

## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

**DATE:** October 3, 2019

**PRESENT:** Suzette Nynas  
Scott Butterfield  
Kelly McCoy  
Heather Thompson-Bahm  
Sam Boerboom  
Rachael Waller  
Taylor Kurkoski (student)  
Melinda Arnold (ex-officio)

Jim Barron  
Cindy Dell  
Keith Edgerton  
Vern Gagnon  
Austin Bennett  
Savannah Merritt (student)  
Kurt Toenjes (ex-officio)  
Darlene Hert (ex-officio)

**ABSENT:** Sarah Keller\*  
Christine Shearer (ex-officio)  
Robert Nava (ex-officio)  
Susan Simmers (ex-officio)

Jennifer Lynn\*  
Elaine Labach (ex-officio)  
Vicki Trier (ex-officio)  
Kim Hayworth (ex-officio)

*\* excused*

**PRESIDING:** Jim Barron, Chair

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Jim Barron called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m. in the City College Health Science South Conference Room.

### I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

### II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of September 19 were accepted as presented.

### III. PROVOST REPORT

Dr. Arnold noted that she traveled to Helena for the MUS Gen Ed Committee, which has recently be revived by the State. Every tribal college was represented at this meeting, which was a first! The meeting was attended by a variety of staff and faculty, and Dr.

Arnold was actually the only provost there. She stated that the MSUB Gen Ed Committee will be getting involved soon.

The State's concern is transferability, and perhaps some BOR policies may not be followed at all institutions. The goal is better organization and simplifying transferability. Currently there are many courses that are listed as Gen Eds but only accepted at one campus—the campus which offers them. The MUS Gen Ed Committee will focus on two main options: (1) creating a core within the core of 12 to 15 credits which all campuses will be required to offer and accept, and (2) creating themes that all campuses could put courses into so all courses fit one theme or another. The original suggestion for the core within the core was 30 credits, but faculty would mutiny at that idea. It was suggested that both ideas, the core within the core and the themes, could be employed.

It was noted that we should wait to change our Gen Ed to find out what the results are of the MUS Committee's work. The Provost responded that Gen Ed changes are moving forward.

The student government is also working with Provost Arnold on some focus groups with students and Gen Ed. The Gen Ed Committee and the Provost have each supplied a couple of questions to ask, and both main campus and City College students will be involved.

#### IV. ITEM FOR INFORMATION

**Item 19** Committee Report for 2018-2019: Graduate Committee.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Vern Gagnon to **accept Item 19 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

#### V. CONSENT AGENDA

**Item 17** BSBA Major in Business Administration Marketing Option. Modification to an existing program.

**Item 18** BSBA Major in Business Administration Online General Business Option. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Vern Gagnon, seconded by Scott Butterfield to **accept the consent agenda.**

⇒ Motion carried.

## VI. ITEMS – SECOND READING

**Item 12** BSBA Major in Business Administration Finance Option. Modification to an existing program.

**Item 12.a** Minor in Finance. Modification to an existing program.

**Item 59** BFIN 430 Financial Modeling. New course.

**Item 59.a** BFIN 439 Financial Management II: Analysis/Problems. New course.

**Item 59.b** BFIN 441 Advanced Analysis of Financial Statements. New course.

**Item 59.c** BFIN 461 Portfolio Management. New course.

**Item 59.d** BFIN 464 Fixed Income Analysis. New course.

**Item 59.e** BFIN 473 Multinational Financial Management. New course.

⇒ Motion by Scott Butterfield, seconded by Rachael Waller to **approve Items 12 through 59.e on second reading.**

It was noted that none of the Economics courses have been deleted; rather, they have been moved out of the COB to CAS. The course descriptions on several of the new courses could use some work.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Rachael Waller to **table Items 12 through 59.e until the course descriptions can be revised.**

## VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### A. Sabbatical Nominees

The following list was put together from past sabbatical recipients.

1. Cindy Dell
2. Suzette Nynas
3. Sarah Keller
4. Rakesh Sah
5. Ying Wang
6. Mike Campbell
7. Tom Rust
8. Steve Eliason
9. Matt McMullen
10. Rachel Schaffer

The list was approved by acclamation.

### B. Fate of the Extended Campus Programs (Craft Brewing, Digital Health Communication)

Extended Campus no longer exists and the programs housed within Extended Campus have been moved to City College. Tech in Butte has expressed interest in doing a joint

brewing program with City College where the students would take the business and science courses from us online and do the labs in Butte. Through Extended Campus, Craft Brewing was intended to be self-supporting, but it's likely the science faculty will not be able to get the brewing courses into their loads now. Further complicating things is the Science Building remodel, which will be throwing the scheduling of science labs into chaos. Also, if the science courses are to be converted to online, the faculty won't have time to do that either. City College Dean Vicki Trier is working on a position to coordinate the old Extended Campus programs, but until that position comes together and is filled, the programs will have to wait. The website still lists Craft Brewing as an offering, so applications are still coming in: 17 of them right now. It would be best to develop an articulation agreement so students in the Brewing program are financial aid eligible.

The Digital Health Communication Certificate was originally intended as a post-baccalaureate certificate. However, the three one-credit courses would have to be taught by faculty out of load. At this time the Department is considering making it a twelve-credit graduate certificate instead, with two courses from Communication and two courses from Health Administration, each of which would transfer into those respective graduate programs.

#### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

The question was raised as to what happened with the proposal to convert the Certificate in Medical Coding & Insurance Billing to an AAS. It was noted that this is considered a new program and needed to be added to the planning list and an Intent to Plan proposal put together. However, this may have fallen through the cracks in the Vice Provost transition.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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