

FACULTY SENATE
OCTOBER 24, 2012
LEON JOHNSON 346
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Burrows (Ext), Cantalupo (Ext), Dougher (PSPP), Durham (COB), Engel (LRES), Franklin (Micro), Greenwood (Math), Harney (Music), Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Igo (Ag Ed), Kaiser (ECE), Karczewska (Architecture), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod. Lang), Mokwa (CE), Moreaux (A&RS), Neumeier (Physics), Newhouse (Art), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Schachman (Nursing), Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Wiedenheft (IMID), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: Jeff Butler, Joe Seymour, Ron Larsen, Jeff Jacobsen, Terry Leist, Bob Swenson, Stephanie Wettstein

Chair John Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present. The minutes of October 17, 2012 were approved.

Course Approval – Chair Neumeier, Chair-elect Mokwa

- Of the two (2) academic items for consideration, two (2) were approved:
 - SOCI 355 “Juvenile Justice System”
 - LS 411 “Sustainability & Human Values”

Academic Items for Consideration

- Currently the following two activities courses are being considered:
 - ACT 178 “Beginning Basketball”
 - ACT 230 “Intermediate Yoga”
- University Studies is the academic unit where ACT activities courses reside. The courses are profitable, and some courses may count towards graduation. State contribution does subsidize these course for in-state students. The financial aid requirement of 12 credits might include an activities course. Money from the academic budget is utilized for these classes. Credits range from one to three credits per course.

Follow-up to Tracy Ellig’s FS Visit on October 17, 2012

- FS will invite Tracy Ellig back in late November, focusing on topics that are brought forward by senate members.

Improvements Implemented by Facilities – Jeff Butler, Director O&M - CET

- Results from a year-long listening and discussions sessions were refined into four categories:
 - Communication
 - Partnerships
 - Operational Processes
 - Energy
- As Facilities Services investigated ways to improve in each of these areas, they developed a list of initiatives, many of which have already been implemented.
- Senate discussed ways to clarify responsibilities of Facilities, as in a lab renovation, which might include who is responsible for which task, when costs start to incur, estimate accountability, implement an “in-person” faculty assessment of space needing renovations, etc.
- The current budget model dictates that contingency money be deposited in an indexed account before work may begin. Moving money in/out of such an account is cumbersome.
- State statute dictates a \$75,000 cap on construction projects, at which point outside contractors are hired.

- Outside contractors may be hired at any time, however, and they must meet state guidelines, have at least \$1M in insurance liability and, in some instances, use specified materials (paint, e.g.).

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

Signature

John Neumeier, Chair

Signature

Robert Mokva, Chair-elect

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