

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

Members Present: Bolte (Music), Cantalupo (Ext. Off-Campus), Copie (Chem/Biochem), Gerlach (ChBE), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Kaiser (EEC), Lansverk (Eng), Lawrence (Chem/Biochem), Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod. Lang), Mokwa (Civ Eng), Neumeier (Physics), O'Neill (Architecture), Hatch for Newhouse (Art), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Walker (Math), Waller (His/Phil), Schachman (Nursing), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: Diane Donnelly, Ron Larsen, Terry Leist

Chair-elect Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. A quorum was present. The minutes of January 25, February 1 and February 8, 2012 were unanimously approved.

Announcements:

A brown bag lunch with President Cruzado (this is our first time for this) is Tuesday, February 28 at noon, 214 Hamilton Hall. The Bozeman Chronicle had an editorial about the vacancies in the deans' positions (4 vacancies at MSU). The Provost has been meeting with departments in CLS to discuss the search process for the new CLS dean. One item under discussion is how important it is that the new dean have a record of research publication. Chair-elect Neumeier asked members to send recommendations for the CLS search committee and others, as well.

MSU Draft Strategic Plan: After The Charrette, Where are We Now?:

Jim Rimpau described the structure of the Strategic Planning Council (SPC), an ad hoc entity of the University Planning Council, with a Strategic Planning Committee (SPCS) subgroup, and their goals. From the hundreds of participants at a recent charrette two weeks ago, most commented on lack of prominence in research and graduate education. From a handout, Rimpau explained how, pictorially, the strategic plan might look from input at the charrette; a set of vision and values, integration of land grant values of learning, discovery and engagement; areas of access to all parts of our mission and stewardship – being good stewards of the resources (monetary) we are given and the environment. Presentations of all the parts were given at yesterday's SPC meeting, including proposals from the Research Council. On March 27, the SPC hopes to submit a version to Cruzado. When queried who the new strategic plan is for, Rimpau stated that it showcases how well the university is managed and that the budget process will align itself with it. It is also for the university. FS asked if this current strategic plan will outlast the current administration. Rimpau stated that a strategic plan's lifespan is usually 5-6 years and should be flexible enough to adapt to its environment, but stringent enough to show where you are going. Neumeier was confused by the broad language indicating that all strata of employees will have an outreach experience; Rimpau stated that once metrics are in place, that language will become clarified. Faculty senators were encouraged to send comments to Rimpau.

Conversion of Undergraduate Studies Committee and FS Academic Affairs Committee to Faculty Senate Curriculum and Program Committee:

Chair Carucci continued the discussions and reviewed the language in the C&CP citing that proposals sent to admin for a buyout were negated thus, presenting a quandary of redesigning (or not) the proposal. The current structure is a larger, C&CP umbrella committee, who oversees courses, meeting more frequently, and a subcommittee, or working group, reviewing programs. Discussions ensued:

- There is concern about recruiting and maintain membership/chairs for these committees, as well as the lack of buyout money. Administration believes that academics directly falls under the faculty domain and their service commitment, and buyout is not necessary.
- The Provost's office would provide background work and scheduling for the C&CP. Currently, Larsen spends much of the time coordinating common course numbering. This work would remain within his domain.
- The chair-elect of FS might be interested in running FS, but not in overseeing an academics committee, therefore, the chair of C&CP and vice-chair of FS should be kept separate.
- If the chair-elect attends the C&CP, and subcommittee, meetings an ex-officio member, who will, then, chair the subcommittee (working group that evaluates programs and new majors/minors)? Is a chair needed?

- At the current time, the C&CP is structured to address undergraduate studies. Graduate studies are, however, being discussed.

Since two FS members have left the meeting, there is no longer a quorum and a straw poll was taken: Motion to elect a separate chair from the C&CP and have the chair-elect of FS be an ex-officio member of the C&CP committee and subcommittee (working group)→unanimous w/3 abstentions.

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

Signature

Marvin Lansverk, Chair

John Neumeier, Chair-elect

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