

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: April 10, 2014

PRESENT: Scott Murray
Ying Wang
Barb Pedula
Craig McKenzie
Kelly Shumway
Francisco Saldivar
Florence Garcia (ex-officio)

Patricia Vettel-Becker
Cindy Dell
Susan Gilbertz
Debra Johnson
Paul Pope
Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
Mark Pagano (ex-officio)

ABSENT: David Gurchiek*
Ryan Shore (student)
Barbara Wheeling (ex-officio)*
Marsha Riley (ex-officio)
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)

Bruce Brumley*
Diane Duin (ex-officio)
Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)
Matt Redinger (ex-officio)

* *excused*

GUESTS: Steve Eliason
Michael Havens

Kevin Nemeth

PRESIDING: Patricia Vettel-Becker, Vice Chair

Patricia Vettel-Becker called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m. in the City College Health Science North Conference Room.

The minutes of March 27 were accepted as presented.

I. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Item 35.c SOCI 318 Sociological Research Methods. Change prerequisite, corequisite, and course description.

Item 35.d SOCI 319 Sociological Research Methods Lab. Change title to Statistics for Sociologists, change credits from 1 to 3, change prerequisite, remove corequisite, and change course description.

Item 35.e SOCI 423 Sociology of Corrections. Change credits from 4 to 3 and change course description.

Item 35.f SOCI 461 Urban Society and Human Ecology. Change credits from 4 to 3 and change prerequisite.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Barb Pedula to **accept Items 35.c through 35.f for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 36 BA Major in Sociology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 36.a BS Major in Sociology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 36.b Teaching Minor in Sociology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 36.c Minor in Sociology. Modification to an existing program.

Item 36.d BS Major in Criminal Justice. Modification to an existing program.

Item 36.e Minor in Criminal Justice. Modification to an existing program.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Cindy Dell to **accept Items 36 through 36.e for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 64 AHMS 201 Essentials of Pathophysiology. Change title to Medical Science. Changes due to CCN, for information only.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Francisco Saldivar to **accept Item 64 for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 65 HSTA 299 Historian as Detective. Change course number to 200. Changes due to CCN, for information only.

Item 65.a HSTR 299 Historian as Detective (crosslisted with HSTA 299). Delete course. Changes due to CCN ban on crosslisting. For information only.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Paul Pope to **accept Items 65 and 65.a for information.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 66 EDU 484 Assessment in Remedial Reading. Change number to 442 and title to Reading Diagnosis and Interventions in the Classroom. Changes due to CCN, for information only.

⇒ Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Scott Murray to **accept Item 66 for information.**

It was agreed that the Senate needs to revisit the process for correcting courses that were Common Course Numbered incorrectly.

⇒ Motion carried with 2 opposed.

II. PROVOST REPORT

Provost Pagano stated that we have many search committees working at this time. Currently, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences search is moving very quickly. The Committee will be bringing three candidates to campus in the next two weeks. Please attend the open forums for those candidates.

Dr. Pagano noted that the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs search is moving along, but the candidates will not be on campus until mid-May. He asks that faculty please make the effort to come to campus in the summer to the candidates' open forums. We need faculty input for this search.

Dr. Pagano stated that there are some faculty searches running, but the most contentious has been the position in pre-engineering. This position was approved and searched last year, but the search failed. We now have three candidates coming to interview. Several faculty have stated that this pre-engineering position is not something MSU Billings should be trying to pursue. However, pre-engineering is an area of growth for us because we lose students to Bozeman since we do not offer engineering courses. Bozeman is actually excited for us to offer engineering, to take some of the heavy load from them.

Dr. Pagano noted that they have almost finished with the Academic Support Center staff transitioning to VTEM faculty. They are also going to rename the center as it will be an academic department. Academic department names require Board of Regents approval, so that item will be coming to the Senate soon.

III. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 56 EDCI 519 Graduate Practicum. Remove corequisite.

⇒ Motion by Cindy Dell, seconded by Scott Murray to **approve Item 56 on first reading.**

⇒ Motion carried with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Cindy Dell to **waive second reading of Item 56.**

It was cited that the corequisite course probably should be a prerequisite. More discussion is needed.

⇒ Motion failed, 6 opposed, 4 for, 1 abstention.

Item 74 Writing Requirements policy and “WR” course designations. Removal from the catalog.

⇒ Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Barb Pedula to **approve Item 74 on first reading.**

Mike Havens of the General Education Committee stated that the GEC carefully discussed this policy and attempted to rewrite it, before agreeing that it’s mostly nonsensical and should just be removed from the catalog. Tasneem Khaleel, Dean of CAS, noted that no one is verifying that students are meeting these requirements, and have not for years.

A question was raised about writing courses and the COMPASS test. Dr. Havens noted that the GEC has been talking about the COMPASS test for over two years. They are currently trying to decide a policy to prohibit students from getting writing course credit for passing the writing component of the COMPASS test, which is only five or six multiple choice questions.

⇒ Motion carried.

⇒ Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Cindy Dell to **waive second reading of Item 74.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 61 MSUB Extended Campus Operations Policy. Draft.

⇒ Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Kelly Shumway to **approve Item 61 on first reading.**

Kevin Nemeth, Director of Extended Campus, stated that he has revised the policy document to address concerns about limits on faculty pay from a grant. A mathematical error was pointed out in the compensation example table.

The question was raised as to where the 20% limit on faculty compensation came from. It was noted that the idea came from the Faculty Association collective bargaining agreement, but Provost Pagano agreed that 20% was a reasonable number. Mr. Nemeth stated that they could add language that the Provost would have discretion to approve compensation greater than 20% if there was a compelling situation, such as a faculty member already teaching overload courses. The concern is that faculty will get paid for the work done, especially with a grant situation.

Another question was raised about the section describing certificates and degrees for credit. Mr. Nemeth stated that if Extended Campus identifies a need for a new certificate or degree, they could start a program and pay for instructional costs through a self-supporting funding model. If demand for the program continues to grow, state funding could be allocated and the program would be moved into one of the academic colleges. Extended Campus would not start a program that does not already fit within our existing programs and colleges. It would be a related program, not entirely new.

⇒ Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Francisco Saldivar to **table Item 61 until the next Senate meeting, so corrections can be made.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

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