

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: December 12, 2024

PRESENT: Suzette Nynas
Josh Hill
Debra Schoenfeld
Susan Gregory
John Pannell
Paul Pope
Tami Haaland (ex-officio)
Melanie Reaves (ex-officio)
Sam Boerboom (ex-officio)

Matt Queen
Jennifer Scroggins
Heather Thompson-Bahm
Kari Dahle-Huff
Austin Bennett
Melissa Boehm
Susan Gilbertz (ex-officio)
Vern Gagnon (ex-officio)
Eileen Wright (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Sarah Keller*
Lamiya Husen (student)
Richard Beer (ex-officio)*
Leslie Weldon (ex-officio)*
** excused*

Vikash Kumar (student)
Kurt Toenjes (ex-officio)
Kim Hayworth (ex-officio)*

GUESTS: Jana Marcette
Kathleen Thatcher
Ana Diaz
Jodi Lightner

John Roberts
Cheri Johannes
Tammy McDowell

PRESIDING: Suzette Nynas, Chair

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please get grades in by Wednesday at noon.

There have been some technical issues with the faculty evaluation of administrators for the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance, and Vice Chancellor for Student Access & Success, so the deadline has been extended one week to December 20.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 5 were accepted as presented.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Title	Status	Received
Geography Minor	Deleted	12/4/2024
AHMS 298: Internship	Added	12/4/2024
Medical Coding & Insurance Billing Specialist Associate of Applied Science	Edited	12/4/2024
Business Administration Associate of Science Program of Study	Edited	12/4/2024
General Business Associate of Applied Science Degree	Edited	12/4/2024
HADM 365: Managing Cont of LongTerm Care	Deleted	12/4/2024
HADM 409: Aging America & Long-Term Care	Deleted	12/4/2024
Health Administration Bachelor of Science Degree	Edited	12/4/2024

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **approve the consent agenda.**

⇒ Motion carried.

IV. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Title	Status	Received	Request Type
Emerita Nomination of Susan Gregory	Added	12/9/2024	Emeriti

Dr. Gregory believes the highest calling in life is to serve, and Montana has special education teachers, in no small part, because of her. Dean Melanie Reaves noted the amount of grant money Dr. Gregory has brought to MSUB is tremendous, and she is a wonderful model for junior faculty in the College of Education.

⇒ Motion by Austin Bennett, seconded by Paul Pope to **approve the emerita nomination of Susan Gregory.**

It was noted that this is the perfect example of what an emeriti nomination should be.

⇒ Motion carried.

Group 1		
ART 591: Special Topics	Edited	11/21/2024
ART 592: Independent Study	Added	11/21/2024
ART 594: Seminar	Added	11/21/2024

ART 595: Practicum	Added	11/21/2024
ART 598: Internship	Edited	11/21/2024

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **approve Group 1.**

Jodi Lighter, Chair, Art, stated they are reinstating and adding some graduate art courses. These courses would be for teachers in the area and alumni. They are not currently attached to a program, so these courses will only be available to people who already have a bachelor's degree. Cheri Johannes, Registrar, noted that the students would have to apply as non-degree seeking graduate students. Thus, these students would not qualify for financial aid. Ms. Lightner noted that high school teachers who take these courses would then be qualified to teach Dual Credit courses. Students can also use these courses toward the Master of Education Interdisciplinary Studies in the COE.

There is no additional cost as these 500-level courses will be stacked with 400-level courses already being taught.

⇒ Motion carried.

Group 2		
ENGL 529: Professional Writing	Added	11/21/2024
ENGL 537: Topics, Craft and Genre	Added	11/21/2024
ENGL 592: Special Topics	Added	11/21/2024
ENGL 598: Internship	Added	11/21/2024

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Matt Queen to **approve Group 2.**

Ana Diaz, Chair, English, Philosophy & Modern Languages, noted that, like the Art Department, they will be stacking these courses for no additional cost. There are many teachers in SD2 who need these courses.

It was noted that MSUB continues to grow the use of these stacked courses, especially undergrad/grad courses. Faculty are teaching more graduate-level courses for no additional compensation, instead of the administration allocating more resources for these programs. It was noted that these stacked courses often allow a course that would not run because of low enrollment to run when graduate students are included, and undergrad students benefit from having graduate students in their classes. A line needs to be drawn for how many stacked undergrad/grad courses a faculty member teaches before extra compensation would be paid. The claim that stacked courses have no budget implications must be ended.

The question was raised as to whether undergrad students could take one of the stacked courses at the 400-level, and then take it again at the 500-level. It was noted that the Public Relations Master of Science program does not allow students to re-take those courses. However, this policy is not documented. The art, English, and music courses

proposed today are assumed to be taken more than once. Practicing the craft in these courses is an inherent part of the curriculum. There is no clarity on which courses can and should be repeated, and which courses should not. The Senate cannot hold these course proposals to a standard that does not exist. It was noted that the courses that end in 90s numbers (special topics, internship, seminar, etc.) are governed by policy that allows them to be repeated.

⇒ **The original motion was amended by Paul Pope, seconded by Austin Bennett to approve only ENGL 592 and ENGL 598.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Item 3		
HUMN 501: Theory and Methods	Added	11/21/2024

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Austin Bennett to **approve Item 3.**

Ms. Lightner noted this will be a cross-discipline course that will allow graduate students to investigate topics from an interdisciplinary perspective. It is not a stacked course.

⇒ Motion carried.

Group 4		
MUSC 515: Modern Composition	Added	11/21/2024
MUSC 576: Modern Music Production	Added	11/21/2024
MUSC 591: Special Topics	Edited	11/21/2024
MUSC 595: Applied Music	Added	11/21/2024
MUSC 598: Internship	Added	11/21/2024

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Matt Queen to **approve Group 4.**

John Roberts, Chair, Music, noted that these courses will also primarily be for teachers who already have a bachelor's degree. These courses will not be stacked.

⇒ Motion carried with 2 abstentions.

Group 5		
AHUS 100: Introduction to Sonography	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 101: Sono Physics & Instrumentation	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 102: Abdominal Sonography	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 103: OB/Gyn Sonography I	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 104: Clinical Experience I	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 105: Clinical Experience II	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 111: Intro to Clinical and Scan Lab	Edited	12/4/2024

AHUS 201: Sound Futures in Sonography	Added	12/4/2024
AHUS 202: Emerging Trends in Sonography	Added	12/4/2024
AHUS 203: OB/Gyn Sonography II	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 204A: Clinical Experience III	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 205: Clinical Experience IV	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 206: Small Parts and Ped Sonography	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 207: Vascular Sonography	Edited	12/4/2024
AHUS 208: Abd & OB/Gyn Registry Review	Edited	12/4/2024
Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate of Applied Science	Edited	12/4/2024

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Matt Queen to **approve Group 5.**

Tammy McDowell, Sonography Program, noted that they are applying for program accreditation, and as part of that they have resequenced their courses. They have also removed the Intersession courses from the program and added two new courses that are recommended by the accreditors.

⇒ Motion carried with 1 abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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