



ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: March 18, 2021

PRESENT: Suzette Nynas
Keith Edgerton
Scott Butterfield
Natalie Bohlmann
John Pannell
Vern Gagnon
Tami Haaland (ex-officio)
Jana Marcette (ex-officio)

Jim Barron
Jennifer Lynn
Rakesh Sah
Rachael Waller
Heather Thompson-Bahm
Sam Boerboom
Vicki Trier (ex-officio)
Darlene Hert (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Austin Bennett*
Christine Shearer (ex-officio)
Robert Nava (ex-officio)
Susan Simmers (ex-officio)

Kurt Toenjes (ex-officio)
Richard Beer (ex-officio)
Sue Balter-Reitz (ex-officio)
Kim Hayworth (ex-officio)

* *excused*

GUESTS: Cheri Johannes
Becky Anglin

Kathleen Thatcher
Sydney Donaldson

PRESIDING: Jim Barron, Chair

Jim Barron called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. via Webex.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of March 4 were accepted as presented.

III. PROVOST & CHANCELLOR REPORTS

Both are not here today.

IV. OTHER REPORTS

University-Wide Faculty Committee Clearinghouse (Provost & Senate Chair)

Dr. Barron reported they still don't have all responses in, but the list of spots for faculty is already very long. It was agreed that the incomplete list will be sent to the Senators so additional committees can be included.

V. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 18 Age Policy for Dual Enrollment. For information.

⇒ Motion by Vern Gagnon to **accept Item 18**.

Sydney Donaldson, Director of Dual Enrollment, noted that OCHE has already established an age policy for dual enrollment courses, but the MSUB policy was informal. It's now formalized to be consistent with the state level.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 19 Nursing 2+1 Option BSN Pathway {combination of the Associate Science Nursing (ASN) City College program and the RN to BSN Health Professions & Science program}. For information.

⇒ Motion by Jennifer Lynn to **accept Item 19**.

Becky Anglin, Chair of Health Care Services, stated that this pathway contains nothing new in terms of curriculum. Students will have two options: complete the ASN or complete the ASN 2+1 with the RN to BSN program. The new pathway's purpose is to give students a chance to get their Gen Eds in while still in the ASN program. Students have had issues when they need to get Gen Ed courses into their plans of study, but they end up below full-time status, thus losing their financial aid. This is a way to make it work so the students can remain full-time.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 20 Music Business Option Bachelor of Arts Degree. Change title of degree to Commercial Music Option Bachelor of Arts Degree. OCHE Level I Item, for information.

Item 21 Communication Arts Media Studies Option Minor. Change title of program to Communication Arts Minor. OCHE Level I Item, for information.

⇒ Motion by Suzette Nynas to **accept Items 20 and 21**.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 22 Applied Behavior Analysis Certificate. Notification of the establishment of a certificate. OCHE Level I Item, for information.

⇒ Motion by Sam Boerboom to **accept Item 22.**

Jana Marcette, Director of Graduate Studies, stated that the group of courses referenced in the Certificate are currently a “track” in the catalog. The program has run into a compliance issue with accreditors because the “track” is not traced by us as a completed program. They propose to make it a Certificate so completions can be tracked. However, the Department is now discussing placing the track in moratorium and requiring students to take the masters program. This paperwork has not been sent to OCHE.

⇒ Motion by Suzette Nynas to **table Item 22.**

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Online Courses and Programs: Criteria, Reporting, etc.

The Deans have collected a spreadsheet of online programs, as well as a percentage of how much of each program is online. That may be an annual collection.

We are proposing to add to the CourseLeaf form so the Senate will receive notification—not approve—when a program is moved online. This may not get done in time for next academic year. It was noted that once the spreadsheet has been established, it probably should be updated using results from the CourseLeaf form. Keeping this data in CourseLeaf may not be very useful.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

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