

**FACULTY SENATE**  
**April 22, 2009**  
**REID HALL 104**  
**4:10 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Amin, Becker, Cherry, Eitle, Fields, Fischer, Livingston, Lynch, Neumeier, Prawdzienski, Rossmann for Wojtowicz, Seymour for Gerlach, Simpson, Sowell, Watson, Wisner, Varricchio, Zhu

**Members Absent:** Bangert, Bennett, Chem-Biochem, Fleck, Gee, Igo, Jackson, Jacobsen, Jacobs, Lansverk Larson, Lei, Longcope, Maskiell, Mokwa, Osborne, Political Science, Versaevel, D. Weaver, T. Weaver

**Others Present:** Joe Fedock, Shannon Taylor, Thomas McCoy, Teresa Snyder (ASMSU), David Singel, Frances Lefcort

Chair Wes Lynch called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. A quorum was present.

***Announcements –Chair Lynch***

- Presidential Search – OCHE laid out plans for the presidential search, and nominations for the search committee from all colleges/departments were sent forward. Committee nominees were:
  - Doug Young – Ag/Econ Econ
  - Wade Hill – Nursing
  - Mary Cloninger – CLS
  - Wesley Lynch – CLS
  - Mary Murphy – CLS
  - Denbigh Starkey – Computer Science
  - Three independent submissions from CLS
- BoR are meeting in the Foundation Great Room, April 24, 2009 to discuss the search procedures. The meeting is open to the public and details may be gleaned from the BoR website: <http://mus.edu/board/meetings/2009/Apr09/Apr09.asp>

***Disposition of Temporary Chemistry Buildings – Thomas McCoy***

- ASMSU voted 14 to zero not to support the resolution to renovate the temporary chemistry buildings, through an NIH grant. Their representative on UFPB, however, voted for the renovation and the final vote on that committee was 10-9 in favor of renovation. UFPUB is the recommending body to the president.
- Administration promised ASMSU that the temporary buildings would be dismantled, thus restoring the green space. It was noted that renovating the buildings is not part of the five-year plan. Concern was also expressed with respect to the buildings' O&M. If MSU were to assume those costs, it might result in the reduction of IDC's going to departments.
- During the past 14 years Gaines Hall did not receive any federal money for space or renovation. The economy is different, now, and MSU will try for an NIH grant. Dr. McCoy stated that the new administration is interested in research and technology and as a result, the federal government has infused a large amount of stimulus money into the program.
  - In ten years, a permanent facility would most likely be built. At that time, the temporary buildings would go away. ICAL and OMIX facilities have been struggling. ICAL resides in cramped quarters of the engineering/physical sciences building. The renovation would be used for core facilities and provide large savings by faculty using high instrumentation. The facilities would be utilized by other departments/colleges as well. In the interim, it has been recommended that the grant proposals move forward since NIH has a \$10B to award. MSU will ask for a new RFA to finish Cooley (up to \$15M), and a new, separate application for improvement of research facilities (temporary chem. buildings) for biomedical research (\$1M - \$10M). Dr. McCoy noted that there is a 10% chance the grant will be rewarded.
  - Deadlines: The Cooley grant - June17; Chemistry building renovations - September 17.
- Esthetic improvements contributing to energy efficiency of the buildings would be made.
- A faculty member asked that ASMSU look to the future and consider how the research that would go on in the temporary buildings would attract high caliber research scientists and students.
- There is a plan for a permanent biomedical research building in the five year plan.

The Faculty Senate meeting ended at 5:00 PM, as there was no further business.

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Wes Lynch, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary