

FACULTY SENATE - -DRAFT
December 2, 2009
REID HALL 453
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Cherry, Eitle, Fischer, Frick, Kaiser, Jacobsen, Lansverk, Lawrence, Locke, Lynch, Meade, Mosley, Neumeier, Osborne, Schachman, Sobek, Thompson, Wojtowicz, Yoo for Zhu

Members Absent: Bangert, Bessen, Chen, Eiger, Fields, Fleck, Gee, Gerlach, Livingston, Mokwa, Political Science, Rotella, Savoie, Sowell, Versaevel, Waller, D. Weaver, Wisner

Others Present: Fedock, S. Taylor

Chair Lynch called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. A quorum was present.

Announcements –Chair Wes Lynch

- Meeting with President Cruzado – Chair Lynch and Chair-elect Lansverk presented a Faculty Senate briefing paper for her review. They talked about faculty concerns with administration and past issues that may have lead to unionization. She stated she would be doing a national search for a new provost in two years. She will be on campus the first week in January.
- The BoR Meeting (11/19 – 11/20)
 - The BoR Workgroup meeting is scheduled to take place next Wednesday, 10:00- 11:00 am, MNET, Burns 126.
 - A new Gallatin College of Technology was announced and many spoke in support of it. Three BoR, however, were not in favor of the college citing issues of concern such as future funding; how it would be connected to the other universities; timeliness, etc. If this community college goes forward, it would be a leader in virtual community colleges.
 - The BoR would like to also build a more integrated information system for the two main units of the MUS system; MSU and U of M. Integrating human management is the core of this discussion.
 - Provost Fedock proposed expanding the WAMI program by doubling it in size and requesting that the second part of the program be conducted in Montana instead of Seattle.
 - All MUS campuses submitted reports on their programs and each was reviewed by the BoR. The Chair of the BoR, Steve Barrett, decided that the reporting documents will be used to determine which programs are kept and which should be eliminated even though data was presented in different formats. Chair Lynch spoke to the BoR about data from the Delta Report which showed that the per student expenditures in Montana are \$4300/year compared to the national average of \$6800/year; Montana is the third lowest on a per capita basis.

Old Business – Chair Wes Lynch and Chair-elect Lansverk

- P&T: Revised Definitions
 - 633.02 Accomplishments, A. Accomplishments in Teaching – A #3 was added, in place of “as well as from current and former students/clientele” that reads: “receives recognition from former students/clientele as having made positive contributions to their education.”
 - The word “accomplishment” has been added and replaces “potential for excellence” and would be in place for those going up for tenure; not those going up for full.
 - Regarding #2 in the series, the absence of an “or” or an “and” it leaves it open. Therefore, if it is intended that it must be explicit, and “and” should be added at the end of #2, leading into #3.
 - A FS member stated that the semicolons should be commas.
 - Motion to have the P&T definitions placed in MSU TODAY for comment for 15 working days →seconded →all in favor →unanimously passed. The wording for definitions will be placed in MSU TODAY. The document will also be placed on the Faculty Senate website for viewing.

- Tenure-at-Hire - FS passed a revised document and the administration may now move forward with the new hires at MSU. Faculty Affairs is researching documents from other institutions so a final policy may be in place by spring 2010. They are calling it an expedited tenure review process.

New business – Chair Wes Lynch

- There were 20 sabbatical applications submitted and Faculty Affairs is reviewing.
- Tobacco Policy – There are two draft proposals from ASMSU regarding tobacco use on campus; one proposal advocates a smoke-free campus, the other is a modified smoke-free campus. President Gamble would like input from FS members and other constituents before making a decision. Please forward comments to gough@montana.edu
- Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) – Ahmed Al-kaisy, the faculty rep on the SPC, would like FS input on some of the sections of the strategic plan. Dr. Al-kaisy sent Chair Lynch some of the sections and he will forward to FS members for review and comment.

The Faculty Senate meeting ended at 5:00 PM, as there was no further business.

Signature

Wes Lynch, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary