

FACULTY SENATE  
MAY 1, 2013  
PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM  
MONTANA HALL  
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA  
Notes

**Members Present:** Franklin (Micro), Greenwood (Math), Mokwa (CE), Newhouse (Art), Neumeier (Physics), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Rossmann (Library), Wiedenheft (IMID)

**Others Present:** Bonnie Ashley, Larry Carucci, Ron Larsen, Nora Smith, Tracy Sterling

Chair Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. A quorum was not present.

Approval of Undergraduate Degree Recipients – Bonnie Ashley

- Degree candidates are available via Knox folders, through department administrators.
- The annual undergraduate degree candidates, as posted in the Knox folders, were unanimously accepted.

Announcements/Discussions – Chair Neumeier

- Dr. Michael Reidy of History & Philosophy has volunteered for the Faculty Senate Chair-elect position. Senators will vote via electronic ballot.
- Senate will revisit the senate chair/chair-elect terms and bylaws.
- Faculty have voted to become decertified from the union (AFMSU). Therefore, salary, compensation, and grievance issues that fell under union jurisdiction will be reviewed within the resurrected university committees (Salary Review Committee, Committee on Grievance Hearings, and Committee on Conciliation) which became dormant when the union was in place.
- Faculty Senate, which is now non-union, has a NTT union member.
- Retirement benefits – two components:
  - Phased retirement
    - Faculty Affairs has encountered many structural dilemmas, but will re-examine it.
  - Retirement Plan Options
    - OCHE is supportive of adding plans to the ORP and stated that they will solicit other vendors.
    - TRS rose to the forefront during the recent legislative session, as it benefits the largest constituency, teachers.
- Increased Health Care Cost
  - BoR awarded a lump sum to the state of Montana to be distributed for salaries, health care, etc.
- Process of approving courses
  - Senators preferred the email approval process.
  - Chair-elect Mokwa suggested posting all courses in Knox folders, on the FS website for senators to peruse and review themselves before the C&PC meets and after the college committees meet. Ideally, as soon as a proposal is submitted, it is visible and faculty know its status.
- All faculty meeting on May 6, 2013
  - Chair Neumeier and Chair-elect Mokwa will present FS accomplishments and what FS hopes to accomplish via a PPT presentation.
  - An email will be sent out seeking suggestions for agenda items from senators.

As there was no further business, the meeting 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.*