FACULTY SENATE
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4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Bolte (Music), Cantalupo (Ext. Off-Campus), Copie (Chem/Biochem), Gerlach (ChBE), Herbeck (Ed), Hostetler (GCP), Kaiser (EEC), Lansverk (Eng), Lawrence (Chem/Biochem), Letiecq (HHD), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod. Lang), Mokwa (Civ Eng), Neumeier (Physics), O'Neill (Architecture), Hatch for Newhouse (Art), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Walker (Math), Waller (His/Phil), Schachman (Nursing), Zhu (CS)

Others Present: Janice Heiss-Arms, Bob Hietala, Diane Donnelly, Ron Larsen, Terry Leist

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

Announcements:
The BoR participated in part two of a higher education summit, the first part of which was on the Missoula campus in November and focusing on a book written on the subject by Dickison, on our campus for the last couple of days in preparation for a program review process. Regent Buchanan is anxious to implement such a process across the MUS. The philosophy behind program review is to cannibalize your department to find funds, since other outside funds are not available. Mr. Jose Cruz from the Education Trust, a Washington think tank, spoke to the group in Bozeman about his approach to program review from a different perspective which is program realignment. This approach focuses more attention on equity by catering to minority groups, lower income students, etc. MSU is already doing well in this area. The Compensation Committee held a focus group to review the responses to the five questions sent to FS last week. Finally the BoR Budget Committee also met and continues to talk about issues for the upcoming legislative session.
During the Deans Council last week, a subgroup discussed how long the KNAPP hard copies should be kept by the Provost's office. They would like to keep paper copies for one year and then dispose of them; electronic copies would exist in perpetuity. Chair Lansverk will bring more information to FS on that issue.

GCP Core/ General Studies Certification:
Chair Lansverk emailed FS members a motion to approve GCP Core Certificate, with elements to consider either attached to the motion or assumed they are part of the process, based on input from discussion in FS and from the AAC, subject to the following:

1. Expand Gallatin College Advisory Committee so that it includes a representative from Faculty Senate, elected by our body. *This has already been agreed to.*
2. Establish a mechanism for the continued discussion of the relationship of GCP and MSU. *This is happening and will continue to happen.*
3. Confirm GCP's commitment to robust advising about transfer pathways and issues (especially with regards to some of the questions that our Academic Affairs Committee highlighted).
4. Establish a commitment to and a mechanism for the mutual sharing of faculty expertise in curriculum design, pedagogy, etc., as GCP programs develop. *This is already happening and we will continue to discuss it.*

Chair Lansverk introduced a motion to support the Core Certificate→discussion will include whether we want to attach the elements or assume they are part of the ongoing process.

John Neumeier, chair of the AAC, reiterated the reason why the committee did not recommend the certification (please refer to FS Minutes dated February 1, 2012). Another FS member reiterated that the students attending GCP are different kinds of students (non-traditional, working with families, only wants to pursue a two-year education, etc.) and this certification would carter to that student population. A FS member, who is also a member of the AAC and originally did not support the GCP certification, now believes that a subgroup of FS should not be giving input on what another academic unit should be doing as its function, in a nutshell, is to examine resources; GCP should be responsible for the well-being of their students.
A FS member believes every course should be transferable without a certificate as a component of a seamless process. Advising, again, was reiterated as an important component of the certification process.

Chair Lansverk assured FS members that examination of these kinds of issues adds value and affords a closer look at MSU's mission in a new context. He further noted that if this process were working properly, then there would be no need of scrutiny and discussion by FS.

A FS member is not convinced that MSU students will not attend GCP to take CORE classes and is concerned about the consequences to MSU faculty. Hietala and Heiss-Arms assured FS that once a student has enrolled in MSU, they cannot cross over and take course at GCP and vice versa; there is a built in restriction with a clear boundary between GCP and MSU.

A FS member asked where the evidence lies, that this certification provides motivation for students to continue in higher education. Hietala responded that he has observed how a certificate positively affects a student and incentivizes students looking to transfer to college/university, with in-depth advising, and continue their education.

A FS member stated that he views the GCP certification as a positive event, giving the student who earned it impetuous to continue their education at MSU, even if they have to take additional classes and take longer to graduate.

Motion that FS recommends the Gallatin General Education (CORE) Certificate→1 abstention, 2 opposed, 19 approved. Motion carries.

Conversion of Undergraduate Studies Committee and FS Academic Affairs Committee to Faculty Senate Curriculum and Program Committee:

Chair Lansverk recapped where this discussion stood from pervious FS meetings:

- Our intent with this reconfiguration is to have curriculum fall under the faculty umbrella.
- A few meetings ago, FS passed a version of the most current proposal which included asking for 10% release time for the chair of this committee thus providing a parallel structure with FS and the standing Faculty Affairs Committee chair, who receives a 10% buyout. Chair Lansverk wrote a memo to admin asking for the 10% buyout, but it was rejected as the amount of release time that faculty gets for FS chair, FS vice-chair and the chair of Academic Affairs Committee is equivalent to about one full time release.

Chair Carucci continued the discussions and reviewed the language in the C&CP citing that any reference to a buyout might be negated, or that the proposal might be redesigned to verbalize that the current vice-chair of FS would take over the C&CP, meaning some of his/her other university committee obligations (University Councils, ASGL, BoR meetings, etc.) would have to be eliminated. Also, since the position is not separately funded, perhaps ½ of the release time for the vice-chair would be focused on the duties as the chair of C&CP for two years. FS unanimously agreed that overseeing the C&CP is an overwhelming task that should be compensated for in some way. FS members suggested carefully examining the role of the FS vice-chair and determine if other FS members might take over committee obligations the vice-chair now participates in.

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

Signature
Marvin Lansverk, Chair
John Neumeier, Chair-elect

Minutes were transcribed by Gale R. Gough, Administrative Associate, Faculty Senate.