

FACULTY SENATE
OCTOBER 10, 2012
LEON JOHNSON 346
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Harney (Music), Burrows (Ext), Cantalupo (Ext), Dougher (PSPP), Engel (LRES), Franklin (Micro), Greenwood (Math), Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Igo (Ag Ed), Karczewska (Architecture), Lansverk (Eng), Robb Larson (M&IE), Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod. Lang), Mokwa (CE), Moreaux (A&RS), Neumeier (Physics), Newhouse (Art), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Rossmann (Libraries), Schachman (Nursing), Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Wiedenheft (IMID)

Others Present: Larry Carucci, Walt Banziger, EJ Hook, Frank Kerins, Bob Swenson, Jeffrey Moore

Chair John Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present. The minutes of September 5 and 26, 2012 were approved.

Course Approval Process – Chair Neumeier, Chair-elect Mokwa

- Of the eight (8) academic items for consideration, five (5) were approved and three (3) proposals were tabled for further consideration by M&IE:
 - RBPF 160 “Building Performance Software”
 - RBPF 170 “Renewable Energy Concepts”
 - RBPF 190 “Building Performance Industry Certificate Prep”
- Jeffrey Moore, Gallatin College’s Program Director of Residential Building Performance, described 160, 170 and 190 courses as work force development, focusing around the weatherization program from the state where the activities are grass roots and more hands on. He does not believe the curricula would overlap those taught in M&IE.
- Chair-elect Mokwa recapped the structure and function of the new Curriculum & Programs Committee which was formed for faculty to consider, review and approve all academic courses/programs. C&PC conducts in-depth review and subsequently, Faculty Senate votes for final approval. If courses overlap, or other discrepancies are noted, they may be pulled and brought back to C&CP for further review. Chair Neumeier and Chair-elect Mokwa continue to solicit input on how to improve the process.

Faculty Senate Structure/Goals FY 2012-2013 – Chair Neumeier, Chair-elect Mokwa

- It was suggested that Senate strategize how to allocate time among its tasks such as the academic course approval process; reactive concerns (Wilson Tree Grove); proactive concerns (ORP, how to populate the numerous committees that have recently been formed with faculty membership), etc. The duties of FS will be presented at a later date.
- Chair Neumeier will call upon FS members to assist with projects.
- Concern about workload shifts and how the union might be involved were discussed.
- The ORP chart is complete and new data compares MSU with other Big Sky Conference institutions. The state of Montana contributes the least amount of funds to faculty retirement.

Common Hour Meeting Exam Concerns

- No concerns were expressed.

Discussion of the Eradication of Wilson Hall Tree Grove for the New College of Business Building

- Discussions among students and faculty about the destruction of the grove of mature spruce trees (and associated foliage) north of Wilson Hall continue to be a topic of concern.
- As described by Walt Banziger at the October 3, 2012 Faculty Senate meeting, the placement of the new College of Business building was the result of extensive investigation/consideration in the following areas:
 - LEEDS certification and its criteria;
 - Orientation of the facility to gain maximum solar exposure;
 - Moving the grove and other trees;
 - Proximity to other colleges and the Epic Lab for collaboration;
 - Convert LJ into a hub for heating to more efficiently cool/heat and reduce carbon footprint of the new building;
 - Placement would not impact the future parking garage placement for the women's residence halls;
 - Extension of green space corridor that extends from the bobcat plaza to Culbertson;
 - Compact the campus to gain sustainability, instead of spreading the campus outward; and
 - Nine of the trees in the grove will be relocated. Those trees that are removed would be replaced by numerous smaller trees so the net loss would be zero.
- Comments from FS:
 - Compacting campus into an urban entity is counter-intuitive to the outdoor experience students want;
 - Green space on campus has been slowly eradicated;
 - The only grove of trees on campus, and as seen on the Master Plan map, is the Wilson Grove.
 - Could the building be moved 100 feet to the north or to the east?
 - There were other vacant sites that did not have trees on them. Why was the current site chosen?
 - How will compaction of the MSU campus, for sustainability, accommodate the increase of student population in the coming years?
- Status of Project and Impact of Requested Changes:
 - We are eleven months into the project.
 - Construction documents are being formalized;
 - The project would be set back about a year at a significant cost to the university in design fees if we delay the project;
 - Moving the building would impact placement of underground wells, re-citing of the building, grading, heat tunnel extension at \$3,000/linear foot, etc.
 - Currently, we are right at the budget.
- A motion was made to reopen discussions about the placement of the new College of Business building → seconded → approved. An email ballot will be sent to all FS member to vote on whether to reopen discussions or not.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Signature

John Neumeier, Chair

Signature

Robert Mokwa, Chair-elect

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