

FACULTY SENATE
August 27, 2014
346 LEON JOHNSON
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY – BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Adams for DeWeese (Art), Arnold for Igo (Ag Ed), Babbitt (Physics), Black (JJCBE), Bolte (Music), Bonnand (Library), Brester (Ag Econ), Franklin (Micro), Gannon (Bio & Chem Eng), Geyer (Math), Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GC), Kaiser (ECE), Kohler (Chem/Biochem), Larson (M&IE), Lawrence (Chem/Biochem), Lu (PSPP), Martin (Mod Lang), Miller (CE), Mosley (ARS), O'Neill (Arch), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Reidy (Hist, Phil & Religious Stds), Rossmann (Library) Sright (Nursing), Swinford (Soc), Zabinski (LRES)

Others Present: President Waded Cruzado, Tracy Ellig, Larry Carucci, Ron Larsen, David Singel, Chris Fastnow, Martha Potvin, Terry Leist, Nancy Cornwell, Matt Caires, Chancellor Limbaugh, Isle-Mari Lee, Glenn Duff, Linda Ransdell, Helen Melland, Leslie Taylor, Nicol Rae, Robert Hietala, Robert Swenson, Jeff Bader, Jerry Sheehan, Chris Kearns, Aurelien Mazurie, Robert Mokwa

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

Acknowledgement of Outgoing Chair Mokwa

- Chair Mokwa spoke about how senate has been focusing on the process of shared governance through campus collaboration and cooperation.
- As the outgoing Chair, Robert Mokwa introduced incoming Chair Michael Reidy, who thanked Dr. Mokwa for his leadership and contributions to Faculty Senate.

Welcome by President Cruzado

- President Cruzado welcomed faculty back for the 2014-2015 academic year, and touched on a few projects she and Chair Reidy would like faculty to become involved in.
 - The Strategic Plan (SP) is the guiding document for MSU. The Planning Council is working to narrow the focus of the document to streamline the process for accomplishing the stated goals; faculty should prepare to become involved in numerous working groups to expedite these goals.
 - Where do our resources come from when implementing our SP goals? President Cruzado called on faculty, as future members of working groups, to create a model which would reassign internal resources by examining how MSU handles procurement. Anything saved through this model would be reinvested in the classroom.
 - Recent senior surveys indicate students would prefer more rigor in our CORE; President Cruzado would like a team of seven faculty members and two students (recently graduated and one currently attending MSU) to re-examine the CORE and make recommendations.
 - One shared goal will be assessing hires and workload. Conversations about faculty lines usually include promotion, retention of current faculty and the hiring of new faculty. Merely mentioning credits is not a sufficient metric for gauging faculty effort; other activities, such as advising, should also be included.
- President Cruzado asked senators to welcome and mentor new faculty.
- President Cruzado encouraged faculty to communicate more with her about their accomplishments and activities.

Welcome and Introductions

- Senators, deans and guests publically introduced themselves.

Senate – The Upcoming Year – Chair Reidy

- *Senate Charge and Upcoming Activities* - Chair Reidy and Chair-elect Babbitt meet with the president and provost weekly. Chair Reidy views his role as the lead connection to administration, representing faculty. Senate's job is to collaborate with administration to chart the future/steer the present course of MSU, and it is a vehicle for faculty to participate in decisions regarding curriculum and budget allocations. Chair Reidy described the shared governance process at MSU, one aspect of which includes communication among Faculty Senate, Professional Council and Staff Senate. He would like both senators and alternates to attend senate meetings and to serve on university committees as requested. At the next FS meeting, Chair Reidy will discuss senate's goals for the 2014-2015 and beyond. He stated that the Strategic Plan document should state hierarchies of what is important, as well as interests of all campus constituents. The Faculty Senate Steering Committee sets the agenda for senate meetings.
- *Responsibilities of Senators* – Senators are the lead faculty within their units, working with senate and administration and/or committees they may have membership in; it is important they communicate with their departments about what transpired during each senate meeting. Chair Reidy asked senators to encourage their constituents to participate in the senate process and bring issues of concern to the meetings: The pivotal point of what happens in senate and what transpires in the university relies on faculty participation. Chair-elect Babbitt informed senators of his membership and participation in the Academic Programs Working Group, a subgroup of the Curriculum and Programs Committee, and the Research and Planning Councils.
- Faculty (Council) Senate bylaws may be viewed for a listing of senator responsibilities. This document is in the midst of being modified, and the Faculty Affairs Committee will be presenting it in its final form later this semester. Chair Reidy thanked Dr. Carucci, chair of Faculty Affairs, for his dedication and hard work.

Announcements – Chair Reidy

- Chair Reidy would like to remind senators to meet with their deans to discuss Faculty Senate issues and how they apply within their college.
- Chair Reidy would also like to have deans meet with their departments and regularly communicate with them.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:56 pm.

Signature,
Michael Reidy, Chair

Signature
Randy Babbitt, Chair-elect