

## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

**DATE:** February 14, 2008

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Agnes Samples	Jeff Sanders
	Rakesh Sah	Sandie Rietz
	Bruce Brumley	Kay Streeter
	Lorrie Steerey	Johanna Mitchell
	Keith Edgerton	Gershon Bulgatz
	Mark Hardt	Craig McKenzie
	Steve Coffman	David Garloff (ex-officio)
	Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)	John Cech (ex-officio)

<b>ABSENT:</b>	Alicia Esteves (student)*	James Ellis (student)*
	Gary Young (ex-officio)	Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)*
	Karen Heikel (ex-officio)	George White (ex-officio)*
	Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)	Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)

\* *excused*

<b>GUESTS:</b>	Cindy Rossmith	Lonnie Schrag
	David McGinnis	

**PRESIDING:** Lorrie Steerey, Chair

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Lorrie Steerey called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in room B57 of the College of Technology.

The minutes of January 31 were accepted as presented.

### I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

**Item 31** Emeritus Nomination of Dr. Gary Behm, Professor, Department of Music, College of Arts & Sciences. For information.

**Item 31.a** Emeritus Nomination of Dr. Tom Hinthorne, Professor, Department of Business Academic Programs, College of Business. For information.

**Item 31.b** Emeritus Nomination of Dr. Linda Christensen, Professor, Department of Special Education, Counseling, Reading, & Early Childhood, College of Education. For information.

⇒ Motion by Bruce Brumley, seconded by Steve Coffman to **accept Items 31, 31.a, and 31.b.**

⇒ Motion carried.

**Item 27** HON 281 Humanistic Thought of the United States to 1877. Change title to The American Intellectual Heritage (1620-1877).

**Item 27.a** HON 282 Humanistic Thought of the United States since 1877. Change title to The American Intellectual Heritage (1877-present).

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Craig McKenzie to **accept Items 27 and 27.a.**

⇒ Motion carried.

**Item 30** BS in General Science. Change title to BS in Broadfield Science.

⇒ Motion by Craig McKenzie, seconded by Bruce Brumley to **accept Item 30.**

⇒ Motion carried.

## II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### A. Discussion Topics for President Gamble Next Week

Dr. Steerey stated that President Gamble will not be here on February 21 because Patricia has been diagnosed with breast cancer and may need to have immediate surgery. He would like to meet with the Senate again at Big Timber on Friday, February 29 at 1:30 p.m. Chancellor Sexton will also attend this meeting.

It was noted that instead of a Senate meeting next week, the Budget Committee should begin meeting, perhaps every other week, alternating with the Senate. The administration should be able to attend the meeting next week, and Trudy Collins, former Budget Officer, will also be on campus to help sort through some issues generated by her replacement (who is no longer at MSUB).

The Chancellor has agreed that the Senate Budget Committee will see the entire General Fund budget, which is where the cuts must come from. The first Budget Committee will be Senators (Lorrie Steerey and Rakesh Sah for COB, Steve Coffman and Gershon Bulgatz for CAS, Kay Streeter and Sandie Rietz for COE, Craig McKenzie and Bruce Brumley for COT, and someone from CAHP), but the Committee on Committees can appoint other faculty who are interested.

## **B. Regular Meeting with Chancellor Sexton**

The meeting has to be moved out of City Brew. It was noted that 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday is a hard time to meet for many Senators. A better time might be 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. on Monday or Wednesday.

### **III. ITEMS – FIRST READING**

**Approved by the Academic Standards & Scholastic Standing Committee October, 2007**

**Tabled at 12/7/07 Senate**

**Item 20** Modification of the 51% rule specified in the MSUB COT Catalog.

⇒ Motion by Mark Hardt, seconded by Sandie Rietz to **take Item 20 up off the table.**

Lonnie Schrag, Team Leader for Nursing, Health, and Safety Occupations, stated that the new Associate of Science in Nursing program includes an option for practical nurses to transition to registered nurses with one year of study. However, the COT Catalog currently requires that 51% of a student's credits must be earned from MSUB. The nursing students would have to take another entire year of electives to meet this requirement. Mr. Schrag noted that he would like to modify the original proposal from 25% of credits earned at MSUB to 21 credits and to only include associate degree programs and not certificates. Thus, the 21 credit policy would include all the associate programs in the Nursing, Health, and Safety Occupations department.

It was noted that the 21 credit requirement is much better than the initially proposed 25% of credits. Also, it should be noted that this is not a requirement from the administration and this will not be setting a precedent for the rest of the COT.

It was noted that as the policy is written now, it says all programs in the Nursing, Health, and Safety Occupations department. This policy would then include any program that was moved into that department in the future. The policy should list the only programs to be included, and if more need to be added in the future, the department can come back to the Senate.

Mr. Schrag noted that all associate programs in his department should fall under the 21 credit policy to promote equitability among the programs. Students will likely ask why only the nursing students get the exception.

⇒ Motion by Mark Hardt and second by Sandie Rietz withdrawn.

⇒ Motion by Craig McKenzie, seconded by Mark Hardt **that only the Associate of Science in Nursing will have an exception to the 51% rule. Those students will have to complete a minimum of 21 credits at MSUB, rather than 51% of their credits.**

Mr. Schrag raised the question that the department's opinion, and the opinions of the program directors, do not matter?

⇒ Motion carried with two abstentions.

It was noted that a better rationale for all programs in the department being included must be submitted. Mr. Schrag noted that the program directors want this change. It was noted that the whole COT is involved. If the other program directors want their programs changed, each one should come to the Senate and request it.

#### IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

##### **B. COT Power Plant Tech Program**

It was noted that this program has been held by the Senate since October of 2007 because of budget issues. Jim Hughs, Process Plant Tech Program, has made the case for running the program with a half-time faculty member. Perhaps he should make that presentation to the Senate. It was noted that the original budget issues have not yet been resolved. Dean John Cech noted that he has been advocating (to the Provost) for a full-time position for the Power Plant program. Craig McKenzie stated that as chairperson of this area, he would like to see the budget before it comes to the Senate. Dr. Steerey noted that she needs to know the status of this program proposal before she goes to the Board of Regents meeting, March 5-7 in Dillon.

##### **C. Results of Accreditation Workshop in Seattle**

Dr. Steerey stated that the four Senators who attended the workshop would like to sit down with CQI Co-Chairs Fishbaugh and Khaleel and go through the Self Evaluation page by page. They learned a lot at this conference and would like to help. It was noted that the group would like to work on the latest draft, not the old one, so the meeting may have to wait a bit.

A reminder that next week's Senate meeting will be cancelled in favor of the Senate Budget Committee meeting, and the March 13 meeting will again be at the COT for the grand opening of the new building.

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

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