

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: November 3, 2022

PRESENT: Suzette Nynas
Jennifer Lynn
Rakesh Sah
Rachael Waller
Austin Bennett
Melissa Boehm
Tom Manthey (ex-officio)
Leslie Weldon (ex-officio)

Mara Pierce
Scott Butterfield
Susan Gregory
John Pannell
Paul Pope
Jim Barron (ex-officio)
Sep Eskandari (ex-officio)
Darlene Hert (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Matt Queen*
David Russell (student)
Susan Gilbertz (ex-officio)
Sue Balter-Reitz (ex-officio)*
Jana Marcette (ex-officio)

Heather Thompson-Bahm*
Tami Haaland (ex-officio)
Vicki Trier (ex-officio)*
Kim Hayworth (ex-officio)

* *excused*

GUESTS: Joseph Bryan
Brent Finger

Joann Stryker
Carl Castles

PRESIDING: Jennifer Lynn, Chair

Jennifer Lynn called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Lynn thanked Dr. Nynas for chairing the last meeting.

Initiative 2 group of the Retention & Graduation Plan have asked for a faculty member to join that group. The GEC will be asked for volunteers.

Per the Senate bylaws, we are to host an All Faculty Meeting once per year. It will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023, and all Senators are asked to attend so they may be introduced.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 20 were accepted as presented.

III. PROVOST REPORT

Dr. Eskandari stated that the 18 tenure-track faculty searches happening this year could not happen without teamwork. He introduced Leslie Weldon, Interim Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance. Ms. Weldon noted that she is happy to be here and very much enjoyed ResearchFest.

Dr. Eskandari also announced that, after 38 years of service to MSUB, Darlene Hert will be retiring at the end of 2022. She has been a strong and thoughtful leader for the Library, and we need to find a similarly strong candidate. Eileen Wright will be the Interim Director for the calendar year 2023. The search will be launched toward the end of the Spring 2023 semester.

Faculty Excellence Award nominations are due at the end of this month. Last year's event was very moving, and the Provost looks forward to the next.

The first round of CARE applications have been reviewed. Seven out of eight were funded. There will be another round in Spring.

The Dean searches for COE and COB have officially launched. We are hopeful to have deans in those positions by July 1, 2023.

The three candidates for Executive Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning were all excellent. The search committee is finalizing their reviews of the candidates now.

The administration has begun a discussion of a Fall semester mini-break for instruction. It would be two days and fall around mid-October, possibly to coincide with the educator conference (and two days no school in SD#2). Cheri Johannes, Registrar, has done the math to fit in those two days without making the semester start earlier or end later. Dr. Eskandari noted that nothing is formalized yet, and there are many discussions to follow. We also have to get approval from the system. It was noted that data suggests a mid-fall break is helpful to students. Faculty are also very enthusiastic about a break at that time! Further, many of our students have kids who are out of school those days, so having a break at MSUB would be helpful. Future faculty recruitment may even be helped by such a break.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

Title	Status	Received
AHXR 195B: Radiographic Clinical II	Edited	10/19/2022
AHXR 295A: Radiographic Clinical IV	Edited	10/19/2022
AHXR 295B: Radiographic Clinical V	Edited	10/19/2022
Radiologic Technology Associate of Applied Science	Edited	10/19/2022
HADM 462: Supervision in Healthcare	Deleted	10/19/2022

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by John Pannell to **approve the consent agenda.**

⇒ Motion carried.

V. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

- MUS Pathway for Biology

⇒ Motion by Suzette Nynas, seconded by Paul Pope to **approve the MUS Pathway for Biology.**

Jim Barron, Biological & Physical Sciences, noted that OCHE brought about these pathways, to ease transfer for students within the MUS. Anecdotally, many of our biology students do intend to finish their degrees at Bozeman or Missoula, but there are more students transferring into MSUB than those transferring out.

It was suggested that MSUB count students who finish their first two years here as A.S. completers if they have finished Gen Ed.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 1		
HSTR 327: The History of Punk Rock	Added	10/5/2022

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Austin Bennett to **approve Item 1.**

Joseph Bryan, History, noted that the program change to add this course as a restricted elective to the history major is coming later.

⇒ Motion carried.

Group 3		
PSYC 547: Group Psychotherapy	Added	10/18/2022
PSYC 552: Attachment Theory	Added	10/18/2022

PSYC 561: Vocational Psychology	Added	10/18/2022
PSYC 580: Professional Issues	Added	10/18/2022
PSYX 477: Science of Psych Well-Being	Added	10/18/2022
Psychology Bachelor of Arts Degree	Edited	10/18/2022
Psychology Bachelor of Science Degree	Edited	10/18/2022
Psychology Bachelor of Science/Master of Science Accelerated Option (3+2)	Added	10/18/2022
Psychology Master of Science	Edited	10/18/2022
Psychology Minor	Edited	10/18/2022

⇒ Motion by Scott Butterfield, seconded by Paul Pope to **approve Group 3.**

Brent Finger, Psychology, noted that the new courses have been taught as seminars several times, so it's time to add them as regular courses. The main reason for this curriculum package is to create a 3+2 so students can earn a bachelor's and master's in 5 years instead of 6. The students will work with an advisor to choose which graduate courses will count in their undergraduate program. This package also adds a 60 credit option, as many of our students want to go into clinical or counseling and earn an LCPC. Those students need the additional hours, but without those hours built into the program, financial aid became a problem.

The Psychology Department also intends to place the BA in Psychology on moratorium and instead give the BS in Psychology students a choice between additional math courses or meeting a BA-like language requirement.

It was agreed that the Psychology BA should be pulled from this package and a moratorium should be appropriately filed.

A question was raised as to whether Psychology worked with Rehabilitation & Human Services on possible shared courses, especially PSYC 561.

⇒ Motion to approve withdrawn.

This package will be postponed to the next Senate meeting.

Group 4		
Biology Environmental Sciences Option Bachelor of Science Degree	Deleted	10/19/2022
Biology Minor	Deleted	10/19/2022
Biology Teaching Licensure Option Bachelor of Science Degree	Deleted	10/19/2022
Biology Teaching Minor	Deleted	10/19/2022
Chemistry Teaching Licensure Option Bachelor of Science Degree	Deleted	10/19/2022
Chemistry Teaching Minor	Deleted	10/19/2022

Earth Science Teaching Minor	Deleted	10/19/2022
Physics Minor	Deleted	10/19/2022

⇒ Motion by John Pannell, seconded by Paul Pope to **approve Group 4.**

Carl Castles, Chair, Biological & Physical Sciences, noted that these programs have all been on moratorium the last few years, and are ready to be deleted.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 5		
Health Education Minor	Deleted	10/19/2022

⇒ Motion by Melissa Boehm, seconded by Austin Bennett to **approve Item 5.**

This program has also been on moratorium.

⇒ Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Sub-Committee Updates – Incomplete Policy

Paul Pope, chair of the ad hoc committee for the Incomplete Policy, stated that they met last week and began a draft. There are currently two policies, one for undergraduate and one for graduate. The graduate one has some language they will likely use, including $\frac{3}{4}$ of *work*, not $\frac{3}{4}$ of *time*. The committee includes both Cheri Johannes, Registrar, and Jana Marcette, Director of Graduate Studies. They also met with the Graduate Committee to discuss the policy. The draft will include timelines and expectations for students and faculty, as well as an appeal process for more time. Procedures such as how students will be notified and reminded, where the documentation will be stored so all parties can access it, and other practices will come after the policy is formed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

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