

**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY
FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 23, 2005
101 Reid Hall
Montana State University-Bozeman
4:10-5:00 PM**

Members Present: Amin, Becker, Bennett, Croy, Jones, Kommers, Levy, Klapper for Cherry, Lynes-Hayes, Mathenia, Marlow for Gipp, Metz, Peed, Seymour, Taper, Taylor, Thompson, D. Weaver, D. J. Young, Zhu

Members Absent: Ashley, Babcock, Bradley, Erickson, Giroux, HHD, Hoffman, Idzerda, Jackson, Knight, C. McClure, M. McClure, McDermott, Neeley, Pratt, Prawdzienski, E. Schmidt

Others: Bowers, Dooley, Fedock, R. Johnson, Lansverk, McLeod, Sherwood

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 PM. A quorum was present. Minutes from the March 2, 2005 Faculty Council were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair Warren Jones

- Meetings & agendas for the remainder of the spring 2005 semester:
 - March 30: Maternity Leave discussions.
 - April 6: Report from 3-year Contract Task Force on Criteria for Selection of Positions.
 - April 13: UGC -- Discussion with Tom McCoy, VPR Budget, Outlook.
 - April 20: Allocation of the Raise Pool; Student Conduct Code.
 - April 27: Elections for Committees and Chair-Elect/Vice-Chair.

- Steering Committee approved a letter from Chair Jones to department heads reminding them of shared governance and their departmental participation.

GRADUATE STUDIES TASK FORCE – Chair Norm Peterson

- Intent of task force was to look at the structural issues of Graduate Studies, major policy issues, relationships between the College of Graduate Studies and other major campuses/departments that house graduate programs, and make recommendations to Provost Dooley.
- Began in December, 2004 and over the course of three months, compiled a report.
- Provost Dooley requested that a presentation of the report be made to Faculty Council for input.
- Task force surveyed outside groups, current grad students (very successful return rate), and intra unit entities.
- Structure – 1. Make the most efficient, cost effective structure you could create; 2. Address problems that in various relationships between graduate coordinators and academic departments and fix those; 3. Incorporate elements of the Five Year Strategic Plan (listed below) into the graduate program:
 - Increase enrollment from 1300 to 1800;
 - Create a set of programs that would have national and international recognition prestige; and
 - Expand the involvement of grad students in research activities.
- Chair Peterson read from the Executive Summary the identified “Findings” and “Recommendations.”
 - Rationale for the title of “Vice Provost of Graduate Studies.”
 - Title of “Vice Provost” clarifies confusion at many different levels (from students to departments/colleges) and what roles the deans of colleges/departments have in comparison to that of Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.
 - Task force, after numerous deliberations with many people, believes senior leadership in graduate studies needs to be more in line with the strategic goals (by centralizing recruitment of graduate students).
 - The position is not necessarily overseen by someone who engages in the day-to-day responsibilities of managing.

- There is little substantive difference in the vice provost line; real difference is in the faculty level position of the Dean of Graduate Studies. It would be someone in charge of day-to-day operations at a higher salary than the previous Assistant Dean of Graduate Studies, who was not a faculty member.
 - FC member stated that most departments have associate deans in departments that already do that.
 - Vice Provost would expand graduate studies that may not follow departmental lines, and may be driven by new forces with the formation of teams to create new graduate programs.
- Rename graduate office to Office of Graduate Studies.
 - Graduate Council would have representatives from all colleges that have graduate programs;
 - Establish a smaller Executive Committee of Graduate Council;
 - Create a Graduate Research Committee chaired by the Vice Provost to bridge the research office with graduate studies.
- Most recommendations made by the task force were received favorably.
- Chair Jones recommended that any input from Faculty Council members be directed to him or Provost Dooley.

H&PE COMPLEX - Chair Warren Jones

- Chair Jones read President Gamble's memo accepting Faculty Council recommendations regarding design changes to the complex.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM, as there was no further business.

Signature

Warren L. Jones, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary