

FACULTY SENATE
Nov 10, 2010
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4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Anderson (Film & Photo), Caton (Business), Cherry (Math), Fischer (PSPP), Jacobsen (Ext On Campus) , Kaiser (EE), Lansverk (English), Lawrence (Biochem), Lockhart (Ed), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Modern Lang & Lit), Marshall for Engel (LRES), McClure (Micro), Neumeier (Physics), Rossmann (Libraries), Schachman (Nursing), Sobek (MEIE)

Others Present: Joe Fedock, Larry Carucci, Bob Swenson, Bob Oakberg, Camie Bechtold

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

Announcements – Chair Lansverk

- November 12, 2010 – OCHE meeting in Helena with MUSFAR and Deputy Commissioner, Mick Robinson, Kevin McRae, and Tyler Trevor, to discuss regents' budget proposals. Chair Lansverk will report outcomes to FS members.
- November 18-19, 2010 – BoR, Missoula (MUSFAR breakfast meeting with the Regents, November 18, 2010).
- There will be no meeting next week due to the BoR; or the week after due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The next meeting will be on December 1, 2010.

Faculty Athletic Representative Policy/Faculty Affairs --Larry Carucci, Chair, Faculty Affairs

Chair Carucci continued the FAR discussions where FS left off last week. Current FAR Bob Oakberg, and the Associate Athletic Director Camie Bechtold had been invited to participate in the discussion. The overriding issue and concern from FS members was the FAR workload. Discussions ensued.

- Bob Oakberg noted that many of the bullet items in the draft FAR job description do not happen with any great frequency. For example, the NCAA certification only occurs once every ten years. He also remarked that the student grievances are usually addressed within their respective academic or administrative areas. For example, if a grievance involves financial aid, the Financial Aid office addresses it. Only grievances involving athletics go through the FAR. There are specific policies and procedures for this process, and issues are usually vetted through the Athletics Committee, of which there is a FS member. It was suggested that the tasks on the FAR job description be ordered according to how much time is dedicated to each task.
- The time commitment overall is about 8 hours per week.
- Administrative support is adequate, as many other entities on campus provide data and information the FAR needs to do the job successfully.
- Bob Oakberg emphasized the importance of reading the NCAA manual and being familiar with all aspects of the position's role and rationale behind policies; this helps to provide insight and avoid mistakes. Implementing some policies for athletes is a collective effort, involving many people on campus; they are involved when policy is being reviewed or signed off on.
- Bob Oakberg noted that the three-year term is just long enough for the FAR to begin to learn policies and procedures. A brief mentoring by the outgoing FAR would help the new FAR understand the role. The new FAR would learn rules and policies from Association Athletic Director Camie Bechtold.

- The FAR proposal has a role for FS in the nomination process. The Chair of FS will send out an announcement and form a subcommittee to review applications. Three to five nominees would then be sent to the President for appointment.
- The FAR would serve a three year, renewable, term; every three years the FAR position will be re-announced, with the current FAR able to reapply for subsequent terms. The FAR's performance will be reviewed annually by the President.
- Emeritus faculty were suggested as potential FAR candidates.
- A FS member suggested a signing bonus for the new FAR, as a way to compensate for the learning curve. Currently, there is 20% release time and summer pay that is financed through the President's office budget.
- Camie noted that there is a team approach to the success of the FAR. As with any position, there is an ebb and flow of activities e.g., when some sports have a heavier recruiting schedule than others.
- Initially, the FAR was represented academics inside athletics; now that role has a dual direction with the FAR representing athletics in academics, as well.
- FS may want to discuss some of the issues still on the table and vote on the documents before the next Dean's Council on November 27.

Reports

- FS PBF Task Force – Continues to meet and is preparing materials for the Friday meeting in Helena. Academic articles on the subject attest to the fact that over the last ten years of experiments with PBF, it hasn't seemed to accomplish its goals. Chair Lansverk will circulate the PBF memo that the Task Force is preparing to FS before the Helena meeting.
- Budget Council – Has only met once, and President Cruzado attended the beginning of the meeting to guide the discussion

about the purpose and mission of the council, which is advisory in its capacity. President Cruzado would like the budget to follow planning. A specific proposal for a 15 million dollar dorm renovation project was then presented by VP.F. Craig Roloff and members felt that they were not prepared. Subsequently, members asked for an MSU budget orientation and some meeting ground rules (e.g., materials for the meeting be given to the members ahead of time). Areas of responsibility still remain unclear and the council would like more clarification.

- Planning Council – Met yesterday and was given a presentation of the budget by Craig Roloff. Chair-elect Neumeier, who is FS's member on the Council, asked about the \$15M renovation project, as the project was already on the BoR meeting agenda. Currently, the vision for this council is to be a strategic planning entity, but members would also like more clarification.
- University Council – Continues to meet.
- A draft of the FS Briefing Paper for incoming provost Martha Potvin has been prepared and circulated. Chair Lansverk asked members to review the document.

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

Signature

Marvin Lansverk, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary