

FACULTY SENATE
JANUARY 23, 2013
346 LEON JOHNSON
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Bennett (English), Cantalupo (Ag Ext), Durham (COB), Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Engel (LRES), Gerlach (BCE), Greenwood (Math), Harney (Music), Hendrixx (Earth Sciences), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Larson (M&IE), Lawrence (Biochem), Letiecq (HHID), Lynch (Psych), Mokwa (CE), Neumeier (Physics), O'Neill (Arch), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Rossmann (Library), Schachman (Nursing)

Others Present: Larry Carucci, Steve Erickson, Martha Potvin, Myles Watts

Chair Neumeier called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present.

Draft Academic Items for Vote – Chair-elect Mokwa

- ACT 105 (Weight Training), ACT 106 (Beginning Tennis), ACT 107 (Beginning Running)
 - The Fitness Center will house activities courses during down time.
 - Motivation for having these courses is primarily student-driven and the fact that MSU has not offered them in years.
 - Big sky conference institutions have an average of 78 activities course for students.
 - A number of students who have not reached the 18 credit “flat spot” take activities courses which still qualify them for their federal financial aid.
 - Most students queried, however, state that they take activities courses to learn the specific sports class they are enrolled in.
 - Whether activities courses count towards the 120 graduating credits, or not, depends upon the department. For example, Engineering does not count any activities courses.
 - Motion to vote to accept (or not) the three activities courses via paper ballot → seconded → all in favor.
 - 26 approved; 4 disapproved; 1 abstention
- BIOH 445 and HSTR 436 were tabled pending additional information submission to the C&PC.

Draft Items for Consideration – Chair-elect Mokwa

- Financial Engineering - new undergraduate major and minor
 - The program focuses on the design of financial instruments, and other financial tools, to conduct “stress” testing for financial institutions and banks, by addressing regulations to ensure their day-to-day business operations are more transparent.
- An email ballot will be sent to senators for vote.

ASMSU LGBTQI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, and Intersex) Resolution – Chair Neumeier

- ASMSU, who has already approved the resolution, would also like FS’s approval. Non-substantive changes to the resolution might be made, however, after FS’s approval.
- Motion was made to request ASMSU to submit the final version of the proposal, with changes, to FS for vote → seconded → not unanimous.
- Another motion was made to vote on the proposal as it is, as FS is approving the resolution in principle, only (non-discrimination of those who are LGBTQI) → seconded → all in favor → unanimous.

Executive Session

- Chair Neumeier asked for a motion to have Executive Session of FS begin → seconded.
- All attendees who are not senators were asked to vacate the room.

As there was no further business, the meeting 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.