

## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

**DATE:** April 1, 2004

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Sandie Rietz	Paul Bauer
	Audrey ConnerRosberg	Keith Edgerton
	Randall Gloege	Alan Davis
	Mark Hardt	Connie Landis
	Matt Redinger	
	Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)	Amanda Mears (ex-officio)
	Victor Sargent (ex-officio)	Janie Park (ex-officio)

<b>ABSENT:</b>	Lorrie Steerey	
	Mary Susan Fishbaugh – <i>excused</i>	
	John Cech (ex-officio)	Joe Michels (ex-officio)
	Randy Rhine (ex-officio)	George White (ex-officio)
	Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)	Curt Kochner (ex-officio)
	Carl Hanson (ex-officio)	

**PRESIDING:** Keith Edgerton, Chair

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Keith Edgerton called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The minutes of March 18 were accepted as presented.

### I. Academic Senate Meeting Schedule

It was decided that since most of the Senators would be out of town, the April 15 meeting would be cancelled. The April 22 meeting will be at the College of Technology, where the Senate will hold the final vote on the General Education Committee proposal.

Commissioner Sheila Stearns will also visit with the Academic Senate on Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at 4:00 pm in the Missouri room of the SUB.

## II. Board of Regents Meeting in Dillon

The Regents are more and more concerned about the reallocation of funds and how that might affect existing programs. MSU-Billings also received approval to offer a Minor in International Studies and a Certificate in Clinical Practice in the Masters in Rehabilitation and Related Services. Alan Davis noted that the certificate is really an advising mechanism to simplify what courses students must take to gain licensure. The AAS in Medical Assisting was also approved at Level II, and the name of the College of Education and Human Services has been changed to the College of Education.

## III. ITEMS – FIRST READING

**Item 41** COMT 502 Research Methods. New course.

⇒ Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Matt Redinger to **approve Item 41 on first reading.**

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Randall Gloege, seconded by Matt Redinger to **waive second reading of Item 41.**

⇒ Motion carried.

**Item 30** Master of Science in Athletic Training. Modification of an existing program.

It was noted that this change adds an option for students; they can take a thesis or a research project to finish their degree.

⇒ Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Audrey ConnerRosberg to **approve Item 30 on first reading.**

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Matt Redinger, seconded by Sandie Rietz to **waive second reading of Item 30.**

⇒ Motion carried.

**Item 44** Academic Senate Bylaws Revision of Standing and Administrative Support Committees (Article IV and V) to include the College of Allied Health Professions and the name change of the College of Education and Human Services to the College of Education

It was noted that the Human Services, Rehabilitation and Related Services, Health and Physical Education, and Health Administration programs have moved to the College of Allied Health Professions.

⇒ Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Mark Hardt to **approve Item 44** and its changes to add the College of Allied Health Professions and the name change of the College of Education and Human Services to the bylaws.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Matt Redinger, seconded by Mark Hardt to **waive second reading of Item 44.**

⇒ Motion carried.

#### IV. ITEMS – FOR INFORMATION

**Item 42** Medical Assisting AAS. Revised plan of study to reflect changes – see Items 32.a and 32.b.

⇒ Motion by Connie Landis, seconded by Mark Hardt to **accept Item 42 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

#### V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

##### A. Academic Senate Bylaws: Questions about CPSLL

It was noted that currently there are no faculty in the College of Professional Studies and Lifelong Learning. Should there be some kind of representation to the Academic Senate from this college?

Dr. Janie Park, Provost, noted that the CPSLL is for incubating new academic and entrepreneurial programs, with the intent that those programs will eventually move to appropriate homes. It was cited that if any new program is incubated in the CPSLL, the Senate will still have purview over the curriculum. It was further noted that if there was any issue that should come to the Academic Senate, Randy Rhine, Dean of the CPSLL, could bring that to the Senate as an ex-officio member.

It was cited that the position of “dean” does not have to be associated with faculty in a college. Many institutions have a dean of continuing education, which is similar to the CPSLL.

B. Graduate Committee: Graduate Faculty Criteria & Policy, Faculty Ownership

It was noted that for years graduate faculty membership was a simple application, and it was assumed it would be accepted, and that appointment was for life.

It has come to the attention of the Senate that a new shadow rank and tenure process has apparently developed to apply for graduate faculty status.

It was decided that Matt McMullen, Grad Committee Chair, and George White, Director of Graduate Studies should be invited to a future Senate meeting to discuss the graduate faculty process.

C. Posting Grade Reports: Dean George White

It was stated that last December, Dean White sent out to the Chairs in the College of Education and Human Services a complete list of all grades given in every course on campus. This document then circulated around to various faculty in various colleges.

Dr. Park noted that the administrators get this report every semester, mainly to watch for grade inflation. This can be useful if many students in various sections of the same course are failing. Perhaps a prerequisite course is needed, or some other support.

It was noted that this information could be used coercively to force a faculty member to change a grading style.

The Senate stated that this information is appropriate for administrators and deans, but such inflammatory information should not be distributed to the faculty.

Dr. Park stated that she would inform the deans not to share this report generally, but if they have a specific concern they can bring it to a department chair's attention for individual conferencing and further research. This would apply only to that dean's college, and other colleges' information would be excluded.

It was cited by several members of the Senate that the statistics in this report are not always reflective of the situation. Not all faculty members grade on a curve. Some only award A's and Incompletes, but the report does not necessarily take this approach into account.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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