

FACULTY SENATE
February 3, 2010
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4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Bangert, Caton, Eitle, Fischer, Jacobsen, Kaiser, Lansverk, Larson for Sobek, Locke, Lynch, Marshall for D. Weaver, Meade, Mokwa, Neumeier, Osborne, Ross for Zhu, Schachman, Sowell, Thompson, Van collar, Versaevel, Waller, Wojtowicz

Members Absent: Bessen, Chen, Cherry, Ecology, Eiger, Fields, Fleck, Frick, Gee, Gerlach, Lawrence, Livingston, Merzdorf, Mosley, Political Science

Others Present: Joe Fedock, Anne Milkovich

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

Announcements –Chair Wes Lynch

- Four-campus leadership meeting (1/27) summary - Faculty and administrator attendees were broken out into like-groups (CEO's, faculty, etc.) to discuss the theme of how to better integrate the four campuses. Topics discussed were:
 - Long term goals:
 - Program development driven by faculty
 - Smoother transition from two-year to four-year programs
 - Better opportunities for community education
 - Have programs that are not necessarily campus bound
 - Short term goals:
 - Better collaboration
 - Regular meetings (electronically) to communicate Share information about teaching methods
 - Modular courses
 - Better faculty communication among campuses
 - How the integration impact the students:
 - How it will effect the system's overall integration:
 - What do we mean to be a system? Explain the rationale for what the individual campuses are doing.
 - How would the issues involving the union and Faculty Senate be negotiated?

The next steps will be to bring representatives of each of the constituencies together on March 3, 2010 to discuss major issues such as university mission, structure, admissions policies, transfer policies, business practices, information processes, financial aid, calendars, distance learning, developing new programs/modifying of old programs.

A FS member asked how each campus plans to maintain its individuality; Bozeman is a land-grant university and other campuses are not. President Cruzado is aware of the uniqueness of the campuses and will strive to preserve those characteristics when they are integrated.

- Summary of UPBAC meeting (2/2)
 - President Cruzado attended and was queried about the future size and proper structure of UPBAC.
 - Craig Roloff reported that the status of state revenues has stabilized. The BoR are required to report their strategy to meet the governor's budget reduction goal by Feb 18 or 19. The legislative finance committee will meet on March 4-5, to discuss the BoR plan and to update budget figures and will make recommendations about how to proceed. There will be at least one revenue forecast between now and then. There may be a disagreement about what the legislature and governor want to do, resulting in a special legislation.

- The proposal to pro-rate medical benefits of part time employees as a portion of their FTE has been dismissed.
- Future FS Meeting topics might include the following and may be addressed when President Cruzado visits Faculty Senate on March 10, 2010.
 - Implications of the union contract negotiations for non-unionized, non-represented faculty (Engineers) and FS's role. Administration does not want two Faculty Handbooks. If FS members have ideas, please communicate them with Chair Lynch. Chair Lynch would like to invite leadership from ASMSU to FS and have all concerns addressed.
 - Decentralization of the benefits management process and the impact it has had on departments.
 - Workload of faculty and implications for contract negotiations.
 - Program reviews and the potential need to cut.

New Business – Anne Milkovich

- Course evaluation technology upgrade
 - ITC is examining new hardware and software for student evaluations. Currently, the software is outdated and written in tools that no longer exist; it costs \$50,000 a year to run. The options available will not impact the questions and content of the evaluations
 - There is only one option, off the shelf, that allows higher education market to conduct paper and online evaluations – *Class Climate*. The software allows conversion to online, in the future, and is compatible with D2L. ITC already has the scanning equipment needed to integrate with *Class Climate*. Start up is, \$60,000 and \$15,000 annually to maintain.
 - If the university wants to convert to online, now, then that presents another set of options. (Some departments are already using online, only.)
 - Online only has some statistical capability. Statistical capability compares instructors to other courses at the university, how one college compares to another college, etc.
 - Integration with D2L, eliminates D2L. If we look for online solutions, they do not necessarily have to integrate with D2L. We could just use the D2L survey feature, but there is a lot of administrative work and software programming needed.
 - Developing something in-house would be more expensive, and we would have to recruit programming resources.
 - FS members queried about paper vs. online response rate for students. Participation rates at MSU (Bozeman), comparing spring, summer, fall 2009, show that student participation is higher with paper than online, but the results do not change. Other university studies arrived at the same conclusions. More in-depth written answers were given by students, however, who used online evaluations. FS members would like to see different evaluation questions and formats for on-line classes.
 - Some departments do not use ITC's evaluations and craft their own.
 - Provost Fedock would like FS input. Chair Lynch will email the PowerPoint presentation and all materials to FS members for comment.
 - FS asked who owns evaluation data. Provost Fedock believes that it goes back to the department and is owned by the faculty member. The access rights of department heads to that data are a question for legal counsel. Students queried what their rights to access that information were.

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

Signature

Wes Lynch, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary