

**FACULTY SENATE**  
**November 12, 2014**  
**346 LEON JOHNSON**  
**4:10 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY – BOZEMAN, MONTANA**  
**Minutes**

**Members/Alternates Present:** Adams for DeWeese (Art), Babbitt (Chair-elect), Babcock (Psychology), Brester (AG Econ), Brown (JJCBE), Burrows (Ext), Davis (Math), Eiger (CBN), Gannon (ChE), Herbeck (ED), Hostetler (GC), Hughes (CBN), Kaiser (ECE), Lawrence (Biochem), Larson (MIE), LeCain (Hist & Phil), Martin (Mod Lang), Miller (CE), Mosley (ARS), O’Neill (Arch), Qiu (Physics), Reidy (Chair), Ricciardelli (Film & Photo), Swinford (Soc), Wathen (HHD), Wiedenheft (Micro & Immuno), Zabinski (LRES)

**Others Present:** Nicol Rae, Leila Serman, Larry Carucci, Robert Putzke, Kurt Blunck, Isle-Mari Lee, Tim McDermott

Call to Order and Vote on Minutes – Chair Reidy

- Chair Reidy called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present.
- There will not be senate meetings on November 19 (BoR) or November 26 (Thanksgiving). Minutes from this meeting, the October 29 and November 5 meetings will be approved on December 3, 2014.

Announcements

- There will be a closed all-faculty meeting during finals week, December 10, 2014, to approve semester degrees and honorary degree candidates.
- Reidy asked senators to review the Faculty Handbook sections posted on the web site and provide comments.
- The CPC passed a number of courses during their meeting this morning and all have been placed on the senate web site. Senators have ten (10) days to review, at which time the Steering Committee will vote to approve.
- Courses and Programs to Review – Chair-Elect Babbitt:
  - The APWG reviewed the Nursing Associate to Masters Proposal and a new version of the proposal has been posted to the FS web site. A new version of the Hospitality Program has also been posted. Discussions in senate on these two programs will resume the first week of December.
- Chair Reidy asked senators to think about candidates for an MSU ombudsperson and email him with suggestions.

Faculty Senate Bylaws – Chair Reidy

- A motion was made to approve the bylaws→seconded→all in favor→unanimously approved with 2 abstentions.

Faculty Handbook Policies – Larry Carucci

- Appointment and Employment of Faculty - Language in this Board of Regents Policy was added in *Section 211.20 (B) – Probationary Appointments* by the Joint Academic Group:
  - “A decision not to renew a probationary appointee must be approved by the Provost and President.”
- Deans’ Council added substantive language before Section 211.20:
  - “If the probationary faculty member is awarded credit for service at another institution, the faculty member shall normally serve four academic years of full-time service at [MSU] before the award of continuous tenure.”

- Senators discussed wording in the first paragraph of *Section 211.10 – Probationary Appointments* and the words “seven” and “four” are confusing. Reidy will bring to the BoR for clarification.
- Additional policies that will be posted on the website for senator review and vote are:
  - Faculty Handbook Amendment Process
    - The most dramatic changes illustrate what happens at each stage of the amendment process, with an accompanying timeline.
    - Language in the policy allows administration to insert an emergency interim policy into the FH which may be reviewed in the future.
      - Reidy noted administrators might need this leeway to enact a federally mandated regulation. New language added to the policy for senators to review states that administrators must strive to negotiate with faculty leadership and make a good faith effort about what to do in such instances.
  - Grievance Process
  - Annual Review Process

#### NAIC Parking Committee – Tim McDermott

- Tim McDermott, faculty member on the Parking Garage Sub-Committee, iterated that a parking garage proposal, as part of a building complex and in conjunction with MSU's new Norm Asbjornson Innovation Center, is being reviewed and he would like input from Faculty Senate.
- The garage will provide 625 spaces, negating 400 spaces with the garage footprint, giving an approximate net gain of 220 new parking spaces.
- Cost for the garage is between \$12M and \$15M; \$20,000 - \$25,000 per space.
- Other parking options considered:
  - Installing a paved parking lot immediately south of existing parking at a cost of ~\$800,000; \$2,000 per space.
  - Moving some of the Quonset huts on the Facilities and Services grounds to accommodate a parking lot. The proposal was tabled because Bob Lashaway described a difficult scenario whereby Facilities would need to move its center of operations first, which would delay the construction of parking spaces needed prior to construction of the new engineering building.
  - Move the USDA Forest Products lab. Tabled because the USDA has a 100-year lease on this property and thus would need to be relocated (requiring federal funds = unknown delays).
  - The temporary chemistry building classrooms were suggested as a parking lot. It was negated as that real estate is to be used for future buildings.
- The parking garage would have three or four levels and each level is much lower than a one story of a traditional building.
- Some type of shuttle system is favored, however discussions reveal that such a system would cost more than the annual debt retirement of the parking garage.
- Cost burden to campus users is assumed to be \$6M.
  - An organic Excel spreadsheet is available for manipulation on the FS web site under the heading “Parking Garage.”
  - There would be a \$25 increase over two years for S&B parking tags. Student fees would also be raised.
- The parking garage location would maintain focus on events transpiring in the heart of the campus and those events would contribute to the cost of the parking garage.
- Discussions ensued:
  - A senator recapped the funding of the parking garage with a codicil: A donor will give MSU \$50M, upon receipt of a \$20M match; if the parking garage is part of the \$20M, costing \$12M and MSU has to find \$6M in donations, then those in favor of the parking garage might be against \$12M that could be spent on student equipment.
  - Are there other options for the \$20M match that would satisfy the donor?

- A senator asked why we are taxing ~ 9000 ticket holders, when only 600 people can use the garage.
- If a faculty/staff dedicated parking lot was set aside, the proposed parking garage might garner more support.
- Categorization of parking spaces (SB, R1, etc.) is still being researched.
- A traffic study has been conducted and it has been determined that one entrance and one exit would work because of the diversity of use factor due to the users' different schedules.
- There is an open parking garage forum on Nov 13, Reid 108, 3-5 pm.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

*Signature,*  
*Michael Reidy, Chair*

*Signature*  
*Randy Babbitt, Chair-elect*