

Minutes

Faculty Senate, University of Montana Western, February 2, 2009

- I. Call to Order—Brent McCabe, Sheila Roberts, John Hajduk, Richard Storey, Brian Price, Jim Falvey, Mike Morrow, Nannette Chastain, Megan Chilson, Bethany Blankenship, Karl Ulrich, Delena Norris-Tull, Eric Dyreson
- II. Approval of Minutes—Jim moved to approve, Megan seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Communications
 - Update on dual-credit policy (Ripley)—Class 8 Dual Credit Only Postsecondary License Application is attached to the email with the minutes
<http://opi.mt.gov/Pub/PDF/Cert/Class8App.pdf>
 - Academic Council issues (Roberts)
- IV. Reports of Committees
 - Update on Enrollment Strategy Task Force (Blankenship, Storey)
Action: Bethany will ask Catherine to forward the information that Faculty Senate gathered last fall about program desires for recruitment
- V. Report of the Chancellor etc.
 - Budget progress—no update
 - BA/BS degree (Ulrich and Price)—see Appendix A and
<http://www.mus.edu/borpol/bor300/303-1.htm> This gives the BOR policies on BA/BS degree parameters. Sylvia Moore (Deputy Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs) has been invited to give a reading of this BOR promise.
 - Raising admissions standards—FS recommended that the Chancellor forward the FS resolution about raising admissions standards to President Dennison
 - Review of the academic program (Price)
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - Resolution concerning the instructional budget/administrative budget balance – department feedback and discussion (Dyreson).

Because X-1 at Montana Western demands experiential learning activities, which, in turn, demand more resources, Faculty Senate (FS) has concluded the following:

- 1) The instructional budget at UMW should be increased at a minimum of 2% per year until a target of 60% of the total budget is reached. When 60% is reached, FS will determine if further increases are needed.
- 2) Faculty Senate would like a faculty representative (appointed by Faculty Senate) to be a part of the on-campus budget meeting in which the instructional budget is set.

--Action: Please take back to departments and discuss

- Transferability – how is it going in your area? What feedback would you like to give the BOR? (Blankenship). Jack Kirkley has agreed to be a spokesman for faculty during the Feb. 10 conference call with OCHE (as per your request).

- Curriculum Proposals-- Tabled—35, 37; moved to table by Megan, seconded by John; 35—Eric moved to approve, John seconded, motion passed; on 35-- moved to approve by John as amended, Eric seconded, motion passed.

Packet 2—Tabled 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 13, 25, 27, 28, 29b, 30, 36, 49, 50, 51,56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65—moved by Jim, seconded by Eric. Motion approved.

VII. New Business

VIII. The Good and Welfare/Question and Answer

Adjourned at 5:50pm. Finally.