

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: October 20, 2022

PRESENT: Suzette Nynas
Rakesh Sah
Rachael Waller
Austin Bennett
Melissa Boehm
Jim Barron (ex-officio)
Sep Eskandari (ex-officio)

Scott Butterfield
Susan Gregory
John Pannell
Paul Pope
Heather Thompson-Bahm
Tami Haaland (ex-officio)
Sue Balter-Reitz (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Matt Queen
Jennifer Lynn*
Susan Gilbertz (ex-officio)*
Vicki Trier (ex-officio)
Kim Hayworth (ex-officio)
Jana Marcette (ex-officio)

Mara Pierce*
David Russell (student)
Tom Manthey (ex-officio)
Leslie Weldon (ex-officio)
Darlene Hert (ex-officio)*

* *excused*

GUESTS: Joann Stryker
Kathleen Thatcher

PRESIDING: Suzette Nynas, Vice Chair

Suzette Nynas called the meeting to order at 3:44 p.m. in the City College Health Science building south conference room.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Provost administrator review just wrapped and the emails for the Chancellor review will go out November 1.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 6 were accepted as presented.

III. PROVOST REPORT

Dr. Eskandari stated that he understands faculty do an incredible amount of work. The Provost's and Chancellor's five-year plan needs plenty of faculty participation. To that end, he and the Deans have discussed, and 18 tenure-track positions have been approved for searches. MSUB needs the longevity of tenured faculty, the continuity of tenured faculty, and the leadership of tenured faculty. There is a national trend away from tenure, but it is important for MSUB to strike a balance between tenured/tenure-track faculty and termed faculty. The Deans worked hard to gather data for these positions, to be as cost-neutral as possible. He also noted that the COB did not request any new positions, as they are doing well.

The Provost noted they are looking for an online implicit bias training to reach more faculty.

CARE awards should be finalized in November, and the Professional Development Committee has just been constituted.

Sabbatical applications for the east campus are due today. Dr. Eskandari is working with City College to create a sabbatical application process, with a tentative due date of January, 2023.

The Dean search for COE was launched. The COB Dean search committee will be gathered next week and that search will launch soon as well.

MSUB will be partnering with other institutions in Montana on the NASH Project for Curricular Flexibility, to look at best practices to make online courses available to all students in a system (like the Montana University System). The two main concerns right now are the infrastructure for this type of capability, and the faculty workload.

Dr. Eskandari noted that, by law, we are required to provide the total cost to students for tuition, fees, and course costs like books *by the time they register for a course*. Spring registration opens November 7, so the faculty are urged to get their book selections to the Campus Store by that date.

Sue Balter-Reitz, Special Assistant to the Provost, said we have three finalists for the Executive Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. Rather than holding presentations, they will be having an open house on both campuses for all three candidates. Each session will be 8:30-9:30 a.m. at City College and 1:00-2:00 p.m. on the main campus on October 24, 25, and 31.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Title	Status	Received
CSCI 111B: Programming with Java I	Edited	10/5/2022
CSCI 116: Python Programming	Edited	10/5/2022

CSCI 121: Programming with Java II	Edited	10/5/2022
CSCI 223: Software Development	Edited	10/5/2022
CSCI 240: Databases and SQL	Edited	10/5/2022
PWRP 201: Power Plant Equip & Oprtns	Deleted	10/5/2022
PWRP 203: Energy Sources & Conversion	Deleted	10/5/2022
PWRP 210: Turbines, Accessories & Bsc Op	Deleted	10/5/2022
PWRP 214: Power Generation	Deleted	10/5/2022
PWRP 216: Elect Systm Cmpnts & Prctctns	Deleted	10/5/2022
PWRP 218: Adv Plant Oprtns & Trblshng	Deleted	10/5/2022

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Scott Butterfield to **approve the consent agenda.**

⇒ Motion carried.

V. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Item 1 will be postponed to next week.

Item 2		
Energy Technician Certificate of Applied Science	Deleted	10/5/2022

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by John Pannell to **approve Item 2.**

This program has been on moratorium and there are no students in it.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 3		
Music Bachelor of Arts Degree	Deleted	10/5/2022

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by John Pannell to **approve Item 3.**

It was noted that this program appears to still have one student in it.

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Austin Bennett to **table Item 3 until the next Senate meeting.**

Title	Status	Received	Request Type
International Studies Minor	Added	10/14/2022	Proposal to Take a Program out of Moratorium

Tom Regele, English, Philosophy & Modern Languages, noted that this minor is the only program that speaks directly to our vision statement “to impact an evolving global community.” There is also no program, currently, for study-abroad students to apply their credits. This minor is a needed program. There were about 10-15 students in the program before it was placed on moratorium.

Dr. Regele also noted that the Global Studies grant recently acquired by the Office of International Studies may not necessarily get renewed if we don’t have a place/program to put student work. The program is resource-neutral because all the courses are already being taught.

The question was raised as to what enrollment strategies will be used to get students in the program. Dr. Regele stated that the Office of International Studies will be doing presentations in classes. The Advising Center will be promoting the program to incoming freshmen. Dr. Regele also travels to high schools to promote language programs and he will include the minor as well. Dean Tami Haaland noted that recruiting from our language classes is a good approach.

It was suggested that Dr. Regele work with the Gen Ed Committee, since one of the learning outcomes in Gen Ed speaks to global citizenship. It was also noted that, with such a flexible program, it becomes difficult to assess student learning. Dr. Regele will meet with Assessment & Accreditation Director Kathleen Thatcher.

A question was raised about the requirement in the minor that only one language course can be counted toward the minor. Dr. Regele stated that should definitely be changed for the future program, as students can have a language focus for the program.

⇒ Motion by John Pannell, seconded by Austin Bennett **to approve taking the International Studies Minor out of moratorium.**

⇒ Motion carried.

VI. ITEM – SECOND READING

Title	Status	Received	Request Type
Academic Senate Statement on Academic Freedom	Added	10/13/2022	Policy

⇒ Motion by John Pannell, seconded by Rachael Waller to **approve the Academic Senate Statement on Academic Freedom on second reading.**

The only change is adding the citation.

⇒ Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

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