

## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

**DATE:** November 13, 2003

**PRESENT:** St. John Robinson  
Sandie Rietz  
George Madden  
Randall Gloege  
Connie Landis

Doug Brown  
Audrey ConnerRosberg  
Keith Edgerton  
Alan Davis  
Matt Redinger

**ABSENT:** Paul Bauer – *excused*

Mark Hardt – *excused*

John Cech (ex-officio)  
Randy Rhine (ex-officio)  
Dan Zirker (ex-officio)  
Janie Park (ex-officio)  
Curt Kochner (ex-officio)

Joe Michels (ex-officio)  
George White (ex-officio)  
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)  
Tracy Jo Schweigert (ex-officio)

**PRESIDING:** Keith Edgerton, Chair

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Keith Edgerton called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The minutes of November 6 were approved as presented.

### I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### A. Intersession Schedule

It was noted that it is impossible to do some courses well in just 10 days. A seminar will work well, but for many courses, like literature or history, there is not enough time for discussion. The students also don't have adequate time to think about what they are learning.

It was cited that no one is forced to teach intersession, but there is pressure to do it. It was noted that departments are looking right now at whether some courses should be offered in Intersession.

It was noted that we could still offer Intersession, but we could also offer alternate structures, such as a J-term—an entire month in January that would then push the Spring semester back about 15 days—or weekend courses that are offered through the semester. It was cited that we could do a hybrid, where the fall term is normal, and the spring would be made up of the J-term, a 2 month compressed semester, and another one month term that would still result in the students being finished by the beginning of May. It was noted that this would be very difficult for students to follow. It could take them weeks before they get their schedule straight.

It was decided that this issue should be referred to the committee headed by Eakle Barfield for alternative semester scheduling.

#### B. Virtual Faculty – Wrap-up

It was noted that it is entirely possible that the funding (the \$100 of every \$200) that is supposed to go to departments may never get there. If this happens, the whole program will spiral out of control and departments will lose control of quality and courses offered online.

It was stated that the Senate is concerned for the quality of the online courses, and that the curriculum be kept in the hands of the departments. A memo of these concerns will be formulated, with possible talking points for Geoff Gamble (meeting December 2).

#### C. Staffing Concerns

It was noted that the Senate would like information on staffing needs. That information should come from the faculty and department chairs, not filtered through the Deans and Provost. An email will be sent to all faculty, asking them if possible to identify what they have lost in the last few years, and in what ways they are under-staffed.

#### D. Faculty Meeting Time

It has been noted that there are times when all the administration can meet together if needed. The faculty needs a meeting time as well. There should be a block of time, 90 minutes or 2 hours, where there are no classes scheduled each week.

#### E. Public Safety/Law Enforcement Degree Program

► Guest – Carl Hanson, Interim Dean, College of Allied Health Professions

Dr. Hanson stated that he put together a proposal for how departments may move into the new CAHP mainly because of his own department. They are in need of a new chair, and they are excited about moving into the new college, but there are steps to be taken first.

Dr. Hanson noted that there are no chairs in this proposal, just program coordinators. The Faculty Association didn't think this was a good idea for rank and tenure purposes. It was noted that the Environmental Studies program works with just a coordinator. The

Environmental Studies Program Rank & Tenure Committee is made up of faculty who teach in the program, and they are from different departments and colleges.

Dr. Hanson also noted that eventually program groups would evolve into departments, or departments would be created.

Keith Edgerton stated that he is on the Environmental Studies PRTC, and he would gladly sit down with Dr. Hanson and the Faculty Association representative to discuss the possible rank and tenure committees for the CAHP.

It was noted that there are references to research centers in the proposal. Dr Hanson indicated that there in interest in doing health-related research. It was noted that the funding will have to come from the hospitals.

It was noted that faculty at the College of Technology are interested in moving the health related 2-year programs to the CAHP. It was noted that if a student comes to the east campus, asking about nursing programs, that student is automatically shunted into the Bozeman program. The COT programs are never even mentioned. It was also cited that there are 2-year programs on the east campus as well, not just the COT.

It was noted that having all the health programs together in one college will make much more sense to our students.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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