

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

**Members Present:** Burrows (Ext), Cantalupo (Ext), Dougher (PSPP), Engel (LRES), Gerlach (ChBE), Greenwood (Math), Herbeck (Ed), Harney (Music), Hostetler (GCP), Kaiser (E&CE), Larson for Sobek (M&IE), Karczewska (Architecture), Lansverk (Eng), Lynch (Psych), Merzdorf (C&NS), Mokwa (CE), Martin (Mod. Lang), Moreaux (A&RS), Neumeier (Physics), Newhouse (Art), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Rossmann (Libraries), Schachman (Nursing), Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Wiedenheft (IMID)

**Others Present:** George Haynes, Camie Bechtold, Peter Fields, Bob Swenson

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

**New Business:**

Yearly Report from Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) – George Haynes

The status of Student Wellness (Haynes), Academic/Compliance (Bechtold), and Athletic Finance (Fields) were reported to FS.

- Student Wellness
  - A number of surveys are conducted each year from athletes who are eligible, as well as those who have lost their eligibility, which focus on student wellness for athletes within athletics and within academics.
    - Student Well Being (Eligible):
      - Results of last year's exit survey of all graduating athletic seniors showed 85% and 90% satisfaction in the five areas of strength & conditioning, sports medicine, academic service, coaching, and administration where men, overall, are more satisfied than women.
  - Per NCAA requirements, self-reporting hours indicate time demands for athletes vary according to the sport, in-season, out-of-season. Some hours are equivalent to a full-time job.
  - Eligible athletes are 80% to 90% satisfied with their academic experience, overall, with females having a higher rating within sub- categories except one, "quality of support from academic services, staff," where men scored higher. Results for minority/non-minority were mixed.
- Academics
  - The graduating rate this year is 77% and MSU athletes are in the top 10% of academic/athletic institutions, nationally. The

average team GPA is 3.2 and MSU is first in the conference in the academic progress rate. The goal is to have 98% of athletes with at least a 2.2 GPA.

- Fields and Haynes meet frequently with faculty in departments/colleges to discuss issues such as missed class time, grade changes, scheduling of single section classes, required courses, success of JC transfers, planning events that include athletics and faculty, etc.
- Academic support is available via Study tables, CATS Program, frequent meetings with academic coordinators/advisors, and GradesFirst software which makes tracking grades easier for faculty.
- Athletic performance shows that MSU athletes excel in many areas.
  - Academic progress rate data is from AY 10-11 and shows, during a four-year average that all teams were above an NCAA criteria point system of 930. There are other point systems the NCAA uses and overall, MSU teams are doing well.
  - Last year, student athletics contributed over 4,100 hours in community service to the City of Bozeman; 21,000 hours over the past 5.5 years.
- NCAA violations are minor and have been corrected.
- A compliance officer, funded by the University Investment Proposal plan, will be hired full-time, and ACS software was purchased as a recruiting/compliance management system.
- Class accommodations for athletes' practice times, away games, etc., seem to be the biggest challenge, but Haynes, Buchtold and Fields work diligently to foresee and trouble shoot potential problems.
- Haynes will be writing a narrative of his report and a state-of-the-athletic-department document which will be distributed to FS.
- The latest financial report on athletics may be viewed on the BoR website.

[http://mus.edu/board/meetings/2012/Jan2012/FY11\\_MUS\\_Athletic\\_Report.pdf](http://mus.edu/board/meetings/2012/Jan2012/FY11_MUS_Athletic_Report.pdf)

#### University Committee Vacancies – Wes Lynch

- Wes Lynch, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented a list of university committee vacancies, which will be sent to all FS members, faculty and dept chairs via email.
- FS participation by either volunteering, or contacting interested colleagues in their departments, would be helpful in filling vacancies.
- The two faculty categories of membership on committees are FS members and faculty-at-large, faculty representing all MSU faculty. By clicking on the link that will be included in the memo, FS members may view who is already on the committee.

Update on Joint Program of Materials Science PhD – Chair Neumeier

- The proposal will not be included on the September BoR agenda. The AAAS report (sent to FS members with today's agenda) raised a number of issues and the proposal may need to be re-written.
- AAAS is an entity that may be hired to review any or all programs.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Signature  
*John Neumeier, Chair*

Signature  
*Robert Mokma, Chair-elect*

*Minutes were transcribed by Gale R. Gough, Administrative Associate, Faculty Senate.*