

FACULTY SENATE
OCT 3, 2012
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4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Bolte for Harney (Music), Burrows (Ext), Cantalupo (Ext), Dougher (PSPP), Engel (LRES), Gerlach (Chem Eng), Greenwood (Math), Hendrixx (Earth Sciences), Herbeck (Ed), Igo (Ag Ed), Hofstetler (GCP), Kaiser (E&CE), Lansverk (Eng), Larson (M&IE), Lawrence (Chem/Biochem), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod. Lang), Merzdorf (C&NS), Mokwa (CE), Moreaux (A&RS), Neumeier (Physics), Newhouse (Art), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Rossmann (Libraries), Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Wiedenheft (IMID)

Others Present: Walt Banziger, Jeff Butler, Chris Catlett, Ron Larsen, Bob Swenson, Bob Lashaway

Chair John Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present. Minutes from September 12, 2012 were approved.

Course Approval Process – Chair Neumeier, Chair-elect Mokwa

- Greenwood reported that the course EIND457: Regression and Applied Multivariate Analysis for Engineers which was tabled last week for further discussion in the Math Department, was restructured to conform better with other math courses and renamed by adding “for Engineers” to the course title. FS voted to approve.
- The Pre-Veterinary Certificate proposal, tabled last week, was also approved by FS.

College of Business Building Update – Walt Banziger

- Status:
 - Design development is being finished;
 - Exterior elevations and floor plans are ready to share with campus constituents;
 - Monday, October 8, 2012 plans will be released to the general public;
 - UFPB will then formally present the exterior design documents to President Cruzado for approval; and
 - Construction documents will then be crafted and ready for bidding pending legislative approval in April/May.
- Design is rooted in the desire to make the building a place where students, faculty, and professionals from the community can collaborate and co-mingle.
- The most striking example of that collaboration space will be an open forum on the first floor with a hearth and with wall-sized windows that can slide open to incorporate the use of an adjacent plaza. The forum is designed to serve both as a gathering and study area for students, but can also be easily arranged to handle presentations, lectures, exhibitions and job fairs.
- The design of the building also aspires to achieve at least a Silver LEED certification. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. It is an internationally recognized green building certification program developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. Photovoltaic’s are being considered.
- The building’s location – north of Wilson Hall – supports a goal of the university’s Long Range Campus Development Plan to keep academic buildings within easy walking distance of each other. The location has the added benefit of being within one block of nearly 1,400 students living in neighboring residence halls. It meets the goals of the campus Landscape Master Plan and ways to limit the impacts to nearby trees.

- Discussions ensued:
 - Existing parking lot will be expanded to the west, as the COB building will occupy some of the present parking.
 - Some trees will be removed from a grove to the east – 9 will be relocated prior to construction. Four are too large to move and they will be removed.
 - The Long Range Development Plan and the Landscape Development Plan aim to condense most of the academic aspects of campus between 11th and 6th and Harrison and Grant to least impact trees and iconic green spaces.
 - Trees planted prior to the last century were planted in lieu of a Master Plan and they will be removed with replacements so there is no net loss to trees.

Motor Pool Business Analysis Q&A – Jeff Butler, Chris Catlett

- Facilities examined operational viability of the Motor Pool and whether to retain it. It is a self-sustaining operation; no state funds.
- After a 1999 study which determined MSU should not have a Motor Pool, the president decided to retain it. Vendors in the Bozeman area were sparse or non-existent. However, some modifications were made:
 - The Motor Pool was reduced;
 - They changed how to dispatch the vehicles;
 - There is free customer parking;
 - A vehicle replacement schedule was created; and
 - Only one position is directly related to the Motor Pool.
- Recent changes:
 - 15 passenger vans removed;
 - Volume of rentals is down, driving rates up;
 - Multi-state contracts are available with insurance is part of the contract; and
 - National rentals will not rent to students.
- Facilities is asking for comments from FS to make recommendations to the president. An email ballot will be sent to FS. Options to choose from are:
 - Keep the Motor Pool as currently managed by Facilities Services:
 - Reduce fleet to meet declining demand, reduce availability over time and ultimately increase rates.
 - Replace the Motor Pool with a private sector rental
 - Potential to locate private sector vehicle rental service in current Motor Pool lot
 - Transfer insurance liability from MSU to vendor
 - Close Motor Pool and leave rental choice up to user
 - MSU employee has options:
 - Select a private vendor with a general contract to MSU
 - Select any of the local rental car companies, or
 - Use personal vehicle and be reimbursed at the state rate

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

Signature
John Neumeier, Chair

Signature
Robert Mokwa, Chair-elect

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