

FACULTY SENATE
APRIL 11, 2012
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4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Bolte (Music), Burrows (Ext), Cantalupo (Ext), Caton (Business), Engel (LR), Gerlach (ChBE), Greenwood (Math), Herbeck (Ed), Lansverk (English), Larson for Sobek (M&IE), Lawrence (Chem & Biochem), Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Mokwa (Civ Eng), Neumeier (Physics), Rossmann (Libraries), Varricchio for Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: Ron Larsen, Larry Carucci

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

Chair's Report:

- Lansverk will be traveling for the last two FS meetings this semester, and Neumeier will assume the chair's position the first meeting in September 2012.
- The Strategic Plan is being reviewed by the Planning Council; the newest version is online for viewing and input before the final version is crafted in May and voted on in September.
- \$1.5M will go towards faculty; deans will bring forward their requests for hiring.
- Administration suggested that The "Students Missing Class" policy might go into the Faculty Handbook, as well as the Student Conduct Code.
- Online elections to the University Shared Governance Councils will begin tomorrow; Lansverk encouraged FS members to vote.
- The March 28 and April 4, 2012 minutes were unanimously approved.

FS Committee Openings and Elections:

- Bob Mokwa, Associate Professor of Civil Engineering, was unanimously elected to the Chair-elect position of Faculty Senate.
- The Faculty Senate Steering Committee has three (2) openings for faculty senators. The council meets once a week for an hour to determine the FS agenda and discusses and refers items of business to appropriate standing committees. Broader representation (Nursing, Arts & Architecture, Business, e.g.) would be appreciated.
- When councils were first created, FS debated the method by which our designated slots would be filled. Results at that time were:

University Council: By position: Chair, Faculty Senate - Marvin Lansverk
Deans Council: By position: Chair, Faculty Senate - Marvin Lansverk
Budget Council: Election from among Senators - Doralyn Rossmann
Planning Council: Election from among Senators - John Neumeier
Research Council: Originally we had no FS slot, but successfully lobbied for one last year.

Subsequently, a university-wide committee decided on the committee terms, most of which are two years with a limit of one term. Faculty Senate Steering Committee discussed whether leadership from FS should be on more of the committees or whether the workload should be spread around amongst other FS members, with consensus being that the chair of FS should be, by position, the member on Budget Council. Justification given was the FS chair's familiarity of state-wide, OCHE and Deans Council issues and how that information might help to defend and vote in favor of the academic mission. Discussions ensued. FS queried what the qualifications for elected positions should be. Rossmann stated that she manages the library's budget, she was a former member of UBAC, she spent her first year, along with other Budget Council members, learning about MSU's governmental accounting practices, and that she teaches a public budgeting class in MSU's public administration program. She stated that any new member on the Budget Council should have an understanding of governmental accounting. Another FS member stated that the FS chair and chair-elect might work more closely with an elected member. The motion to automatically place the FS chair onto the Budget Committee was tabled for further discussion/consideration next week.

- Lansverk reminded FS members to vote on the Regents Professor Policy that was emailed to them.

Proposed Change to Faculty Handbook Section 1232: Ability for Faculty to Pursue Additional Degrees from MSU:

- MSU is the only university in the MUS that does not allow faculty to pursue another degree while employed on the Bozeman campus. It has become a recruiting issue. Ironically, if a faculty member wanted to pursue a degree online at U of M, for example, they could and get a degree. The degree pursuing option, however, is available to professionals and classified staff. This policy was not bargained by AFMSU. Larsen stated that FS might entertain the option of eliminating it all together. Motion was made to allow faculty to obtain other degrees at MSU → seconded → unanimously approved.

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.