floor with the new college. They do not want to be relegated to an extra program position attached to the CAHP.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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