

## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

**DATE:** February 17, 2011

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Scott Murray	Stephen Eliason
	Don Larsen	Sandie Rietz
	Paul Bauer	Lorrie Steerey
	Craig McKenzie	Keith Edgerton
	Doug Brown	Mark Hardt
	Bruce Brumley	Patricia Vettel-Becker
	Thomas Sullivan (student)	Diane Duin (ex-officio)
	Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)	Tim Wilkinson (ex-officio)
	Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)	Vern Gagnon (ex-officio)
	Tammi Miller (ex-officio)	Gary Young (ex-officio)

**ABSENT:** Rakesh Sah\*  
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio) Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)  
\* *excused*

**GUESTS:** Rolf Groseth Jay Shaw

**PRESIDING:** Lorrie Steerey, Chair

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Lorrie Steerey called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

The minutes of February 3 were accepted as presented.

### I. ITEMS – FIRST READING

**Item 30** BS Major in Outdoor Adventure Leadership. Modification of an existing program.

**Item 30.a** HHP 136 Snowshoeing. New course.

**Item 30.b** HHP 138 Telemark Skiing. New course.

**Item 30.c** HHP 183 Environment/Leave No Trace. New course.

**Item 30.d** HHP 184 Hiking/Backpacking. New course.

**Item 30.e** HHP 187 Mountain Biking. New course.

**Item 30.f** HHP 189 Basic Survival in the Outdoors. New course.

**Item 30.g** HHP 190 Rappelling/Belaying. New course.

**Item 30.h** HHP 191 Low Element Challenges. New course.

**Item 30.i** HHP 192 Caving/Spelunking. New course.

**Item 30.j** HHP 193 Canoeing. New course.

**Item 30.k** HHP 195 Kayaking. New course.

**Item 30.L** HHP 197 Scuba Diving/Snorkeling. New course.

**Item 30.m** HHP 198 Rafting. New course.

**Item 30.n** HHP 199 Avalanche Awareness and Safety. New course.

**Item 30.o** HHP 350 Outdoor Adventure Leadership for the Aging Population. New course.

⇒ Motion by Keith Edgerton, seconded by Scott Murray to **take Items 30 through 30.o off the table.**

⇒ Motion carried.

It was stated that most of the objections to this program change have been resolved. The course rotations look good. Diane Duin, Dean of the College of Allied Health Professions, stated that they are getting enrollments in the Outdoor Leadership classes without even marketing the program, and students from other majors are taking the courses as well.

It was noted that if we make money on a program, that doesn't mean we are going to add faculty lines.

⇒ Motion to approve (made originally on January 20) carried.

⇒ Motion by Doug Brown, seconded by Sandie Rietz to **waive second reading of Items 30 through 30.o.**

⇒ Motion carried.

## II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

**Item 34** LS 125 Research in the Information Age. Change course description

⇒ Motion by Mark Hardt, seconded by Paul Bauer to **accept Item 34 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

**Item 36** Certificate of AS in Medical Coding and Insurance Billing. Modification of an existing program.

**Item 36.a** AHMS 201 Essentials of Pathophysiology. New course.

**Item 36.b** AHMS 299 Capstone Project. New course.

⇒ Motion by Mark Hardt, seconded by Scott Murray to **accept Items 36 through 36.b for information.**

It was cited that this program change adds two new courses to the program. Two courses are being removed from the program but not deleted, as they are used in other programs. Vern Gagnon, Interim Dean of the College of Technology, stated that there will be reduced sections, and therefore reduced faculty load, for the two courses being removed from the Medical Coding program.

⇒ Motion carried.

### III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Budget Committee Proposal: Chancellor Rolf Groseth

Dr. Groseth stated that his intent in creating this University Budget Committee was for more input into the budgeting process and greater dissemination of information. The Academic Senate Budget Committee would still be running, and would have input into the University Budget Committee.

It was stated that the history of the Senate Budget Committee was being the main budgeting committee on campus. However, the former Chancellor formed an extremely large University Budget Committee, which was mostly non-functional, and the Senate Budget Committee withered.

The question is, what is the intended purpose of this new University Budget Committee? Will it be immediate budget concerns or more long-term strategic planning?

Do we want to make the Academic Senate Budget Committee smaller? It currently encompasses most groups represented in the Chancellor's proposed University Budget Committee. We don't want two large committees doing the same thing.

The question was raised as to what the Academic Senate Budget Committee will primarily concern itself with: the academic budget or the entire budget? It was noted that the old Senate Budget Committee got the entire budget for the University, but the Senate Budget Committee's focus could be the academic budget.

It was stated that regardless of which committee or committees we have, the functions must be clear. In recent memory, the Academic Senate Budget Committee has not done the long term planning.

It was suggested that since the Academic Senate Budget Committee is going to feed into the larger University Budget Committee, the Senate committee could be faculty members only, with two students. It was noted that the Academic Senate could serve as the Budget Committee. We would simply meet as the Budget Committee periodically.

⇒ Motion by Mark Hardt, seconded by Sandie Rietz that **the Academic Senate Budget Committee will be made up of the Academic Senate, periodically convening as the Academic Senate Budget Committee.**

⇒ Motion carried.

There will be a second reading of the bylaw changes at the next Senate meeting.

### **B. HB439 Bonding Bill: Chancellor Rolf Groseth**

Dr. Groseth stated that he spoke for one minute before the legislature, and he pointed out this important statistic: the Science Building was built in 1945 when we were Eastern Montana Normal School, training students to be teachers, and had 51 students. The bill needs a two-thirds vote to pass each house. If approved, we will expand the Science Building out into the parking lot and renovate the existing part of the building.

Chancellor Groseth thanked the Senate for their input on the budgeting process and departed.

### **C. Provost's Recommendations: MSUB Downtown**

Provost Gary Young stated that he met with the Chancellor yesterday regarding his final recommendations for MSUB Downtown. Dr. Young apologized for taking so long; it turned out to be a lot more research than he realized.

He is recommending we eliminate the College of Professional Studies and Lifelong Learning. He will create a small task force to study continuing education. We seem to be missing the boat on continuing ed, and he would like to improve the program and share the profits of the program back to the departments of the faculty involved. Tuesday and Wednesday next week, Kim Obbink, Executive Director of the Extended University in Bozeman, will be here to talk about continuing education and share the process used in Bozeman. Dr. Obbink will hold an open forum on continuing education and all faculty are invited. More information to come.

Dr. Young also plans to work with some consultants to bring the task force information on best practices for urban universities and universities in the urban/rural interface. We will share some models other universities are using. He hopes to have some recommendations from the task force in three months, or at least by July 1. We can continue Downtown as is until September, when the lease on the Hart Albin building runs out.

Conferencing responsibilities will be moved to Jeannie McIsaac-Tracy, Director of Student Life and Housing. The downtown bookstore will relocate and we hope to use the Hart Albin area as a reception area and gateway to the University, perhaps using a portion

as a student/faculty field experience lab for student consulting, small business, or even an art gallery.

Associate Directors John Walsh and Bruce Whittenberg will be moved to McDonald Hall. Scott Rickard, Director of the Center for Applied Economic Research, will also be moved into McDonald, where we hope to create a cluster of people interested in economic development and urban issues doing research, grants, and service. Also, Provost Young plans on getting Mr. Walsh's and Mr. Whittenberg's salaries out of the general fund.

The question was raised as to whether anyone will lose their job as a result of these changes. Provost Young stated that one part-time person will be let go, as that position is being merged with another. There are also four open positions Downtown which Dr. Young has refused to fill. Dr. Young also noted that if we keep the space downtown, we will fill it up with positions. The two Associate Directors are being relocated, and eventually the position of Executive Director will go away. Most likely Downtown will be led by a Coordinator rather than an Executive Director.

The total cost savings for these changes is around \$250,000. Provost Young wants to move that funding to instruction. Giving up leases will save more.

The workforce development projects will be moved to Garfield School.

The question was raised as to how much money we are spending in Red Lodge. Provost Young stated that very little money is spent in Red Lodge because our offices there are housed in the Red Lodge High School. This gives us access to those students, which is valuable.

Dr. Young stated he will be getting a formal report to the Senate later.

Dr. Steerey asked if there were any Senators interested in serving on the continuing education task force. Sandie Rietz and Mark Hardt both indicated interest.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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