

FACULTY SENATE
APRIL 18, 2012
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4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Bolte (Music), Cantalupo (Ext), Caton (Business), Eitle (Soc/Anthro), Gerlach (ChBE), Greenwood (Math), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Larson for Sobek (M&IE), Lawrence (Chem & Biochem), Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Mokwa (Civ Eng), Moreaux (Animal & Range), Neumeier (Physics), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Rossmann (Libraries), Varricchio for Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: Bridget Kevane, Patricia Catoira, Robert Putzke, Bob Lashaway, Kurt Blunck, Terry Leist, David Cherry, Jeff Jacobsen, Leah Schmalzbauer, Larry Carucci

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

Chair's Report:

Veterinary Medicine Cooperative Agreement Program – Jeff Jacobsen reported that since August of last year, faculty in Immunology & Infectious Disease, Microbiology and Cell Bio/Neuroscience have been discussing creating a veterinary cooperative agreement program with Washington State University called One Plus Three which would emulate WAMI. Through these exchange programs, sending states like Montana pay a support fee on behalf of each funded student which helps to provide access to professional school and covers a portion of the cost of education. The number of students funded is determined by Legislative appropriation. Feasibility, to date, is affirmative. The next step is accreditation by WSU and then it comes back to MSU. Cruzado has met with the BoR, talked about legislative initiatives and introduced the program to them. The cost would be \$30,000 per student, which ends up in WSU for the program and is part of their \$50,000 tuition. The difference in this program is that the first year of financing would stay at MSU. The state of Montana would also have to contribute more program finances and that would entail dovetailing courses and additional tenure track faculty and non-tenured faculty to deliver courses.

New Business:

Latin American and Latino Studies Proposal – Neumeier reported that during a recent review Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) conducted of the LALS proposal, it was discovered that the program would be interfacing with other departments and AAC questioned resource availability and enrollment burden in classes. Chair-elect Neumeier asked the modern languages dept chair, Bridget Kevane, to discuss the proposal with FS members. Kevane reported that nationally, modern languages and literature departments are becoming more interdisciplinary as savvy students realize that they need global and cultural competency that go beyond a foreign language skill. The MSU Modern Languages and Literature (MLL) department has been engaged in the process of revising more interdisciplinary needs of students and the proposed LALS minor is one of those needs put in place in 2006 with a former history professor. Because of student interest, MLL would like to make LALS a major, as it is very different from the Hispanic Studies track. LALS is preparing students to understand our Latin American neighbors as they ramp up their socio-economic standing and become more visible in the global arena. Because some of the overlapping courses would be in history, hiring priority in History & Philosophy would be for a Latin American studies faculty member. The overlapping courses in Sociology would be electives; not majors and they do not anticipate overflow of classes. Students discussed how the cultural aspects of learning a language are tantamount to understanding how to interact with the cultural entities of Latin American countries. The representatives from Hist & Phil, Sociology and MLL stated that class overflow is not a specific departmental issue and could be solved with some faculty line hires however the program could, potentially, begin immediately by redirecting their current resources. Motion to support and advance the LALS proposal to the Provost → seconded → all in favor → unanimous.

FS Committee Openings and Elections:

Gough distributed a memo describing the charges of the university committees seeking membership. She also presented a grid, showing the number vacancies and faculty eligibility. She will distribute the grid and ask FS members to assist in filling vacancies by canvassing their department for volunteers.

Public Parking Discussion – Bob Lashaway:

- In 2005, when the parking garage was first conceptualized and introduced, data was gathered on residence hall occupancy and showed the demand for parking outstripped the availability.

Since the 2005 data had been collected, the residency demand has gone up approximately 25% overall; 460 demand for the same 163 spaces. Subsequently, the new College of Business building will be installed north of Wilson. Because the footprint of the building will remove existing parking, there is, again, a proposal for a parking garage in the same area. Additionally, the recent rapes on campus and the fact that female residents in Hannon must travel to "E" area of parking lots, ½ mile away, make the parking garage a safety issue, as well.

- In 2005, the proposed number of parking spaces was 500 at four levels; now, 350 are proposed at ramped levels that may be less than four and at a height less than that of Hapner Hall. The architectural design would be non-traditional, with windows, and blend into the neighborhood landscape. It would be well-lit, but would not produce harsh, ambient light radiating into the surrounding neighborhood.
- To subsidize the building, parking permits would increase by \$8, each year, for four consecutive years, beginning in July 2013.
- The Master Plan projects 4-5 more parking areas on campus, in the future.
- The students support the garage and ASMSU is crafting a resolution in favor of the structure to be presented tomorrow night.
- The community is voicing opposition to the garage because of the perceived traffic flow increase on Harrison and 8th.
- Parking is seeking Professional Council's acknowledgement of the problem, and their proposed solution. PC will help disseminate information to constituents via a link on their website. Swanson will help to alert parents, as well. Ringer stated that the inter-hall and freshman apartment residents recognize the value of the structure, even though they would not, most likely, use the garage.
- Spaces would include 30 high-priced spaces, 50 would be short time self-pay system, some would be for handicapped, and the balance would be super "E" spaces for residents in specific residence halls and regular "E" spaces, of which SB permit may compete.
- Bus and bicycle interface with the garage would include Streamline pick-up/drop-off and strategically placed bike racks in corners of the building where parking could not be accommodated.
- Maintenance of the garage has been factored into the proposed budget.
- There is a parking forum at 5:00 pm, tomorrow, SUB 233.

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.