

## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

**DATE:** April 11, 2002

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| <b>PRESENT:</b> | George Benedict         | Doug Brown              |
|                 | Sandie Rietz            | David Gurchiek          |
|                 | Paul Bauer              | George Madden           |
|                 | Keith Edgerton          | Randall Gloege          |
|                 | Doxey Hatch             | Connie Landis           |
|                 | Matt Redinger           |                         |
|                 | Dan Zirker (ex-officio) | Janie Park (ex-officio) |

**ABSENT:** Mark Hardt

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

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| <b>GUESTS:</b> | James Nowlin  | David Davison |
|                | Scott Prinzing, Field Organizer, Montana Wilderness Association |               |
|                | Mary Pickett of the <i>Billings Gazette</i>                     |               |

**PRESIDING:** Sandie Rietz, Chair

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Sandie Rietz called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. on April 11, 2002 in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The April 4, 2002 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

### I. ITEMS – FIRST READING

**Item 12** Master of Education School Counseling Option (K-12). Program modifications.  
– **Tabled at last meeting.**

**Guest:** James Nowlin, Department of SECREC

⇒ Motion by Connie Landis, seconded by Randall Gloege, to remove **Item 12** from the table.

⇒ Motion carried.

James Nowlin stated that in the past, OPI required the credits for this degree be brought up to 60. Also, new faculty were not hired when faculty retired. Over time, this resulted in a bottleneck of students who had to delay graduation because the courses they needed were not offered often enough. In the changes in Item 12, the number of courses required is reduced, so students will not have to delay graduation.

This reduction in credits will also increase student appeal.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Matt Redinger, to **approve Item 12** on first reading.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Matt Redinger, seconded by Connie Landis, to **waive second reading of Item 12.**

⇒ Motion carried.

**Item 20** EDCI 535 Instructional Strategies in Art. New course.

**Guest:** David Davison, Department of ETP

David Davison explained that this item began as Item 5.a and has gone all the way back to the department, where a new course was created, rather than changing the old EDCI 535 (Instructional Strategies in Art & Music).

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Randall Gloege, to **approve Item 20** on first reading.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Randall Gloege, to **waive second reading of Item 20.**

⇒ Motion carried.

**Item 19** EDCI 571 Integrating Technology in the School Curriculum. Change prerequisite.

**Item 19.a** Master of Education Interdisciplinary Studies Option: Teacher Certification Program of Study. Program modifications.

**Item 19.b** Post Baccalaureate: Teacher Certification Program of Study. Program modifications.

David Davison then explained that the requirement for educational technology was not functional in these programs because many students were being admitted into EDCI 570 without the proper prerequisites. Therefore, EDCI 571 and the two programs above are being changed to better suit students' needs.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Matt Redinger, to **approve Items 19, 19.a, and 19.b** on first reading.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Matt Redinger, to **waive second reading of Items 19, 19.a, and 19.b.**

⇒ Motion carried with one abstention.

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⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Matt Redinger, to **rescind Items 5.e and 5.f.**

⇒ Motion carried.

## II. ITEMS – SECOND READING

### A. Crippen Cabin Resolution.

It was noted that Dr. Sexton should be allowed to voice his thoughts on the Crippen Cabin, but that they will likely not change the stance of the Senate.

It was also noted that Dr. Sexton could send in the application for a use permit, and that likely would get national organizations involved. It was then cited that discussion of the cabin will be held at the May Board of Regents meeting in Dillon, and a decision probably will not come before that time.

It was then stated that since no decisions will be made until the May BOR meeting, there is time to distribute materials to the faculty of MSU-Billings and other campuses.

A solution was offered wherein MSU-Billings applies for the permit so that students and faculty can go into the Wilderness Area and remove the cabin. However, this would violate the principle of Wilderness Act of 1964 further.

⇒ Motion by Randall Gloege, seconded by Matt Redinger, to **approve** the **Crippen Cabin Resolution** with small corrections **on second reading**.

⇒ Motion carried.

The Senate then agreed that the Resolution be emailed to the faculty and information about the topic will be put on reserve in the Library.

### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### **A. Attendance at Final Senate Meeting During Finals Week (5/2/02).**

The Senate decided that elections would be held on the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting so that all Senators could attend.

⇒ Motion by Connie Landis, seconded by Randall Gloege, that the Senate **hold its elections at the April 25 meeting**, and also **meet on May 2**.

⇒ Motion carried.

**B. Online Evaluation.** It was noted that the Senate should discuss methods of evaluation for online courses. The Senate decided it would be the major topic of discussion this fall.

### IV. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

**Item 17** Level I and II Procedures for Program Changes – Board of Regents. For information. – **Tabled at last meeting.**

⇒ Motion by Matt Redinger, seconded by Keith Edgerton, to **remove Item 17 from the table**.

⇒ Motion carried.

Janie Park stated that these changes will be voted on at the next BOR meeting (May 23-24). They will allow for more flexibility and also reduce the glut of items on the Board's agenda. Several items went from Level II to Level I. Level I changes require only the Commissioner of Higher Education's approval, and go to the Board as information items. Level II requires Board approval.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Matt Redinger to **accept Item 17 for information**.

⇒ Motion carried.

**Item 21** Board of Regents Information Technology Policies – Montana University System. First revision, February 27, 2002 (for March BOR Meeting-deferred to May meeting). For information.

The Senate then decided that Item 21 will soon be a “done deal” so the Senate can discuss it in the fall, along with Online Evaluation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

The next Senate meeting will be April 18, 2002.

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