

FACULTY SENATE
APRIL 10, 2013
346 LEON JOHNSON
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Austin (Poli Sci), Bennett (English), Burrows (Ext. on-campus), Cantalupo (Ag Ext), Durham (COB), Engel (LRES), Gerlach (Chem & Bio Eng), Gibson (NTI), Greenwood (Math), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Kaiser (ECE), Larson (M&IE), Lawrence (Biochem), Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod Lang), Mokwa (CE), Moreaux (A&RS), Newhouse (Art), Neumeier (Physics), Karczewska for O'Neill (Arch), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Rossmann (Library), Schachman (Nursing), Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Wiedenheft (Immuno), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: David Singel, Martha Potvin, Larry Carucci, Isle-Mari Lee, Terry Leist

Chair Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm. A quorum was present.

Presentation about the Honors Program – Professor Ilse-Mari Lee

- Honors Program is seeking a change from “Program” to “College,” as it will more accurately reflect the rigor, course offerings, success of students, and increased market share.
- According to the National Collegiate of Honors Society, of which MSU is a member, MSU’s honors program is already acting in the capacity of an honors college.
- Has checked with U of M counterpart, and the U of M is very supportive of change.
- Currently over 1,100 students in honors program.
- Most universities that have an honors program automatically admit students with a GPA of 3.5 or over. MSU does not. An application process is the process by which a student is admitted to the honors program.
- The honors program has twelve (12), 400 level seminars this 12-13 academic year and all are full.
- Faculty senators will vote to approve (or not) via email ballot.

Outcome of Ballot Regarding Faculty Senate Meeting of April 17, 2013 and Discussion – Chair Neumeier

- Motion that FS call an all-faculty meeting; with an agenda that FS will set with all positive, pro-active tasks that have been completed; ask faculty attending what FS can do better; hold it during the week after final exams → seconded → paper ballots distributed and counted → majority in favor

Population of MSU Councils by Faculty Senate Members, Current Membership, Needs for the Coming Academic Year – Chair Neumeier

- Vacancies on university committees/councils were announced and Chair Neumeier asked for volunteers among senators. Senators were asked to share the vacancy announcement with their constituents if they, themselves, were not able to volunteer.

Discussion of the Draft Document, *Growth at MSU* – Recommendations from Faculty Senate – Chair Neumeier

- Discussions deferred until next week.

Results of Materials Science PhD and Common Hour Exam Vote – Chair-elect Mokwa

- Results of Materials Science was voted 26 in favor; one (1) No vote without narrative.
- Both components of the Common Hour Exam were unanimously accepted.

Definition of a Credit Hour – Chair Larry Carucci, Faculty Affairs

- Policy has two (2) sections: first section defines the credit hour and the second discusses the alternate outcomes-based approach.
- Because this policy will be implemented on all MUS campuses, it will be referred to as an interim policy until all campuses are in agreement with the wording.
- An email ballot for acceptance (or not) of this policy will be distributed to senators tomorrow.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Signature,
John Neumeier, Chair

Signature
Robert Mokwa, Chair-elect

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