

FACULTY SENATE  
April 20, 2011  
LEO JOHNSON 346  
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM  
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA  
Minutes

**Members Present:** Biber (Music), Caton (Business), Eiger (Cell Bio & Neuro), Eitle (Soc/Anthro), Fischer (PS&PP), Gerlach (ChBE), Kaiser (ECE), Lansverk (English), Lawrence (Chem BioChem), Lockhart (Ed), Lynch (Psy), Martin (Mod Lang), Mokwa (Civ Eng), Neumeier (Physics), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Rossmann (Library), Schachman (Nursing), Sobek (ME&I), Zhu (CS)

**Others Present:** Joe Fedock, Terry Leist, Hugo Schmidt, Jeff Adams

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

**Chair's Report:**

BOR: April 15<sup>th</sup> - Lansverk and Fedock participated in the BoR meeting via telephone. Major discussion topics were program review and tuition. UM has already drafted plans for program review. Commissioner Stearns queried whether the UM plan would emphasize niche strengths - specialized missions/pruning programs. UM's plan advocates a slight upward trend but regents would like the plan to accommodate a trend more in line with what the economic outlook is. Regent Hamilton is scrutinizing program review under the auspices of dwindling resources. Regent Buchanan advocates keeping tuition low and not putting rising costs on the backs of students. MAAS, who was in favor of a tuition increase last year, remained non-committal at this meeting. Clay Christian suggested that the BoR consider tuition increases on an annual basis. Regents want cost data aimed, first, at reducing services, admin costs, and not just academic. Stearns highlighted the four review elements that need addressing in accreditation; critical needs/resources, low salaries for faculty, one university, student outcome assessments. Lansverk, and other invited MSU faculty, had lunch with Regent Buchanan, where research was the major topic of discussion. Within the context of our tier 1, Carnegie classification, faculty discussed research projects they were working on and took Buchanan on a tour through four different labs.

The MSUii, integration initiatives, will be reported on in the fall in FS.

**Other Reports:**

Bob Mokwa, the rep on the university Wellness committee, reported that during a recent meeting with the new director, Connie Welch, rumors about the Wellness program ending due to dwindling resources, were dispelled. The program will continue but budgetary constraints will be evenly distributed across all the MUS campuses, and that will mean moving staff around. These changes will be implemented FY2012.

**New Business:**

Administration & Finance – Terry Leist - Interim VPAF, Terry Leist, introduced himself and iterated that A&F is a service department. Discussions ensued:

- FS queried about how Budget Council does its work and if there is a way to get a big picture on the whole budget (including Auxiliary Services and non-state funds). Leist stated that everyone needs to understand how money is used and where it is, since state funding is only part of the MSU picture; Presently, he is mapping that out, as there are thousands of budgets on campus.
- Regarding Student Services and Athletics, FS asked if the two entities could be split out, in the future, so it may be determined how each is allocated. By doing so, it would showcase how much MSU invests in advising and

internship programs that are beneficial to students. Least informed FS that state funding goes to payroll; the rest comes from raised money. He informed FS that Athletics is now reporting directly to the president.

Posthumous Degree Policy –Jeff Adams – A new policy was proposed and AAC recommended that FS discuss it before approving to move forward with the normal vetting processes and finally publish it in our academic policies. FS recommended adding wording that would clarify degree level intention with this award. Current wording, "...the student dying is the exceptional circumstance." needs to be changed to "The president may award posthumously...." Motion to approve with language modifications → seconded → unanimously approved.

Faculty Council → Faculty Senate Handbook Name Change:

Changing the wording throughout the Faculty Handbook, specifically "Faculty Council" to "Faculty Senate" were completed by Faculty Affairs. Motion to make referenced changes in Faculty Handbook → seconded → unanimously approved. There are other "clean up" chores to complete in the handbook and Lansverk will report on them at future FS meetings. Due to union involvement, the Faculty Handbook will be extensively reviewed. Additionally, University Governance Council (UGC), where PC, FS and Staff Senate are members, is still in existence,. UGC has purposely been inactive since the formation of ASGL. FS will be addressing the fate of UGC in the future, however.

Proposed Change in Emeritus Policy BOR 702.7:

The BoR policy only describes bestowing emeritus status on tenure-line faculty. BoR then revisited the policy and would now like to include research faculty at the behest of ARF. BoR asked that ARF review the proposal. In the wording, "tenure" has been deleted and "meritorious" has been added. Wording should also be changed to "...shall make the recommendation...." The BoR will be making these changes at FS's request. We are not approving the policy rather, endorsing it. Motion for Lansverk to communicate that FS endorses this policy → seconded → unanimously approved

Announcements:

- George Haynes is the new Faculty Athletics rep.
- Neumeier reported that the Planning Council will post draft mission and core statements on their website for comment.
- Emeritus policy that FS voted on last fall should be voted on, again, with a minor modification – dept head writes a letter and instantly sends emeritus status request up the chain of command instead of waiting.
- The last meeting will be on April 27; refreshments will be served and elections will be held.

The Faculty Senate meeting ended at 5:00 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.*