

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Harrison 123
September 11, 2024
3:15pm-4:30pm

Senators	Represents	Attended
McCalla, Stephanie	Chair	X
Maher, Rob	Chair-Elect	X
Bartkowiak, Ania	EHHD/Counseling	R
Boles, Jennifer	AR/Film & Photography	X
Brennan, Alison	EHHD/HDCH	X
Brown, Lisa	Gallatin College	X
Coffey, Jerry	Emeritus Faculty	X
Cowan, Susanne	AR/Architecture	X
Creel, Scott	LS/Ecology	X
Downs, Doug	LS/English	X
D'Urso, Brian	LS/Physics	X
Goosey, Hayes	Extension/On Campus	R
Han, Xin	LS/Political Science	X
Izurieta, Clemente	EN/Computer Engineering	X
Janzen, Gesine	AR/Art	X
Kalonde, Gilbert	EHHD/Education	X
Knight, Kelly	LS/Sociology & Anthropology	R
Kunze, Anja	EN/electrical & Computer Engineering	X
Li, Hua	LS/Modern Languages	X
Little, Jeannie	AR/Music	X
McCalla, Scott	LS/Math Sciences	X
McDermott, Tim	AG/Land Resources	X
McKelvey, Hannah	Library	X
McPhee, Kevin	AG/Plant Sciences & Plant Pathology	X
Neufeldt, Sharon	LS/Chemistry & Biochemistry	X
Orendorff, Karie	EHHD/FSNK	R
Posbergh, Chris	AG/Animal & Range Sciences	R

Stowers, Steve	AG/Micro Cell Biology	X
Swensen, Isaac	AG/Agricultural Economics	X
Walach, Michael	AG/Agricultural Education	X
Alternates	Represents	Attended
Church, Sarah	LS/Earth Sciences	X
Johnson, Erick	EN/Mechanical & Industrial Engineering	X
Miller, Carrie	Nursing/On Campus	X

OTHER ATTENDEES	Represents	Attended
Anderson, Ryan	Faculty Affairs	X
Donohue, Ariel	Diversity & Inclusion	X
Dougher, Tracy	Office of the Provost	R
Ellis, Colter	Faculty Affairs	X
Mokwa, Robert	Office of the Provost	X
Reyes, Albert	Graduate Students	X
Thomson, Jennifer	College of Agriculture	X

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 3:17pm.

- II. Approval of FS Minutes from August 28, 2024
 - a. Doug Downs moves to approve. Seconded. None opposed. No abstentions. Approved.

- III. FYI Items
 - a. Reminder: September is suicide prevention month
 - i. Mindwise Signs of Suicide training available for free to faculty
 1. <https://www.montana.edu/education/menu/resources/mindwise.html>
 2. <https://mindwise.digitalchalk.com/auth/login> redemption code MSU. You will need to create an account.
 - b. The Center for Faculty Excellence (CFE) would like to survey faculty on programming needs: <https://forms.gle/EsXK4PdZakhFffTD9>
 - c. Provost's distinguished lecture series have started
 - i. https://www.montana.edu/cope/news/admin/preview.php?id=23923&preview_uid=66c4f0b820e3d
 - d. Update on diversity statements

- i. No diversity statement can be required for job applicants
 - ii. Boilerplate language now used for all job postings (non-discrimination statement)
 - iii. Syllabi and website diversity statements: no university or college restrictions
 - e. Update on Trump rally spending
 - i. <https://www.gallatinmedia.org/2024/08/30/first-responder-efforts-ensure-community-safety-during-president-trumps-visit-to-gallatin-county/>
 - ii. Bill paid in full for Brick Breedan use (\$3,250) and services. Total: \$162,622.71
 - iii. Cost to MSU police: 12,783.30. Comes out of base police budget.
 - f. Update on parking
 - i. Leadership contacted Randy Crandall
 - 1. Please send a brief, polite note to parking services about your specific issues: parkingservices@montana.edu or to Randy
 - ii. Please see the parking task force recommendations from last year, many of your suggestions appear to be in the works.
 - iii. Continuing discussion
 - g. Update on Student Wellness Center
 - i. Anyone not joining the wellness center due to increased fees can contact Amber Long. amber.long1@montana.edu
 - ii. The center is lowering locker fees and including a towel service in the locker fee (will get a reimbursement if you previously paid for this). Thank you, Rob!
 - iii. Comment: Understand that retirees are NOT eligible for a membership.
 - iv. Question: What was the reason for not allowing retirees?
 - 1. Legislative audit found that we were unfairly competing with local gyms.
 - 2. Alumni CAN access the center.
 - 3. Provost Mokwa: Audit was conducted because we were in violation of state law. Montana Code Annotated 2023. Went into effect in 2021.
 - 4. This policy is removed from other universities around the country.
 - 5. To change this, a legislator would have to put forward a bill to change the law.

IV. Information Updates

- a. Committee updates
 - i. Graduate Council
 - 1. Comments/Questions:
 - a. Policies will be sent out for comment and then back to Graduate Council for vote. We will see them eventually if they are approved.

- b. Extensions do apply to students but should be used for an extraordinary issue.
 - ii. University Council
 - 1. Policy on vehicle management
 - a. Comments/Questions:
 - i. Is the course online? For a regular car, you can do it online, but if you drive a bigger vehicle you may have to do an in-person training.
 - 1. Will get you more information
 - 2. John How presented information
 - ii. MSU owned vehicles?
 - 1. Please review the policy, especially if your department purchases vehicles.
 - 2. Moving away from departments buying vehicles. Emphasizing the importance of routine maintenance. It's not about the money spent. It's about vehicles sitting and not being taken care of/getting regular maintenance. Safety issue.
 - iii. Bicycles are not part of this policy.
- b. Ariel Donohue, ariel.donohue@montana.edu
 - i. Diversity Report
 - 1. Organized according to the Diversity and Inclusion framework
 - a. Backbone of all efforts
 - ii. Q&A
 - 1. How do we reach out to make sure our work gets into the report?
 - a. Email Ariel Donohue.
 - b. Gather information for the next report January through Mid-May
 - c. Montana.edu/diversity includes data visuals.

V. Undergraduate Courses and Programs

- a. Courses—First Reading
 - i. [ANTY 359](#) : Public Archaeology
 - ii. [EDSP 462](#) : Special Education Law, Policies & Practices
- b. Programs — First Reading
 - i. [-CAS : Law Enforcement](#)
 - 1. Police Academy has limited capacity for the need. Gallatin College is working in cooperation with the academy to offer this program.
 - 2. Response to need.
- c. Course Inactivations – Second Reading
 - i. [M 088](#) : Mathematical Literacy
 - 1. We inactivated M088 because we are allowing all level 100 students into the M005/105Q co-req. The course supervisor for

these courses felt like there was enough overlap in the two courses and that the level 100 students could still be successful in the M005/105Q while allowing them to receive college credit. After one semester of a pilot, we were able to show success in this area and thus got rid any fully developmental math course on the non-STEM side.

- d. Program Inactivations – Second Reading
 - i. [CEBR-BS](#) : Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering - Bio-Resources Option
 - 1. This program was ended but never inactivated in CIM.

VI. Graduate Courses and Programs

- a. Course Changes — Second Reading
 - i. [EIND 525](#) : Multi-Criteria Decision Making and Optimization
 - 1. Title changed from Multi-Attribute Analysis
 - 2. Updating the course title to be more contemporary and recognizable.

VII. Senators' Open Conversation

- a. Faculty Mental Health Survey outcome? Betsy Asserson will be at next meeting.
- b. Michael Walach- ISS Mission-We are planning to develop an experiment that will fly to the International Space Station (ISS) next fall of a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. The experiment will spend 6 weeks in orbit aboard the ISS before it returns to us on a Crew Dragon spacecraft. No experience is needed. Training is provided as part of the project. We are looking to assemble a team of dedicated students to develop and follow this project though to launch and recovery.
- c. Photo Rosters: Made one themselves that students can opt out of.
 - i. Students are very against a mandatory photo roster.
 - ii. Will look more into it.
 - iii. Can be helpful with cheating, etc.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. Tracy Dougher: Oct 9 at 2pm is Faculty Forum for the Accreditation visit. In Inspiration Hall.
 - i. Please read Tracy's email and familiarize yourself with our processes.

IX. Adjourn

- a. Scott McCalla moves to adjourn. Doug Downs seconds. Meeting is adjourned at 4:16.