

FACULTY SENATE
APRIL 24, 2013
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4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Austin (Poli Sci), Brown for Gerlach (ChBE), Cantalupo (Ag Ext), Durham (COB), Franklin (Micro), Frick (Ag Ed), Greenwood (Math), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Larson (M&IE), Lawrence (Biochem), Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod Lang), Mokwa (CE), Moreaux (A&RS), Neumeier (Physics), Newhouse (Art), O'Neill (Arch), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Rossmann (Library), Schachman (Nursing), Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: Bonnie Ashley, Giana Bennatta, Kate Lamb, David Singel, Steve Juroszek, David Singel

Chair Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present.

Dead Week Presentation – ASMSU Senators (Giana Bennatta, Kate Lamb)

- ASMSU data collection shows most students (130 students sampled among the different colleges and age groups) prefer that no extra assignments, tests or papers be assigned during dead week, the week precluding finals week, as their workload volume is already high.
- FS members stated because it is so difficult to conduct lab exams during finals weeks, due to so many sections, they are conducted during dead week.
- How would this benefit, or not, faculty members?
 - Spreading out the demands and workloads of students in the School of Architecture would be impaired by both options proposed by ASMSU.
 - Some faculty are actually giving finals during dead week.
- Chair Neumeier suggested that ASMSU meet with Faculty Affairs to discuss more options to bring before FS during the next AY.

Scheduling of Semesters – Bonnie Ashley

- Semester scheduling is determined by a committee of faculty and the registrar.
- Ideally, the schedules of the public schools in Gallatin County and MSU would coincide with one another.
- State law mandates that there be 75 instructional days, which includes the 5 days in finals week.
- FS favored the combination of our current fall break and the proposed four-week spring break, resulting in the loss of one week in the summer.
- FS suggested that the registrar consult with research council about when federal funding agencies accept grant proposals and allow enough time for faculty to submit their proposals.

Elections – Chair Neumeier

- Chair Neumeier announced the opening of the Chair-elect position of Faculty Senate and asked for volunteers from FS. It was noted that those members of university councils would also be members of the Steering Committee.
- Other committees:
 - Academic Programs Working Group
 - Larry Carucci has agreed to continue as chair of Faculty Affairs. Others wishing to be added to the ballot may do so.
 - Ross Snider volunteered for the IT Council. Others wishing to be added to the ballot may do so.
 - Michael Reidy volunteered for the Planning Council. Others wishing to be added to the ballot may do so.
 - Research Council
- Ballots were distributed to vote for volunteers on the Planning Council, ITC, and Faculty Affairs.

Update Regarding May 6, 2013 All-Faculty Meeting

- Administrators are invited.
- Email to be sent to senators for discussion topics.
- The meeting will begin with PPT slides describing what the senate has worked on throughout the year and what needs to be carried over to next year.

School of Architecture (SoA) Request: Change of Undergrad Degree Credit Hours – Chair-elect Mokwa

- Has been approved via C&PC and Academic Working Group
- SoA submitted a BoR proposal to increase credit hours from 120 to 126 to accommodate:
 - BA in Environmental Design
 - Add two each additional undergrad and grad courses
- Reason for the increase is to accommodate their accreditation requirements, requiring 6 additional credits.
- Will not impact students' time or cost towards graduation.
- Senators will vote via email.

School of Architecture (SoA) Request; Change of Undergrad Degree Credit Hours – Chair-elect Mokwa

- Courses D-H as listed on the agenda, will be voted on via electronic ballot
- Activity courses A-C, as listed on the agenda, had questions associated with them:
 - Cost?
 - Space?
 - Where are these courses housed?
- Students presented data showing a demand for such courses. Financing comes out of general revenue and is inexpensive, and out-of-state students are paying to take these kinds of courses.
- Courses will not impact Romney. Instead, they will be held in other locations such as the Health & Fitness Center and Field House.
- Some activities are already housed under HHD, and they may continue to provide a home for the activity courses.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Signature,
John Neumeier, Chair

Signature
Robert Mokwa, Chair-elect

Minutes were compiled and transcribed by Gale R. Gough, Administrative Associate, Faculty Senate.