

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: April 16, 2009

PRESENT:	Dan Yazak	Jeff Sanders
	Rakesh Sah	Sandie Rietz
	Bruce Brumley	Kay Streeter
	Lorrie Steerey	Craig McKenzie
	Kurt Toenjes	Mark Hardt
	Rob Barnosky (student)	Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
	Gary Young (ex-officio)	John Cech (ex-officio)
	D'Ann Campbell (ex-officio)	Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)
	Sue Balter-Reitz (ex-officio)	

ABSENT:	Keith Edgerton*	Steve Coffman*
	Kayla Miller (student)	Diane Duin (ex-officio)
	Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)*	Karen Heikel (ex-officio)*
	Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)	
	* <i>excused</i>	

GUESTS:	Ronald Sexton	Liz Tooley
	Cindy Rossmith	Vern Gagnon
	Susan Stewart	

PRESIDING: Lorrie Steerey, Chair

Lorrie Steerey called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The minutes of March 26 were accepted as modified.

Dan Yazak was welcomed at the College of Allied Health Professions representative.

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 39.a CST 211 Visual Basic .NET Capstone Project. Change title to Programming Capstone Project.

Item 39.b CST 220 Applied Introduction to Java. Change credits from 3 to 4.

Item 39.c CST 221 Applied Intermediate Java. Change credits from 3 to 4.

Item 39.d CST 265 Applied Advanced Visual Basic .NET Programming. Change credits from 3 to 4.

Item 39.e CST 236 Creating Interactive Flash Applications and Games. Delete course.

Item 39.f CMP 236 Advanced Web Programming. New course.

Item 39.g AAS in Computer Programming and Application Development. Modification of an existing program REVISED.

Item 39.h CST 110 Applied Basic Programming Concepts Using Visual Basic .NET. Change credits from 5 to 3.

⇒ Motion by Kay Streeter, seconded by Mark Hardt to **accept Items 39.a, 39.b, 39.c, 39.d, 39.e, 39.f, 39.g, and 39.h for information.**

⇒ Motion carried with 1 abstention.

Item 53 GERM 421 Culture and Civilization of German Speaking Countries I. Delete course.

Item 53.a GERM 422 Culture and Civilization of German Speaking Countries II. Delete course.

⇒ Motion by Mark Hardt, seconded by Bruce Brumley to **accept Items 53 and 53.a for information.**

⇒ Motion carried with 2 abstentions.

Item 55 AAS in Paramedic. Modification of an existing program.

Item 55.a PARA 101 Transition to Paramedicine. New course.

Item 55.b PARA 120 EMS Case Studies. New course.

⇒ Motion by Kay Streeter, seconded by Kurt Toenjes to **accept Items 55, 55.a, and 55.b for information.**

Dean John Cech noted that this modification moves the Paramedic program from a traditional plan to a hybrid-like program. The first year is online, and only the second year is onsite classes. All the courses are covered by Dave Gurchiek, the program director, and no additional funding for faculty is needed.

⇒ Motion carried with 1 abstention.

Item 57 Certificate of AS in Welding for Energy Technology. New program.

⇒ Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Craig McKenzie to **accept Item 57 for information.**

It was noted that this certificate is basically year two of the AAS program, which was approved March 26. It was cited the AAS in Welding & Metal Fabrication no longer has future funding. D'Ann Campbell, Provost, stated that she will have to find \$60,000 within the Academic Affairs budget to fund the second year of the new AAS program once the grant runs out in December 2010. There is great demand for this program, so it will be worthwhile.

⇒ Motion carried with 1 abstention.

Item 58 Policy: Entrance requirement for Certificate of AS in Welding for Energy Technology is successful completion of Certificate of AS in Welding and Metal Fabrication or equivalent professional industry certifications, and/or evaluation by qualified College of Technology faculty of applicable work experience.

⇒ Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Kurt Toenjes to **accept Item 58 for information.**

It was stated that this policy is necessary because a student with no training cannot jump into what is basically the second year of the Welding AAS. This policy is intended to help welders who already have work experience to come back to school to learn the newest technology. This advanced certificate is not meant for graduates of the beginner certificate to pursue, although they may if they wish. It was cited that “stacking” the two certificates would allow a student to earn the same skills as the AAS, but without the math and English courses. It was noted that this is a similar situation to the BSLS, which students take because they want to avoid the foreign language requirement of other degrees. We should be making the students test out of and pay for the credits of the first year of the AAS program. This advanced certificate and policy create a loophole. It was cited that if this loophole does become a problem, the Senate can re-evaluate the program or the policy.

⇒ Motion carried with 3 abstentions.

Item 56 AAS in Process Plant Technology. Modification of an existing program.

Item 56.a PPT 101 Fundamentals of Processing Technology. Change title to Fundamentals of Process Technology Lecture and change credits from 5 to 4.

Item 56.b PPT 135 Instrumentation and Control Systems. Change title to Instrument and Control Systems Lecture and change credits from 5 to 4.

Item 56.c PPT 175 Process Plant Sciences. Change title to Process Plant Sciences Lecture and change credits from 5 to 4.

Item 56.d PPT 210 Equipment and Operations. Change title to Equipment and Operations Lecture and change credits from 6 to 4.

Item 56.e PPT 211 Advanced Operations. Change title to Advanced Operations Lecture and change credits from 3 to 2.

- Item 56.f** TRID 185 Introduction to Industrial Power Systems. Change title to Introduction to Industrial Power Systems Lecture and change credits from 3 to 2.
Item 56.g PPT 102 Fundamentals of Process Technology Laboratory. New course.
Item 56.h PPT 136 Instrument and Control Systems Laboratory. New course.
Item 56.i PPT 176 Process Plant Sciences Laboratory. New course.
Item 56.j PPT 208 Equipment and Operations Laboratory. New course.
Item 56.k PPT 212 Advanced Operations Laboratory. New course.
Item 56.L TRID 186 Introduction to Industrial Power Systems Laboratory. New course.

⇒ Motion by Mark Hardt, seconded by Sandie Rietz to **accept Items 56, 56.a, 56.b, 56.c, 56.d, 56.e, 56.f, 56.g, 56.h, 56.i, 56.j, 56.k, and 56.L for information.**

It was noted that these changes do not increase or decrease credits for the program, they only split out the lecture and lab to decrease faculty loads.

⇒ Motion carried with 1 abstention.

- Item 59** AF Course: MUSC 150 Musics of the World. Move from V.A. Fine Arts to IV.B. Cultural Diversity.

⇒ Motion by Craig McKenzie, seconded by Bruce Brumley to **accept Item 59 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried with 1 abstention.

- Item 61** Common Course Numbering: Rubric conversions for ACCT, CTBU, CHEM, CMP, MIS, ECON, EASC, EVST, GEOG, HIST, FREN, SPAN, ENGL, MATH, POLS, PSYC, SOCL, STAT.

Item 61.a Common Course Numbering: 90 series course conversions.

Item 61.b Common Course Numbering: ENGL to WRIT courses.

Item 61.c Common Course Numbering: ACCT & CTBU to ACTG.

Item 61.d Common Course Numbering: CHEM to CHMY.

Item 61.e Common Course Numbering: CMP & MIS to CAPP.

Item 61.f Common Course Numbering: ECON to ENCS.

Item 61.g Common Course Numbering: EASC to GEO or EARTH, EVST to GPHY, GEOG to GPHY.

Item 61.h Common Course Numbering: HIST to HSTA or HSTR.

Item 61.i Common Course Numbering: FREN to FRCH and SPAN to SPNS.

Item 61.j Common Course Numbering: ENGL to LIT.

Item 61.k Common Course Numbering: MATH to M or STAT.

Item 61.L Common Course Numbering: POLS to PSCI.

Item 61.m Common Course Numbering: PSYC to PSYX.

Item 61.n Common Course Numbering: SOCL to SOCI.

Item 61.o Common Course Numbering: STAT or MATH to STAT.

⇒ Motion by Jeff Sanders, seconded by Sandie Rietz to **accept Items 61, 61.a, 61.b, 61.c, 61.d, 61.e, 61.f, 61.g, 61.h, 61.i, 61.j, 61.k, 61.L, 61.m, 61.n, and 61.o for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Budget Update with Chancellor Sexton, Budget Director Tooley, and Administrative Vice Chancellor Iverson

Chancellor Sexton stated that since the legislature began meeting, the budget has been changing on an almost daily basis. For this reason, he had asked Chair Steerey to hold off on Academic Senate Budget Committee meetings, or making a presentation to the Senate himself. We still don't have a lot of information regarding the budget. Since the Governor's budget came out last fall, we have had three rescissions. The bills to fund the state agencies are now in the conference committees, which can make any changes they want. Once the bills are approved by the House and Senate, the Governor can also make line-item vetos, or veto the entire thing. Right now, neither the House nor Senate has enough votes to override the Governor's veto. This may lead to a special session.

The truly alarming part of this year's budgeting process has been the federal stimulus funds. Right now, the legislature is planning on taking about 40% of the University System budget out and using stimulus money to backfill. However, the stimulus funds are *one time only*, and in the next biennium that missing money—which could be as much as \$63 million—may be either added back or simply cut. The legislature is doing this to all state agencies, so the next biennium could prove to be devastating if the economy does not improve dramatically.

Dr. Sexton stated that the Governor is also currently asking for a \$250 to \$290 million surplus be set aside. It is the largest surplus in Montana's history. We have no idea what is it for.

Other issues include a 2% cut across all state agencies, the pay plan remains unfunded by the state, the operations and maintenance funds for new buildings are gone, and half of the insurance increase most likely will not be funded. There is also currently no money allocated for promotions and merit, so MSUB will have to allocate for those funds.

Ms. Liz Tooley, Budget Officer, explained a budget sheet she distributed. She noted that the MSU side of the University System has dropped FTE, while the UM side has gained. This gives UM the opportunity to ask for a reversion to compensate for their additional FTE, which would take an additional \$450,000 out of MSUB's budget. Whether they will ask for the reversion is not yet known. The Vice Chancellors have been asked to

make temporary and permanent cuts for this year's deficit, which basically means we will be alright if UM does not ask for the reversion.

Chancellor Sexton noted that the Governor thinks we can and should make cuts and perhaps add 10-15 students to each class, and the faculty should still do an excellent job. Montana is much better off, financially, than other states, but our budget was already much tighter than other states so we will likely feel greater impacts. In May, June, or July, the Board of Regents will set tuition and fees for the next *two* years. Whether we get a tuition increase and/or get our student fees approved is still mostly questionable. The Governor strongly supports a tuition freeze, so although a 3% per year tuition increase would get us through the coming budget issues, we may not get it. It was noted that some faculty are concerned that due to the tuition freeze, students would pay the same for two years and then perhaps get hit with an 8% increase in the third year.

Dr. Sexton also noted that we can balance the budget for FY2010 because most of what we are putting up are temporary cuts. The real issue will come in FY2011. No positions have been terminated for FY2010, and two positions have been notified of termination in FY2011. We don't think we will have an enrollment increase due to the bad economy, because there are so many businesses looking to expand in the Billings area. We are, instead, picking up many more part-time students.

The Chancellor also noted that a few years ago the BOR made a policy that students who already held a bachelor's degree and returned to school *not* seeking a master's degree (perhaps seeking a second bachelor's) would pay 125% of resident tuition. We developed programs to get those students. Now the BOR has repealed the policy and we will lose that revenue as well.

He also noted that a few years ago, Bozeman and Missoula brought student fee proposals to the BOR which included automatic inflation and the BOR approved them. MSUB did not propose these kinds of fees. Now the Governor, among others, is questioning these fees. In fact, the Governor sees absolutely no reason to increase any student fees at all. The Governor is also pushing for more openness with online delivery. Basically, it's going to put the units in direct competition with each other.

The Senate thanked Dr. Sexton, Ms. Iverson, and Ms. Tooley for their time.

B. Announcements

Dr. Steerey stated that this week the Bozeman faculty voted to unionize, one union for full-time and one for part-time faculty. Bozeman was the last unit to have non-unionized faculty.

Dr. Steerey will be attending the Chancellor's Executive Budget Committee during the summer, and as decisions are made, Senators' input will be necessary (mostly via email). The Senate Budget Committee may also need to be called.

Provost Campbell noted that she is new to this budgeting work, and she noted that the other Vice Chancellors and Ms. Tooley are a pleasure to work with. Vice Chancellor Klippenstein and Vice Chancellor Iverson give their all and then some to support Academic Affairs.

The Senate will have one more meeting April 23, where the new Senators will be seated and officers elected.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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