

Faculty Senate Meeting
SUB Ballroom B
March 20, 2024
3:15pm-4:30pm

Senators	Represents	Attended
Ellis, Colter	Chair	X
McCalla, Stephanie	Chair-Elect	X
Alexander-Ruff, Julie	Nursing/On Campus	X
Austin, Eric	LS/Political Science	X
Bartkowiak, Ania	EHHD/Counseling	X
Brennan, Alison	EHHD/HDCH	Remote
Brown, Lisa	Gallatin College	X
Coffey, Jerry	Emeritus Faculty	X
Downs, Doug	LS/English	X
D'Urso, Brian	LS/Physics	X
Hayes, Goosey	Extension/On Campus	X
Janzen, Gesine	AR/Art	X
Lauchnor, Ellen	EN/Civil Engineering	X
Li, Hua	LS/Modern Languages	X
Maher, Rob	EN/Electrical & Computer Engineering	X
McCalla, Scott	LS/Math Sciences	X
McDermott, Tim	AG/Land Resources	X
McKelvey, Hannah	Library	X
Meyer, Jim	LS/History and Philosophy	Remote
Neufeldt, Sharon	LS/Chemistry & Biochemistry	X
Orendorff, Karie	EHHD/FSNK	X
Orme, Devon	LS/Earth Sciences	X
Posbergh, Chris	AG/Animal & Range Sciences	X
Stoneback, Sarah	AR/Music	Remote
Stowers, Steve	AG/Micro Cell Biology	X
Thorsen, Maggie	LS/Sociology & Anthropology	X
Verhille, Christine	LS/Ecology	X
Walach, Michael	AG/Agricultural Education	X

Alternates	Represents	Attended
Johnson, Erick	EN/Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	X

OTHER ATTENDEES	Represents	Attended
Anderson, Ryan	Faculty Affairs	X
Beck, Carina	Student Success	X
Dougher, Tracy	Office of the Provost	X
Fastnow, Chris	Planning & Analysis	Remote
Johnson, Michaela	Grad Student	X
Mokwa, Robert	Office of the Provost	X
Sobek, Durward	Office of the Provost	X

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 3:15pm

- II. Approval of FS Minutes from March 6, 2024
 - a. Michael Walach moves to approve. Chris Posbergh seconds. None opposed. Approved.

- III. FYI Items
 - a. Dr. Cara Neumann lecture: Grassroots to Global: The Power of Public Health (today, 6:30-7:30 in NAH Inspiration Hall)
 - b. Keely Holmes will provide walk-in help sessions for the CIM system:
 - i. Walk-In Help Session 1: Monday, March 25th, 10:00am-12:00pm in Montana Hall 116
 - ii. Walk-In Help Session 2: Thursday, March 28th, 1:00pm-3:00pm in Montana Hall 116
 - c. Call for First Generation Service Excellence Award nominations (deadline April 2, 2024). This award is meant to honor a faculty or staff member that is working towards advocacy and support of first-generation college students on campus as well as modeling excellence in first-generation leadership. Nominations close on April 2, 2024, at 11:59pm.
 - i. <https://www.montana.edu/firstgen/First-GenerationServiceExcellenceAward.html>

IV. Information Updates

- a. Distance learning policy: Tracy Dougher
 - i. <https://www.montana.edu/universitycouncil/proposed-policies/drafts/2024-.0215%20MSU%20Distance%20Education%20Policy%20draft%20v1.pdf>
 - ii. Accreditors want this policy. We have a visit October 9-11
 - A. Faculty forum on the 9th. More info to come.
 - iii. See slide presentation
 - iv. Questions
 - A. Does this change anything for instructors? No.
 - B. Is the link to a new document, or the modified document?
 - a. We have not had a policy before, so this is new.
 - C. Why does Faculty Senate not have a vote on this policy?
 - a. Provost: Because it impacts the entire campus, including students. We want it to stand as a university policy. Bringing it through academic council gets it more exposure. Wider exposure. Chair of Faculty Senate sits on Academic Council.
 - b. If you do have comments, please get it to Colter or Stephanie right away.
 - D. Is this about online courses, or online programs?
 - a. It is about both.
 - E. Would one-offs fall under this? Yes.
 - a. You can't change the modality of the class without permission.
 - F. For a current online program, some definitions may change, and you will want to make sure you are in compliance with the policy when finalized.
 - G. Any program who offers a teaching option is technically remote.
 - H. Would like to see the definitions somewhere that the faculty could access them.
- v. The Department of Education is driving this. Yes, it is sudden. At the same time, OCHE is trying to figure out what they it to look like.

V. Old Business

- a. Changes to the Graduate Catalog (Second Reading)
 - i. Eligibility for Assistantships
 - A. Questions:
 - a. Faculty have an issue with the wording about tuition waivers. What is the "limit"? The "limit" is referenced in other parts of the policy. Will track down the information.
 - b. Faculty want a definition of "academic notice."

- i. Good Standing, Academic Notice (still in good standing), Academic Warning, Suspension.
 - ii. Academic Notice: TERM GPA drops below 3.0, CUM is above 3.0
 - B. Scott McCalla moves to table. Devon Orme seconds. Eight opposed. Tabled.
 - ii. Graduate Academic Standing
 - A. Table is in the policy
 - B. Committee determination factors
 - a. Holistic review
 - b. See slide presentation
 - C. Questions/Discussion:
 - a. There is still a mechanism to release a student who, for example, does fine in course work, but doesn't finish their thesis? Yes.
 - b. Is there a time limit? No
 - i. Research, classroom, and testing could be more than five years difference from doing their dissertation. Should we be concerned?
 - 1. There are other policies on this that have deadlines.
 - a. 10 years of course work, 5 years from your comprehensive exam.
 - c. What is permitted as a comprehensive exam under this policy?
 - i. Why was the comp exam spelled out in the policy? Doesn't seem necessary.
 - d. Appeals process clarification is needed.
 - i. Proposed appeals policy hasn't made it to FS yet. It was kicked back and will be worked on. We will see it eventually.
 - e. Concern that the departments are being limited.
 - D. Scott McCalla moves to table. Brian D'Urso seconds. None opposed. Tabled.

VI. Undergraduate Courses and Programs

- a. Courses – Second Reading
 - i. [ANSC 106](#): Careers in Animal Agriculture
 - ii. [CULA 106](#): Kitchen and Food Production Fundamentals
 - iii. [CULA 108](#): Station Cookery
 - iv. [CULA 112](#): Fundamentals of Protein Cookery
 - v. [ECNS 433](#): Economics of the Environment
- b. Course Inactivations – Second Reading
 - i. [SPNS 341](#): Warriors and Damsels in Spanish Literature

- c. New Programs – Second Reading
 - i. [-C](#): Certificate in Special Education
 - d. Program Inactivations – Second Reading
 - i. [CARB-CBL](#): Certificate in Arabic
 - A. We no longer offer second year Arabic courses. The enrollment in those courses was consistently low, so they were cancelled

- VII. Graduate Courses and Programs
 - a. Courses – Second Reading
 - i. [BIOH 585](#): Human Dissection for Teachers

- VIII. Senators’ Open Conversation
 - a. Rob Maher: 5 years between comp exam and valid defense. Comps are usually a couple of years into program.
 - b. Erick Johnson: Can we see the entire graduate school policy? Seeing the placement may be helpful.
 - i. Will work on getting that.

- IX. Public Comment
 - a. Provost: Cats are playing in 30 minutes. Watch party at the field house. Everyone is invited. GO CATS!!!!

- X. Adjourn
 - a. Chris Posbergh moves to adjourn. Karie Orendorff seconds. Meeting adjourned at 4:03.