

**FACULTY COUNCIL**  
**February 21, 2007**  
**REID HALL 103**  
**4:10 AM – 5:00 PM**  
**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Ashley, Bailey, Bandyopadhyay, Becker, Cherry, Christopher, Croy, Dyer, Jacobs, Jones, Levy, , Lynch, Marshall for D. Weaver, McClure, Neeley, Pinet, Prawdzienski, K.A. Scott, Seymour, Starkey for Zhu, Taylor, Watson, T. Weaver

**Members Absent:** Ag Econ, Ag/ED/AOT, Amin, Chem/Biochem, English, Erickson, Gipp, Idzerda, Jackson, Johnson, Lei, Livingston, Nursing On-Campus, Peed, Political Science

**Others Present:** Adams, Dooley, Fedock, Lansverk

Chair Shannon Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. A quorum was present. The minutes from February 14, 2007 were unanimously approved.

***ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW – Chair Shannon Taylor***

- Of the 700+ faculty emailed, 355 have responded to the Administrative Review so far. The review will be closed on February 22, 2007 at 11:00 AM.
- A faculty member may revise his/her survey answers before the survey ends.
- Chair Taylor may extend the survey deadline for English, as many of the “my portal” addresses are not able to receive the survey email, linking the participant to the review.
- Results will be shown in histogram as tenured/non-tenured responses and not as specific academic rank.
- A cover memo accompanying the results will go to each dean explaining how the survey was conducted, what the results mean and that the results must be considered when evaluating the supervisor.
- Chair Taylor believes, in the spirit of shared governance, results of the survey should be shared with each department head/supervisor and FC members concurred.

***OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PLAN RESOLUTION HB95– Chair Shannon Taylor***

- There are two hearings left on this bill, and it has not yet made it out of committee.

***WOMEN’S FACULTY CAUCUS – Chair Shannon Taylor***

- The Faculty Council Steering Committee met with the members of the Women’s Caucus last Thursday to collaborate in shared governance. Their web site is:  
<http://www.montana.edu/wrt/women-caucus.html>

***ACADEMIC FREEDOM HB525 – Chair Shannon Taylor***

- Chair Taylor attended the hearing in Helena regarding HB525. It was well attended, and proponents of the bill, Anne Neal, Paul Trout, and Rob Nadelson spoke for a half hour. Those against the bill, and who were in the majority, also spoke for half an hour (George Dennison of U of M, Shelia Stearns, COHE, and the students). The bill was passed anyway, and it is out of committee on the floor. Representatives are the only participants who may testify when the bill is on the floor.
- Chair Taylor asked FC members, as private citizens, to contact their legislators and express their beliefs about the bill.
- If the bill is passed, requirements imposed on the university include hiring two FTE to monitor university activities, and sending an annual report to the COHE to document that the MUS is not in violation of the bill.

Details of those requirements may be viewed at this web site:

<http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/2007/billhtml/HB0525.htm> Specifically, SECTION 4, *Higher Education Intellectual Diversity Report*.

***MUS GENERAL EDUCATION CORE - Jeff Adams***

- The document circulated to FC is in reference to students who wish to transfer from one unit to another and if the student is trying to satisfy the MUS General Education CORE. If the student is trying to satisfy the MSU CORE 2.0 none of the criteria stated apply.
- There is a draft policy before the BOR regarding the state wide policy on remedial course work. It advocates removing any teaching of remedial courses from all campuses, except Northern and Western. It would also more clearly define remedial courses (math and writing) that prepare the student for a CORE course. These courses would be labeled as a “0” level designation and count less than a general education course.

***FACULTY AFFAIRS – Marvin Lansverk***

- Research Misconduct is on the Faculty Council web page. Please read the document at <http://www2.montana.edu/facultycouncil/index.html> and contact Marvin Lansverk with comments.
- “Who May Become A PI?” This proposal is still being debated, and will be brought to Faculty Council for discussion next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM, as there was no other business.

*Signature*

Shannon Taylor, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary