

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: January 20, 2011

PRESENT: Scott Murray
Lorrie Steerey
Keith Edgerton
Bruce Brumley
Ryan Shore (student)
Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
Vern Gagnon (ex-officio)
Gary Young (ex-officio)

Stephen Eliason
Craig McKenzie
Doug Brown
Patricia Vettel-Becker
Diane Duin (ex-officio)
Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)
Tammi Miller (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Don Larsen*
Paul Bauer*
Mark Hardt*
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)

Sandie Rietz*
Rakesh Sah*
Tim Wilkinson (ex-officio)
Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)

* *excused*

GUEST: Jay Shaw

PRESIDING: Lorrie Steerey, Chair

Lorrie Steerey called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The minutes of December 9 were accepted as presented.

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 30 BS Major in Outdoor Adventure Leadership. Modification of an existing program.

Item 30.a HHP 136 Snowshoeing. New course.

Item 30.b HHP 138 Telemark Skiing. New course.

Item 30.c HHP 183 Environment/Leave No Trace. New course.

Item 30.d HHP 184 Hiking/Backpacking. New course.

Item 30.e HHP 187 Mountain Biking. New course.

- Item 30.f** HHP 189 Basic Survival in the Outdoors. New course.
- Item 30.g** HHP 190 Rappelling/Belaying. New course.
- Item 30.h** HHP 191 Low Element Challenges. New course.
- Item 30.i** HHP 192 Caving/Spelunking. New course.
- Item 30.j** HHP 193 Canoeing. New course.
- Item 30.k** HHP 195 Kayaking. New course.
- Item 30.L** HHP 197 Scuba Diving/Snorkeling. New course.
- Item 30.m** HHP 198 Rafting. New course.
- Item 30.n** HHP 199 Avalanche Awareness and Safety. New course.
- Item 30.o** HHP 350 Outdoor Adventure Leadership for the Aging Population. New course.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Bruce Brumley to **accept Items 30 through 30.o for information.**

It was noted that this program currently has 32 majors. How can they possibly fill 15 new courses? It was further cited that the original proposal for this program in 2007 claimed enrollments would increase by 40 students per year.

Jay Shaw, Department of Health & Human Performance, stated that they may only have 32 declared majors, but they have 40 plus students who have verbally stated their major. The students want to get a certain expertise in this program, not just a little bit of everything. This program change and new courses set up blocks of expertise the students can choose. Mr. Shaw noted that like all departments, they have a shortage of faculty, so these 15 new courses will be taught by part-time on a two-year rotation. Using careful and close advising, students will be able to take all the courses they need to graduate.

It was noted that none of the current activities courses in Health & Human Performance are full. These classes must be smaller than most (10 to 15 students at most) for safety reasons, but adding more new courses will further spread out the enrollments. Could seminars be offered instead? Mr. Shaw responded that the Department already has quite a few seminars offered, and adding more will be confusing for students.

The question of budget for these part-time instructors was raised. Diane Duin, Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, stated that the Provost allocates funds for part-time instruction to each College, and they manage their funds very carefully. It was noted that if Outdoor Adventure Leadership is a program we want to grow, and has the potential to grow, we should stop staffing these classes with part-time and get some full-time faculty in the program.

Dean Duin also noted that these new courses will be on a rotation to provide specific tracks of expertise for the students. The question was raised as to whether students will be able to take all the courses they need if these expertise courses are on such a long rotation. What if a course a student needs to graduate is cancelled due to low enrollment? It was cited that students need these areas of expertise to be able to find a job after graduation. Mr. Shaw noted that the current program does not allow for expertise in

anything, but rather a bit from every area of Outdoor Adventure Leadership. In the revised program, students will be able to get 10 credits in an expertise block that are related. Graduates of the program will then have much better skills to present at an interview. It is the same number of credits required of the student; there is no increase in credits for the program.

It was noted that the Chancellor has stated we have so many lanes on the highway and we don't have the students to fill them.

The question was raised as to why there are such major changes to this program since the program only began two years ago. Mr. Shaw stated that he had tried to create the most simplified program he could because he had almost nothing to base it on. This is probably one of two Outdoor Adventure Leadership programs at the bachelor level in the west. The intent of these changes is to give students more versatility. If the number of new courses is a problem, the Department could go with seminars instead, but Mr. Shaw would rather establish these expertise blocks than cheat students out of expertise they will need. Dean Duin noted that they are trying to draw more students into this program with these better options.

It was suggested that the Department set a rule that these new courses will not run unless they have a set number of students enrolled. It was countered that the problem is, a student may need a certain course to graduate and if the course doesn't run, the student is unable to graduate. It was noted that these courses don't just appeal to Outdoor Adventure Leadership majors, but to other Health & Human Performance students and the public. Dean Duin noted that they have those 32 majors in the program with no advertising whatsoever. It was cited that this program went from 4 majors in the first year to 32 majors in the second. That's pretty phenomenal growth!

Student Ryan Stone noted that he looks for consistency in a program, because he wants to make sure he can take the courses he needs. With the budget situation in the legislature and possible sizeable tuition hikes, students need to be able to get the courses they need. They are paying a lot to be in this program.

Mr. Shaw stated that he would revise his proposal to go with more seminars, but the program itself cannot go back to what it was. Those blocks of expertise must be built. It was suggested that they reduce the number of new courses proposed and run some seminars to start.

It was stated that the Senate needs to see a staffing plan for these courses before this program can be approved. It should illustrate the number of students who must enroll in each new course in order to break even cost-wise.

⇒ Motion by Doug Brown to **table Items 30 through 30.o until the next Senate meeting.**

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. MSUB Downtown Offices

Provost Gary Young noted that we have three leases downtown. One will be up in October and he is recommending that one not be renewed. We also lease the building at the corner of Broadway and 3rd Avenue North. That building's lease runs 3-4 more years. The building which houses the downtown bookstore is owned by the Foundation and we have a lease with the Foundation which runs 3-4 more years. As soon as the Chancellor makes his decision on the Provost's recommendations, it will be made public.

It was noted that the downtown bookstore is losing about \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year.

Provost Young noted that they are still running conferences downtown, and he has not filled a few open positions, resulting in some savings. Garfield School is part of the downtown budget.

Provost Young noted that he will have his final report in about two weeks, and he will bring it to the Senate. The whole campus should be involved in redefining MSUB Downtown.

The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

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