

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES**DATE:** February 20, 2025

PRESENT:	Suzette Nynas	Matt Queen
	Josh Hill	Jennifer Scroggins
	Susan Gregory	Kari Dahle-Huff
	John Pannell	Austin Bennett
	Paul Pope	Melissa Boehm
	Lamiya Husen (student)	Tami Haaland (ex-officio)
	Susan Gilbertz (ex-officio)	Vern Gagnon (ex-officio)
	Richard Beer (ex-officio)	Leslie Weldon (ex-officio)
	Kim Hayworth (ex-officio)	Eileen Wright (ex-officio)
 ABSENT:	Debra Schoenfeld*	Heather Thompson-Bahm*
	Sarah Keller*	Vikash Kumar (student)
	Kurt Toenjes (ex-officio)	Melanie Reaves (ex-officio)
	Sam Boerboom (ex-officio)	
	* <i>excused</i>	

GUESTS:	Kathleen Thatcher	Cheri Johannes
	Lacy Bangert	Jana Marcette

PRESIDING: Suzette Nynas, Chair

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

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faculty Excellence is next Tuesday; please RSVP as soon as possible.

The Senate's New Programs meeting is next week. If you know any colleagues with an idea, encourage them to attend.

Registration for Summer 2025 opened this past Tuesday.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of February 6 were accepted as presented.

III. PROVOST & VICE CHANCELLOR REPORTS

Interim Provost Beer congratulated the City College Nursing program on their re-accreditation for the next 10 years. He also congratulated the College of Business on their re-accreditation with AACSB. He noted that for the incoming Provost, MSUB should take a hard look at accreditation costs, because they add up quickly, especially campus visits and travel costs for those people.

At the recent MUS Academic Officers conference call, there was a great deal of shared concern for the president's Executive Orders. OCHE recently released a memo confirming that we are not out of compliance, as we have no programs that are for protected groups. Specifically, Native Americans are considered a political group rather than a protected class, so we are not out of compliance in offering programs to those students.

Vice Chancellor for Administration & Finance Leslie Weldon

Vice Chancellor Weldon noted there is movement with the pour rights and Sodexo. We have submitted our proposed tuition and fees to Bozeman for the initial review and feedback, and will be meeting with students next week to discuss same.

Regarding the budget, we will have a negative balance this year partly as a result of reduced tuition revenue from graduate programs. The deficit is about \$450,000, and two-thirds of that is loss in graduate programs. In the last two years, we also had a reprieve from the state for our insurance costs, but that will now be ending. The Budget Committee continues to meet to have the conversations about who we are as a university, as we can't be all things to all people. Being realistic about our budget has helped. Salary increases approved by the state are wonderful, but any position not in the general fund must pay for salary increases from our budgets.

The Budget staff will be asked to make a presentation to the Senate in the coming weeks.

Vice Chancellor for Student Access & Success Kim Hayworth

Vice Chancellor Hayworth reported that there is a new schedule out for the Elder in Residence program with the Native American Achievement Center. A new Elder comes in next week, so please see the schedule on the NAAC website.

Dr. Hayworth sent an email today, calling for nominations for the Golden Merit award (one student from each college) and the Outstanding Undergraduate Student, which are due March 12. Cheri Johannes, Registrar, noted that the student commencement speaker is chosen from this group, thus the early deadline. It was asked that next year, the call for nominations go out earlier. Dr. Hayworth noted the student awards are also open for

nominations, and those are due March 17. Finally, she noted they are starting a student leadership workshop series, where they hope to create a cohort of student leaders. Students must apply by February 28.

IV. OTHER REPORTS

AI Subcommittee

They will have a draft policy for the next Senate meeting.

Bylaws Subcommittee

The group will be working on the Honors Council as a subcommittee of the Senate, as well as adding ex-officio members from Assessment & Accreditation and the Registrar's Office to both the UCC and Grad Committee.

V. ITEM FOR APPROVAL – SECOND READING

Title	Status	Received	Request Type
Retirement with Distinction Policy	Added	2/12/2025	Policy

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Matt Queen to **approve the Retirement with Distinction Policy on second reading.**

⇒ Motion carried.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Title	Status	Received
REHA 480: Gambling Assessment	Added	12/11/2024
Human Services Bachelor of Science Degree	Edited	2/5/2025

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Matt Queen to **approve the consent agenda.**

⇒ Motion carried.

VII. ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Title	Status	Received	Request Type
Emeritus Nomination of Bernard Quetchenbach	Added	2/5/2025	Emeriti

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Josh Hill to **approve the Emeriti nomination.**

⇒ Motion carried.

Group 2		
HADM 603: Professional Seminar 3	Deleted	2/13/2025
HADM 604: Professional Seminar 4	Deleted	2/13/2025
HADM 605: Evdnc Bsd Mgt, Rsrch, Eval Mth	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 607: Hlth Informatics & Info Systms	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 608: Statistics for Hlth Care Admin	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 610: Health Care Systems	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 612: Health Policy	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 615: Managerial Acct & Budgeting	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 620: Health Operations Methods	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 622: Health Quality Techniques	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 625: Hlthcare Fin & Reimbursement	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 632: Healthcare Economics	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 635: Health Law and Ethics	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 640: Mangrl Epidemiology & Pop Hlth	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 645: Rural-Frontier Hlthcare Mgt	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 675: Healthcare Human Resources	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 680: Healthcare Leadership	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 685: Research & Evaluation Methods	Deleted	2/13/2025
HADM 687: Healthcare Mkt & Strategy	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 697A: Capstone I	Edited	2/13/2025
HADM 697B: Capstone II	Edited	2/13/2025
Health Administration Bachelor of Science/Health Administration Master Accelerated Option (3+2)	Edited	2/13/2025
Health Administration Master of Health Administration	Edited	2/13/2025
Health Administration and Leadership Certificate	Edited	2/13/2025

⇒ Motion by Paul Pope, seconded by Jennifer Scroggins to **approve Group 2.**

Lacy Bangert, Health Administration program, noted that they have made significant changes to the graduate program, as their enrollment has dropped a bit. They have identified core courses and then created a joint cohort model, which they are already running this year. This has worked out well for faculty loads and decreased the need for part-time instructors. The changes in this package clarify when courses are offered and update the plans of study.

⇒ Motion carried.

Group 1		
ATEP 534: Emergency Management in AT	Edited	2/3/2025
ATEP 535: Current Topics in Sports Med	Edited	2/3/2025

ATEP 537: Fnd of Research & EBP in AT	Added	2/3/2025
ATEP 548: Head and Spine Assessment	Added	2/3/2025
ATEP 574: Manual Therapy Techniques	Edited	2/3/2025
ATEP 581: Therapeutic Interventions I	Added	2/3/2025
ATEP 583: Therapeutic Interventions II	Added	2/3/2025
ATEP 588: Hlth Admin & Leadership in AT	Added	2/3/2025
Athletic Training Master of Science	Edited	2/3/2025
Health and Human Performance Bachelor of Science/Athletic Training Master of Science Accelerated Option (3+2)	Edited	2/3/2025

⇒ Motion by Austin Bennett, seconded by Matt Queen to **approve Group 1**.

Suzette Nynas noted that they have updated prerequisites to align with accreditation, and they have also re-numbered and rearranged some courses to align with the UM program in Missoula. They have a collaboration with the Missoula program, so students can take courses from either institution to complete their Master's in Athletic Training. These changes also minimize the summer requirements: students have just one summer now instead of two.

⇒ Motion carried.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Anti-Transgender Policies at Federal and State Levels

It was agreed a subgroup should be formed for this topic. Paul Pope, Jennifer Scroggins, student Lamiya Husen, and Suzette Nynas will serve on this group.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

The First Day Complete steering committee has been meeting to gather data and consider options. The group ultimately decided to recommend we terminate the contract with First Day Complete, and the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors have agreed. We will continue to use what we currently have for books while we select a new vendor/product. Let Dr. Nynas or Jana Marcette know if you would like to serve on the committee to select our future book system. Vice Chancellor Weldon noted there will be cancellation fees for breaking the contract (the steering committee was aware of this), and the amounts are not yet known. We also don't know what will happen with the Campus Store.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

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