

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: November 8, 2018

PRESENT:	Suzette Nynas	Jim Barron
	Scott Butterfield	Cindy Dell
	Kelly McCoy	Keith Edgerton
	Heather Thompson-Bahm	Vern Gagnon
	Paul Pope	Jennifer Lynn
	Rachael Waller	Christine Shearer (ex-officio)
	Joy Honea (ex-officio)	Melinda Arnold (ex-officio)
	Sue Balter-Reitz (ex-officio)	Darlene Hert (ex-officio)

ABSENT:	Sarah Keller*	Kelly Shumway*
	Halle Keltner (student)	John Dorr (ex-officio)*
	Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)*	Ed Garding (ex-officio)*
	Florence Garcia (ex-officio)	Trudy Collins (ex-officio)
	David Buckingham (ex-officio)	
	* <i>excused</i>	

GUESTS:	Melinda Tilton	Dan Edelman
	Mark Jacobson	

PRESIDING: Jim Barron, Chair

Jim Barron called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 18 were accepted as presented.

III. CHANCELLOR REPORT

Chancellor Edelman noted they are holding a Veteran's Day event on Sunday with a band, speakers, and ribbon cutting for the new Military and Veteran Success Center in the COE building. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. and Dr. Edelman hopes to announce the new director of the Military and Veteran Success Center that day.

IV. PROVOST REPORT

Dr. Arnold noted that Dr. Vicki Trier has been hired as the new City College Dean. She starts January 2.

This week Provost Arnold met with the YMCA to discuss a collaboration for a childcare center for students, faculty, and staff, perhaps with a site on campus.

As part of the NWCCU pilot, Mac Powell of NWCCU will be here December 6. We will discuss meaningful indicators: how we define them and move forward with them. There will be an open forum at 3:30 p.m. on December 6.

Provost Arnold noted that the program alignment information will be out soon. They will form a steering committee, and have this activity completed by February 15, 2019.

V. OTHER REPORTS

Darlene Hert, Director of the Library: Open Educational Resources Committee

Ms. Hert presented the latest information on the BOR initiative (attached to these minutes). The BOR will be hiring a system-wide OER Coordinator, and librarians will be getting trained on how to assist faculty in selecting texts for their courses.

Dr. Barron reminded the faculty that Spring book orders are due November 15. When selecting a text, the price of the book is viewable.

Melinda Tilton, Chair, General Education Committee: Assessment Testing

Ms. Tilton noted that while we have been assessing students as they complete Gen Ed, we really needed info about incoming freshmen. This semester the Committee was able to test 187 students. The data show that our incoming students perform statistically significantly lower than the national average, and that our senior students perform better than the national average. The national average is gathered from 42 universities, including MSUB, that use the ETS test. (See attached report.)

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 14.a EDU 331 Literature and Literacy for Children. Change prerequisites.

Item 21 EDU 240 Behavior Management. Delete course.

Item 21.a EDU 397E Methods: K-8 Art. Delete course.

Item 21.b EDU 397F Methods: K-8 Music. Delete course.

Item 21.c EDU 397H Methods: K-12 Art. Delete course.

Item 21.d EDU 397K Education Methods: Health Enhancement Strategies in the Elementary School K-8. Delete course.

Item 21.e EDU 496 Clinic. Delete course.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Cindy Dell to **approve the consent agenda.**

⇒ Motion carried.

VII. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 11 CSCI 246 Discrete Structures. Change prerequisite.

Item 11.a M 242 Methods of Proof. Change prerequisite.

Item 11.b M 305 Discrete Structures I. Change prerequisite.

Item 11.c M 333 Linear Algebra. Change prerequisite.

Item 11.d Minor in Computer Science. Modification to an existing program.

Item 11.e Minor in Mathematics. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Paul Pope to **approve Items 11 through 11.e on first reading.**

Mark Jacobson, Chair of Math, noted that their department is working with City College, the College of Business, and the Department of Biological & Physical Sciences to add applied math courses to the minors to grow enrollments. Enrollments in the math teaching minor and statistics minor are up since those programs have been overhauled. It was noted that the Math Department may want to move toward a computer science major.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Cindy Dell to **waive second reading of Items 11 through 11.e.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 19 PSCI 424 Democratization. Delete course.

Item 19.a PSCI 426 Comparative Political Economy. Delete course.

Item 19.b PSCI 458 Urban and Regional Planning. Delete course.

Item 19.c PSCI 459 Public Budgeting & Finance. Delete course.

Item 19.d PSCI 464 Local Government Administration. Delete course.

Item 19.e Minor in Political Science Public Administration Emphasis. Delete program.

Item 20 PSCI 261 Politics of Religion. New course.

Item 20.a PSCI 302 Media and Politics. New course.

- Item 20.b** PSCI 322 Politics of Europe. New course.
- Item 20.c** PSCI 409 Organizational Dynamics. New course.
- Item 20.d** PSCI 415 Language and Law – Forensic Linguistics. New course.
- Item 20.e** PSCI 434 International Law. New course.
- Item 20.f** PSCI 457 Public Management and Leadership. New course.
- Item 20.g** PSCI 461 Administrative Law. New course.
- Item 20.h** BS Major in Political Science. Modification to an existing program.
- Item 20.i** Minor in Political Science Pre-Law Emphasis. Modification to an existing program
- Item 20.j** Minor in Political Science General Emphasis. Modification to an existing program
- Item 20.k** BS Major in Political Science Teaching Option. Modification to an existing program.
- Item 20.L** Teaching Minor in Political Science. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Scott Butterfield to **approve Items 19 through 20.L on first reading.**

This program overhaul will eliminate remnants of the MPA program and also add the groundwork for a 3+3 program with the University of Montana Law School. Students would do their Gen Eds and the major at MSUB, and at 90 credits they will apply to the Law School. They will do a year at UM and then earn a bachelor's degree from MSUB and be eligible, with appropriate GPA, to continue in the Law School program. If necessary, the UM material can be pulled out of the program until the memo of agreement is signed.

These changes also increase the credits for the Political Science major from 30 to 36.

It was noted that there seems to be a lot of overlap with other disciplines, such as communication, psychology, and business.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton to **table Items 19 through 20.L until the next meeting.**

Item 24 FIRE 105 Fire Apparatus, Equipment and Hydraulics. Change number to 131, title to Fire Apparatus and Hydraulics, and remove prerequisite. (number/title change due to incorrect CCN)

Item 24.a FIRE 172 Wildlands Standards for Survival. Change number to 106, title to Wildland Firefighting, and change grading mode. (number/title change due to incorrect CCN)

Item 24.b FIRE 119 Fire Service Ethics. New course.

Item 24.c FIRE 270 Fire Prevention. New course.

Item 24.d AS Program of Study in Fire Science. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Jennifer Lynn to **approve Items 24 through 24.d on first reading.**

Two courses in the program have been combined into one, and those old courses will need to be deleted in the future.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Paul Pope to **waive second reading of Items 24 through 24.d.**

⇒ Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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Open Educational Resources

- The Board of Regents has Open Education Resources (OER) as one of their top three Strategic Initiatives for 2018-19
- <https://mus.edu/board/meetings/2018/Sept2018/MUS-System-Initiatives.pdf>
 - OER Initiative intended to:
 - Encourage use of OER throughout the MUS
 - Benefits:
 - Reduce student textbook costs
 - Improve student outcomes
 - Improve faculty and student experiences

TRAILS INVOLVEMENT

- Treasure State Academic Information & Library Services (TRAILS) Consortium - <https://trailsmt.org/>
 - Established June 2016
 - 24 Academic Libraries
 - MSU Bozeman Dean of Libraries, Kenning Arlitsch & TRAILS Consortium Coordinator, Pamela Benjamin spoke at August BOR meeting to advocate for making OER a priority for MUS
 - OCHE is planning, via our TRAILS Library Consortium, to hire an OER Coordinator—desired start date is Feb. 2019
 - Job posting at Bozeman through December 1:
<https://jobs.montana.edu/postings/14219>
 - BZ Library colleagues will be heading up the search committee
 - OER Coordinator responsibilities –
 - create and direct a statewide OER implementation plan
 - establish a faculty incentive program
 - track OER progress
 - create an OER website
- TRAILS Open Educational Resources (OER) Committee
 - Investigating grants
 - Setting up some of the groundwork
- OCHE provided \$20,000 to purchase membership in the Open Textbook Network (OTN)—Benefits of this membership include:
 - Train the trainer workshops to TRAILS member institutions
 - Spring 2019—Late January/early February

- Planning training for stakeholders; i.e. librarians, instructional designers--e-Learning, bookstore staff, administrators and others involved in educating faculty about OER or supporting OER work/initiatives on individual campuses
- Training is not geared towards teaching faculty but the thought is to invite a few faculty advocates who will spread the OER word
- Four Montana Librarians will get to participate in the OTN Summit and Institute
- There will be funding for mini-grants to faculty to adopt or adapt existing OER for a course
- To provide a written review for an existing OER textbook. Reviews will be given to OTN and added to their open textbook library.

Total Score ETS Proficiency Profile



