

**FACULTY SENATE**  
**September 9, 2009**  
**Reid 453**  
**4:10 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Bessen, Cherry, Meade, Eitle, Fischer, Fleck, Gerlach, Jacobsen, Kaiser, Lansverk, Lynch, Marshall for D. Weaver, Merzdorf for Eiger, Mokwa, Neumeier, Savoie, Schachman, Versaevel, Wisner, Wojtowicz, Zhu

**Members Absent:** Ag Research Centers, Bangert, Chem-Biochem, Fields, Gee, Igo, Larson, Livingston, Locke, Maskiell, Meade, Mech & Indus Engr., Osborne, Political Science, Sowell, Thompson, T. Weaver

**Others Present:** Joe Fedock, Shannon Taylor

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

***Announcements –Chair Lynch***

- Chair Lynch is continuing to ask for requests on topics for FS to become more proactive.
- Presidential candidates have been announced. Information about them may be viewed at this web site: <http://www.montana.edu/cpa/news/nwview.php?article=7464> Faculty Senators will meet with them at the following dates and times:
  - Dr. Steven Angle, Monday, September 21, 4:15 – 5:00 pm, SUB – Ballroom C
  - Dr. Steven Leath, Monday, September 28, 4:15 – 5:00 pm, Foundation Great Room
  - Dr. Waded Cruzado-Salas, Wednesday, September 30, 4:15 – 5:00 pm, Foundation Great Room
- BoR Conference Call (9/9/09) – “Reinvention of the MUS System” as laid out in the three (3) initiatives:
  - Mission Review
  - Making Opportunity Affordable
  - Performance Based Funding

Chair Lynch would like input from FS members on any of these initiatives before the BoR meeting on September 23-25. The looming question about this reinvention is, “What are the goals?” BoR may send out a survey to faculty.

- The Accreditation team will be on campus October 5-7, 2009.
- Tom McCoy, VP of Research, Creativity and Tech Transfer, will attend the FS meeting on October 14, 2009 to talk about F&A redistribution plans and revisions.
- Tenure at Hire (TAH) - A recent change in the BoR policy has been approved, whereby faculty already tenured at another institution and hired at MSU will be able to attain tenure immediately, if there is a MSU campus process in place. Currently, there are 8 faculty members at MSU who are potentially eligible for tenure under this new policy. Chair Lynch queried faculty about how to create such a process and asked for feedback from FS members and their constituents.

***Proactive Issues Priorities: Questions/suggestions from the Chair***

- How do FS members want to respond to the BoR “reinvention initiative”? Sending a letter to the BoR requesting faculty involvement was suggested.
- Faculty members should be encouraged to discuss, with presidential candidates, their views on shared governance.
- FS may want to ask the current organizing committee of the union to attend a future meeting and answer questions from Senators.
- In light of the possible program restructuring as part of the “reinvention” process, FS might want to review departmental program effectiveness.
- Doing more with less money per the BoR: FS members may want to consider contributing ideas on how this should be accomplished.
- F&A redistribution: Should the state take over some of the O&M costs of research space or other fixed research overhead costs?

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

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Wes Lynch, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary

