

FACULTY SENATE
MARCH 21, 2012
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4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Cantalupo (Ext), Caton (Business), Copie (Chem & biochem), Dougher (PS&PP), Engel (LR), Gerlach (ChBE), Greenwood (Math), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Kaiser (ECE), Lansverk (English), Larson for Sobek (M&IE) Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod Lang), Neumeier (Physics), O'Neill (Arch), Rossmann (Library), Schachman (Nursing), Varricchio for Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: Ron Larsen, Larry Carucci, Marilyn Lockhart, Regent Jeff Krauss, Waded Cruzado

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

Chair's Report:

- Strategic Plan – Faculty Senate Steering Committee requested of Rimpau more FS oversight/input. He envisions one more meeting with the Planning Council task force (next week), the rough draft going back to the Planning Council (PC) with input from both FS and PC within the next couple of weeks.
- Planning Council has vacancies for each college and the College of Engineering elections will take place next month. Rob Maher is the current member. Anyone from engineering (faculty, professional, staff) may assume the membership.
- Three new search committees have been formed for the three dean vacancies. A professional search firm, Greenwood & Asher, has been hired.
- FS is seeking a chair-elect. The two-year commitment may be changed to one-year. Those interested should speak to Lansverk or Neumeier.

Make-up Policy for Students Missing Class on Behalf of MSU – Larry Carucci

At the last FS meeting, members thought the draft language for this new policy was not strong enough in establishing expectation that faculty make accommodations for students missing class on behalf of MSU. So, Faculty Affairs committee redrafted the proposal. Motion to approve current language → seconded → discussion:

- In reference to the second paragraph in 310.01 if, for example, a football player has one more course to complete their degree and it conflicts with practice time, the current language of this document does not accommodate that situation; it should be taken up with the dean of the department. This document is a routine policy, addressing a regularly scheduled practice time which is usually known at the beginning of the term and would be, most likely, accommodated.
- Place periods at the end of paragraph 2, 310.00 and paragraph 2, 310.01.
- The last sentence in paragraph 1, 310.01 now reads: “Students are expected to provide course instructors with official notification of scheduled activity (ies) as early as possible, preferably at least ten (10) days in advance of the event.”
- It was noted that the difficulty in modifying this document comes with balancing between accommodating the students and a non-compliant professor.

Motion to accept language with modifications → seconded → unanimously in favor.

Adjunct Representation on Faculty Senate:

After input at FS last week, newly drafted language from Faculty Affairs Committee simplifies the non-tenure track membership, specifying a fixed number of at-large representatives, instead of numbers based on numbers of adjuncts in the various

colleges; and it addresses concerns about having a quorum. This policy also addresses election cycles i.e., for those who have contracts for the next year (and up to three years). The election process is still being discussed and may originate from the Provost's office, beginning in the spring semester, April 1, and ending by the end of the month. A brief bio and qualifications with an open election, taking the top five, and no more than two from each college.

The previous version included more adjunct representation: One NTT (.5 FTE and above) per five NTT's; over 30 (.5 FTE and above) NTT's, another rep would be allowed. Currently, it would add 8+ reps in the next 5-10 years. Discussions ensued:

- FS queried why adjuncts have not formed a caucus, even though it has been in existence for a decade.
- Some FS members believe the NTT should make the request, themselves, for representation.
- It was suggested that someone query the union if NTT's would like to participate.
- Some adjuncts have been asked and are not interested in participating. There is typically not a service component for adjuncts.
- If we add NTT's, will they participate? How would that affect the quorum if they did not attend?
- FS members will report back on their findings, within their departments, with respect to adjunct representation on FS.

It was agreed that more information is needed before proceeding. FS members will report back on their findings, within their departments, with respect to adjunct representation on FS.

The Faculty Senate meeting ended at 4:46 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.