

FACULTY SENATE  
April 6, 2011  
LEO JOHNSON 346  
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA  
Minutes

**Members Present:** Biber (Music), Caton (Business), Cherry (Math), Copie (Chem), Engel (LRES), Fischer (PS&PP), Gerlach (Chem Eng), Jacobsen (Extension), Kaiser (ECE), Lansverk (English), Lawrence (Chem Biochem), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod Lang), Mokwa (Civ Eng), Neumeier (Physics), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Rossmann (Library), Schachman (Nursing), Sowell (A&RS), Zhu (CS)

**Others Present:** Chris Amanda Diehl, Joey Steffens, Cory Wood, Hugo Schmidt, Joe Fedock, Larry Carucci

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

**New Business**

**Tobacco Free Policy – ASMSU (Amanda Diehl, Joey Steffens, Cory Wood)**

- After two years of discussions and following a recent vote among students, it was decided to move forward with enforcing a tobacco free policy for the MSU campus. The purpose of the policy is to create a healthier, cleaner living and learning environment on the campus. Tobacco use and secondhand smoke have been identified by the Surgeon General to be the cause of preventable diseases. Additionally, in 2009, the Montana legislature decreed that the "right to breathe smoke-free air has priority over the desire to smoke" (Montana Code 50-40-102). It is the policy of MSU to promote the health, wellness, and safety of all employees, students, guests, visitors, and contractors while on campus. Therefore, all use of tobacco on the MSU campus, including all facilities operated under the control of MSU, is prohibited, and the campus will be free of tobacco-use effective August 1, 2012.
- There are currently 72 tobacco free campuses in the US. Montana Tech, UM, Western and Helena are tobacco free.
- FS asked how those who smoked, and wished to continue to do so, would be accommodated.
  - Smoking zones will be slowly phased out and, in the meantime, smokers might engage in a cessation program.
- How will the policy be enforced?
  - At first, MSU police will remind those smoking, that they are on a smoke free campus. There will always be non-compliance issues and educating the campus about the hazards of smoking might result in cessation of the habit.
- A draft of the policy is online: <http://www.montana.edu/health/healthpromo/tobacco.php>

**Council Updates**

- Budget Council - Rossmann
  - A national search is underway to replace Craig Roloff. Terry Leist is the interim VP of Admin & Finance and will continue to oversee budget issues in the provost's office. Leist will bring an academic component to the way the budget situation is lead on campus and he will also provide context to budget numbers. The council reviewed the anticipated increase in enrollment next year. They also discussed, with Potvin, taking one-time money and adding it to the base budget to provide stability to the budget in general.
- University Council – Lansverk
  - The climate commitment proposal came back in the form of two proposals; the original and a financially neutered version, curbing reinvestment of every dollar saved. The second version was passed. Council processes are still of concern to Lansverk, as policies are often first seen at council meetings with the intent to vote on them.
  - The campus telephone book will now be recyclable and printed versions are distributed via request.
  - The Northwest accreditation draft is online and the comment period will continue for two more weeks. At the behest of Lansverk,

communications improvement between the athletics rep and faculty should be mentioned in the document.

- Initial placement and completion of issues on the different councils' agendas is still not definitive. The councils are a free-speech arena, and FS members believe there should be a framework within which an agenda item is presented. Key components of the item would designate which council might begin to review it.

**Sabbatical Outcomes – Lansverk**

- Sabbaticals have been announced, ranked were sent to the Provost's office. There were 17 proposals and all were funded.
- The Provost requested moving the deadline to December.

**Intercampus Benefits Committee – Replacement for Doug Yong and Deborah Haynes**

- Two vacancies on the MSU Benefits Committee need to be filled. As soon as they are FS will provide nominees to the President for appointment.

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

Signature

*Marvin Lansverk, Chair*

*John Neumeier, Chair-elect*

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