

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: November 14, 2013

PRESENT: Scott Murray
Cindy Dell
Craig McKenzie
Debra Johnson
Paul Pope
Francisco Saldivar
Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
Mark Pagano (ex-officio)

Patricia Vettel-Becker
Barb Pedula
David Gurchiek
Kelly Shumway
Bruce Brumley
Diane Duin (ex-officio)
Barbara Wheeling (ex-officio)
Matt Redinger (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Don Larsen*
Ryan Shore (student)
Marsha Riley (ex-officio)
Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)

Susan Gilbertz*
Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)*
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)

* *excused*

GUESTS: Scott Harris
Susan Floyd
Tami Haaland

Krista Montague
Mark Jacobson
Susan Balter-Reitz

PRESIDING: Bruce Brumley, Chair

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

The minutes of October 24 were accepted as presented.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Student Athletes and Missed Classes

Guests: Krista Montague, Director, Intercollegiate Athletics; Scott Harris, Faculty Athletics Representative

It was stated that faculty, particularly in Health and Human Performance, have raised concerns about a number of issues: student athletes who missed the first two weeks of class this semester, late night practices leading to student athletes falling asleep in class, and student athletes stating they finally had a day free of their sport six weeks into the semester. It was noted that NCAA regulations require one out of every seven days to be completely free of practice, film review, or anything to do with a student's sport.

Krista Montague, Athletic Director, stated that they did have a problem this year with women's volleyball and men's soccer, that those students missed the first two weeks of the semester because they were traveling to games. Scott Harris, Faculty Athletics Representative, noted that recently, the NCAA put forth legislation to help student athletes with their academics/sports/life balance. The intent was to give students more time for both academics and family. However, the unintended consequence of the legislation was that students now have less time before the semester starts to spend on athletics. In the past, student athletes could begin their season three weeks before the semester began. That has been cut to two weeks. MSUB Athletics had taken advantage of those three weeks to get some travel done before classes even started, but with less time, some of that travel spilled over into the Fall semester. In the Spring semester, both softball and baseball have the first half of their seasons as away-games because of Montana's weather. Ms. Montague stated that these missed two weeks at the beginning of the Fall 2013 semester are a big concern for her, and she has made it a priority that it does not happen again. One of the solutions may be to use the travel money allocated for these trips to bring other teams to MSUB instead.

Dr. Harris also cited that we are one of the most geographically isolated universities for athletics in the country. Our closest competitor is in Idaho. We've had the problem of long travel distances for a long time, and so we know many of those issues in advance and we can go to the athletics conference and ask for consideration of our situation and travel issues.

Dr. Harris stated that it is mandatory that student athletes stay in hotels with computer access, and they are also allowed access at the university they are visiting. Ms. Montague noted that our students even have wireless internet on the bus while traveling. They do make efforts to make sure the students are using it for homework rather than surfing for fun. Dr. Harris noted they emphasize students' responsibility to get their work done, even if the bus breaks down or they get snowed in somewhere.

Regarding the late night practices, Ms. Montague noted that last year baseball did have a problem with finding gym time and ended up with very late practices. This semester, Athletics has rented time at a local hitting club, which has worked wonderfully for the baseball team. Regarding the mandatory one day off per week, the coaches keep logs of practice hours and team hours, but if there are issues, she needs to know about them. Travel days can be counted as off days, as long as there is nothing sport-related done, not even watching film.

The question was raised as to what the faculty responsibilities are for students missing classes, especially labs. Dr. Harris stated that the catalog policy interpretation covers students who are representing the University in any way, be it athletics or student government, are excused from class if they (1) notify the instructor in advance and (2) the student remains responsible for all material covered during the absence. There should be no penalty against the student for missing class. In the past we have had difficulties with students missing labs which cannot be made up on the road. Athletics has created agreements to put on a special, make-up lab for those students, and Athletics pays for the TA to set up the lab and run it. This is an issue Senate could discuss, about working around certain days many student athletes usually miss, like Thursdays. The Senate could encourage classes to be moved to Tuesdays. Ms. Montague noted that she does try to encourage athletics schedules to be set up so students miss mostly Fridays and not many Mondays. Student athletes are also encouraged to register for lab courses in the semester they are not playing their sport. Dr. Harris noted student athletes are also allowed to register for classes the first day, regardless of their class standing. However, it is still the student's responsibility to register early.

A question was raised regarding eligibility to play and grades. Ms. Montague noted that students are monitored per semester, so if a student fails too many credits in the Fall, that student will not be allowed to play in the Spring. The coaches do monitor their players' grades during the semester, but it is not required or consistent. If a student athlete is having trouble, let Ms. Montague know so the situation doesn't get worse.

Ms. Montague and Dr. Harris thanked the Senate for inviting them, and pointed out that the overall GPA for all MSUB student athletes is 3.17.

II. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 12 M 130 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I. Change course description.

Item 12.a M 131 Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II. Change course description.

Item 12.b M 329 Modern Geometry. Change prerequisite.

Item 12.c M 431 Abstract Algebra I. Change prerequisite.

Item 12.d M 242 Methods of Proof. New course.

Item 12.h M 471 Mathematical Analysis. Change prerequisite.

Item 13 BS Major in Mathematics. Modification to an existing program.

Item 13.a BS Major in Mathematics Teaching Option Single Subject Endorsement. Modification to an existing program.

Item 13.b Teaching Minor in Mathematics. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Dave Gurchiek to **accept Items 12 through 13.b for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 16 MUSI 108, MUSI 114, MUSI 131, MUSI 136, MUSI 147, MUSI 235, MUSI 236, MUSI 312, MUSI 331, MUSI 364, MUSI 365. Change 3 hours lecture to 3 hours lab per week.

Item 16.a MUSE 272, MUSE 273, MUSE 274, MUSE 275, MUSE 276, MUSE 278, MUSE 279, MUSE 330, MUSE 430, MUSE 431, MUSI 140, MUSI 141, MUSI 162A, MUSI 240, MUSI 241, MUSI 362, MUSI 368, MUSI 369. Change 2 hours lecture to 2 hours lab per week.

Item 16.b MUSI 195A, MUSI 195B, MUSI 195C, MUSI 195D, MUSI 195E, MUSI 195F, MUSI 195G, MUSI 195H, MUSI 195I, MUSI 195J, MUSI 195K, MUSI 195L, MUSI 195M, MUSI 195P, MUSI 395A, MUSI 395B, MUSI 395C, MUSI 395D, MUSI 395E, MUSI 395F, MUSI 395G, MUSI 395H, MUSI 395I, MUSI 395J, MUSI 395K, MUSI 395L, MUSI 395M, MUSI 395P. Change variable 1-4 hours lecture to variable 1-4 hours studio per week.

Item 16.c MUSE 101 Fundamentals of Music for Elementary Teachers. Change 2 hours lecture to 2 hours lab per week.

Item 16.d MUSI 135 Keyboard Skills I. Change 3 hours studio to 3 hours lab per week.

Item 16.e MUSI 162B Chamber Ensembles: Instrumental. Change 2 hours lecture to 2 hours lab per week.

⇒ Motion by Francisco Saldivar, seconded by Cindy Dell to **accept Items 16 through 16.e for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 19 EDU 315 IEFA in the Montana Classroom. New course.

⇒ Motion by Francisco Saldivar, seconded by Scott Murray to **accept Item 19 for information.**

It was cited that the lecture hours of this course should be 2. The form was corrected.

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 21 LIT 201 Introduction to Literary Studies. New course.

Item 21.a BA Major in English. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Francisco Saldivar, seconded by Patricia Vettel-Becker to **accept Items 21 and 21.a for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 26 AAS in Practical Nursing. Modification to an existing program.

Item 26.a ASN – Associate of Science Registered Nurse. Modification to an existing program.

Item 26.b NRSN 144 Core Concepts of Mental Health Nursing. Change prerequisite and corequisite.

Item 26.c NRS 148 Leadership Issues. Change course description.

Item 26.d NRS 149 Leadership Issues Clinical. Change course description.

Item 26.e NRS 291 Special Topics. Remove prerequisite and change course description.

Item 26.f NRS 294 Seminar/Workshop. Remove prerequisite and change course description.

Item 26.g NRS 256 Pathophysiology. Change prerequisite and remove corequisite.

⇒ Motion by Francisco Saldivar, seconded by Scott Murray to **accept Items 26 through 26.g for information.**

It was noted that the Nursing Program at City College does not have a chairperson, so the Program Director, who is not a faculty member, has signed the forms in place of a chair. The Senate has had issues with non-faculty signing curriculum forms before. It was cited that the Senate cannot exclude program directors from the curriculum process since many are required by accrediting agencies to be involved in the approval of curriculum.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Scott Murray that the Senate **waive the department chair signature requirement and accept the program director signature in this instance only. This does not set a precedent for future curriculum proposals.**

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion to accept for information carried.

III. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 22 COMT 595 Comprehensive Exams. Change course description.

Item 22.a COMT 598 Culminating Project. Delete course.

Item 22.b COMT 599 Thesis. Delete course.

Item 22.c MS in Public Relations. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Cindy Dell to **approve Items 22 through 22.c on first reading.**

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Scott Murray to **waive second reading of Items 22 through 22.c.**

⇒ Motion carried.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS continued

B. Results of General Faculty Meeting November 7

There were 29 faculty in attendance and all voted for the proposed bylaw changes. The updated bylaws are out on the web.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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