ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: February 28, 2002

PRESENT: Sandie Rietz   George Madden
             Keith Edgerton   Doxey Hatch
             Connie Landis   Matt Redinger
             Dan Zirker (ex-officio)

ABSENT: George Benedict – *excused*   Doug Brown – *excused*
             Dave Gurchiek – *excused*   Paul Bauer – *excused*
             Randall Gloege – *excused*   Mark Hardt – *excused*

             Bob Carr (ex-officio)   Scott Harris (ex-officio)
             Randy Rhine (ex-officio)   George White (ex-officio)
             Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)   Janie Park (ex-officio)
             Lee Peters (ex-officio)   Bryce Anderson (ex-officio)

PRESIDING: Sandie Rietz, Chair

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Sandie Rietz called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. on February 28, 2002 in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

⇒ Motion by George Madden, seconded by Matt Redinger to suspend the quorum rule.

⇒ Motion carried.

The February 21, 2002 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

II.   ITEMS – SECOND READING

Item 5 EDCI 536 Instructional Strategies in Music. New Course.

⇒ Motion by Matt Redinger, seconded by Connie Landis to approve **Item 5** on second reading.

⇒ Motion carried.

III.   OLD BUSINESS

A. Senate Assistance with Instituting and Providing Publicity for an Online Graduate Catalog. Sandie Rietz reported that her work is still in progress on this subject.

B. Discussion and Revision of Letter to Geoff Gamble, President of MSU. After a few small changes, the letter was supported by the Senate. The Senate now awaits changes, should there be any, from the Provost and Chancellor before mailing the letter.

C. Discussion - Revision of Academic Senate Forms. George Madden presented the alterations the UCC suggested at their last meeting. He stated that there is a problem with excluding the non-tenure-track faculty from this system. There are many faculty who are not tenure-track who are deeply involved in the University and the programs of their departments. Some *departments* are run by non-tenure-track faculty. It was mentioned that the faculty will be more involved in changes because several committees will no longer exist.

It was also noted that under this new system, all changes would be submitted as packets from each department rather than individual items, which would reduce the number of small errors that must be changed before the catalog goes to print.

It was then noted that some structure will have to be set forth about what needs to be included in the narrative that departments will write explaining the changes in the packet.

The Senate decided that suggestions and ideas should be solicited from the faculty.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

The next Senate meeting will be April 4, 2002.

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