

FACULTY SENATE
November 13, 2013
346 LEON JOHNSON
4:10 PM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Babbitt (Physics), Bennett (English), Bolte (Music), Brester (Ag Econ Econ), Burrows (Ext), Cantalupo (Ext), Christopher (HHD), Dougher (PSPP), Durham (COB), Eiger (CBN), Gannon (Chem & Bio Eng), Gibson (NTT), Greenwood (Math), Hendrikx (Earth Sciences), Herbeck (Ed), Herman (NAS), Hostetler (GC), Hughes (CBN), Igo (Ag Ed), Kaiser (ECE), Kohler (Chem & Biochem), Lynch (Psych), Martin (Mod Lang), McMahan (Ecology), Miller (CE), Moreaux (ARS), Newhouse (Art), O'Neill (Arch), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Rossmann (Library), Swinford (Soc/Anthro), Schachman (Nursing), Waller (Hist & Phil), Wiedenheft (IMID), Wilmer (Poli Sci), Zabinski (LRES)

Others Present: Larry Carucci, Waded Cruzado, Chris Fastnow, Paul Gore, Ron Larsen, Robert Mokwa, Martha Potvin, David Singel

Chair Mokwa called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm, and a quorum was present.

Senate Business – Chair Mokwa

- The minutes of November 6, 2013 were unanimously approved.
- Academic courses and program approval – All courses and programs, as listed, were unanimously approved:

COURSES

- ARTH 370 - American Art
- ARTH 460 - Contemporary Art and Ecology
- ARTH 461 - Art & Social Activism
- BIOM 425 - Toxicology - The Basic Science of Poisons
- ECHM 201 - Elementary Principles of Chem & Bio Eng
- HSTR 467 - History of Mountaineering
- SPNS 341 - Spanish Literature I
- SPNS 342 - Spanish Literature II
- SPNS 363 IH - Spanish Cinema

PROGRAMS

- Online Certification in Gerontology
- (Updates for Gerontology Proposal)

OTHER

- Curriculum Change to Elec & Computer Eng Degrees (BS Programs)
- Mokwa announced that the November Board of Regents meetings will take place in Bozeman, and there will be opportunities for faculty to attend open meetings. The agenda may be found at this link:

<http://leto.msu.montana.edu/board/meetings/2013/Nov2013/Nov2013.asp>

Conversation with President Cruzado, Q&A

- The second fall commencement will take place in December where an Honorary Degree will be bestowed upon Phillip Aaberg.
- President Cruzado, in addition to the usual attendance of administrators, invited the FS chair and chair-elect, Robert Mokwa and Michael Reidy, to attend the annual meeting of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities.
- At the recent meeting of the Council of Presidents research was at the forefront of discussions and included such topics as:
 - Approaching Congress to request that they remove research from the sequestration group and to isolate it as an area of priority.

- The intersection of research and teaching, particularly undergraduate research opportunities for students.
- How national survey results point to high turn-over and vacancies in VPR positions and how institutions must be more deliberate in presenting opportunities to diverse incumbents.
- How to increase cooperation between the VPR and Grad School deans, which MSU is already implementing.
- Increasing online education and international program opportunities.
- President Cruzado reported on some of the capital projects on the BoR agenda:
 - MSU-Bozeman will ask the board for permission to plan and build a new 400-bed freshman residence hall to accommodate planned growth. The request also includes a phased renovation and expansion of MSU's three dining halls over the next three years; plans call for modernizing the dining facilities and the addition of approximately 150 more seats. MSU is seeking approval for a \$35 million bond issue to fund the new residence hall and the authority to borrow \$18 million for the dining hall projects, which will be repaid with revenue from MSU Auxiliary Operations. About \$5 million of the bond issue will be used to renovate and repair existing MSU residence halls. Part of the renovation request will include supporting local foods and industries, as expressly voiced by the students.
 - MSU-Bozeman will also seek permission to spend \$300,000 to upgrade classroom 231 in Linfield Hall South.
 - MSU will seek approval to spend \$200,000 to update and modernize a classroom in Roberts Hall (218) as well as Wilson Hall (1-138) to provide an updated learning environment.
- Three emeriti professors will also be recognized by the Regents;
 - Michael Sexton
 - Janis Bruwelheide
 - Scott Davis
- The Regents Professor honor will be bestowed on Anne Camper.
- Discussions ensued:
 - What is the status of the Materials Science PhD program? Provost Potvin stated that Rob Walker is the Campus Director of the program and the three-campus initiative; the program reports to the graduate dean; funding has been set aside for the new line; Provost Potvin has signed off on the request to hire a faculty member on this campus; and, the search committee has representation from all three campuses, as well as engineering and L&S from this campus. In the process of developing recruiting materials, a portion of the money that the legislature gave to Montana Tech will be shared with us to collaboratively recruit grad students for fall 2014.
 - Kohler commented that our student-body has grown 25-30% in the last decade, but most of our PhD granting departments have stayed with fixed numbers of PPs. His concern is that there are fewer opportunities available for a larger number of students and asked what strategies we need to follow as we try to improve. President Cruzado informed senate that she and the new VPR would be discussing how to expand and create additional graduate assistantships, exercise innovative approaches to train graduate students, and expand opportunities for undergraduate education. She continued by saying that opportunities shall be made to students in all disciplines and would like faculty participation in those discussions.
 - Lynch understood that new doctoral programs will be introduced in the social sciences and asked the President to elaborate. She stated that in the area of

public policy there may be opportunities to collaborate and participate in interdisciplinary PhD's.

- Babbitt noted that MSU has made some good external hires, but is concerned about the percentages of promotions at dean, VP levels from within the ranks of faculty. He asked if the President is also concerned about the percentages and whether she believes promotion from within is where it should be. President Cruzado stated that MSU wants the best for the institution, and the search committees provide guidelines for selection of those candidates: When choosing a VP, the President noted that she chooses from individuals presented to her from search committees; for the VPR, she was presented with four external candidates. She continued to say that all the VP's are internal and she values the history and institutional knowledge they bring to the conversations. However, to do things differently, external input is also valued. MSU is embarking on programs that will continue to train all of our administrators and faculty members, and that is why she has invited Chair Mokwa and Chair-elect Reidy to participate in events outside of their purview. Another opportunity arose to help those already on campus by hosting an ACE fellow from another university and better prepare for an MSU faculty fellow to serve in the President's office next year.
- Burrows asked about the meeting outcomes from the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development this year, of which President Cruzado is a member. Due to the sequestration, the meeting did not take place. There are usually two meetings during the year, but President Cruzado recommended a third meeting, hosted by MSU and with the external panel, take place during the summer.
- Two years ago, a new tradition of displaying a large American flag on the field of Bobcat Stadium was enacted. One hundred and fifty volunteers from different sectors of the university are asked to help unfurl the flag. Interested participants may contact President Cruzado. Game tickets are not included as part of the event.

Discussion of Details of the November 20, 2013 FS Meeting – Chair Mokwa

- Renee Reijo-Pera will be attending the next Faculty Senate meeting on November 20, 2013.
- Chair Mokwa and Chair-elect Reidy have drafted a welcome letter to Dr. Pera. Input senators were asked to provide about research concerns will be presented at a later date.
- Senators may come to Montana Hall 106 to view the letter and make comments.

Posthumous Degree Policy – Larry Carucci

- Faculty Affairs has reworked the policy to provide structure in awarding a degree to a student, posthumously.
- The second paragraph notes that faculty attending the Annual Group Faculty Meeting vote to set aside posthumous degrees, following recommendations from the Department Chair, Dean, Provost and President.
- Eiger believes the 2/3 might be in excess as the degree is bestowed as an honorary degree done for the family.
- Kohler described a standard at many fellow Carnegie Tier 1 institutions of 80%, which is higher than the 2/3rds standard in the proposed policy. He asked whether a distinction would be made between undergraduate and graduate students as is done at other research universities.
- As an aside and not part of the policy, Hughes believes instruction on what to write to parents and/or how to respond would be helpful. Carucci concurred.

- Dan Miller, a member of Faculty Affairs, stated that the committee talked about making this flexible and the recommendation for the posthumous degree begins with the dept chair.
- Larsen commented that there are many logistics in getting family members to commencement. With regards to a recent particular posthumous degree, he asked if faculty would consider granting the degree a semester early, since family members will be attending the commencement in May.
- Bennett commented on the various types of students he has had that might receive a posthumous degree, and placing quantifiers on them is difficult.
- Senators were encouraged to post comments about the policy on the FS online discussion forum.

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

Signature,
Robert Mokma, Chair

Signature
Michael Reidy, Chair-elect

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