

Faculty Senate 2012/2013
University of Montana Western
Minutes for 2/04 /2013

Call to Order

Present: Eric Wright, Michelle Anderson, Dana Cotton, Tyler Seacrest, Kurt Steadman, Diane Francis, Michael Francisconi, Karl Ulrich, Richard Storey, Meghan Chilson, Susan Briggs, Vikki Howard

Minutes approved from 1/22 Eric moved, Michael seconded, all in favor.

Old Business

Denise Holland and Kevin Engellant

Overview of purposes/concerns of computer literacy exam:

- History: Campus wanted general educational courses to fit into a year so sacrificed COMS 115; the compromise was the Information and Computer Literacy Exam.
- The test covers basic competencies in technology, plagiarism, copyright laws, etc.
- Currently, there is no fee and it hasn't prevented graduation. It is in mission statement.
- Denise and Kevin are looking at different options, specifically Certiport: nationally recognized test; there will be student fee, which Student Senate accepts; and all transactions and testing is on-campus. It was suggested a study guide for the current test be posted on Faculty Moodle page.

New Business

Becky Harrington

Overview/Updates on Motor Pool Procedures:

- Yukons do require driver training (any vehicles that seats 8 passengers), to be renewed every 3 years.
- All drivers need to complete a state driving form; first time drivers need to go to Facility Services.
- Must let them know Index code.
- Requesters need to give a 3-hour notice for cancellations, leave travel slip on board, fill tank up before returning vehicle, and pick up interior.
- Current fuel cards do not work; drivers must use procards or personal funds and take receipts to FS.

Susan Briggs

Addressed concerns raised about Faculty Consulting Policy.

- Faculty should let Karl know about adjunct work through UM, Tech, etc.
- During the contracted time with university, or if faculty uses university equipment and personnel, we need to let administration know to set up a reimbursement plan.
- Susan explained that this is not a new policy—it is designed from U of M's policy—but it was mistakenly halted.

- Karl will post documents on Faculty Moodle.

Administrators' Reports

- Dr. Storey's Report: Thursday, 7th, the Lieutenant Governor will be on campus. Open session in Bier at 11:00 a.m. LRBP will look at Main Hall. Reception on March 7 at Helena College. We will have table there. Received draft agenda for the February 19th visit from President Engstrom. Received graduation and persistence rates calculated by Registrar. Discussions are taking place regarding Dr. Micah's purchase of Mary Ines; he is looking for lease holders and wants to keep it as an education building for Dillon, and UMW is interested in utilizing the space. The search for athletic director is in process. Kent Ord will be leaving the university this summer; we are asked to think about the structure/allocation of Kent's duties.

Karl Ulrich

- Pending retirement of Brian Price: Karl asked for feedback about search committee and job description. Strategic Plan Task Force is currently discussing budgetary items in relation to the updated draft of the strategic plan items. UM seems interested in fair footing in International Programs, including faculty exchanges—all funding is low for this. They are discussing tuition struggles for our students participating in UM opportunities. Mandatory meetings next block to go over civility standards, academic responsibility, grades submission deadlines, and textbook concerns. These will be open dialogue meetings.
- First Readings 22-27
- 26, 27 HHP, foundations course as pre-req
- 22, 23 English, writing pre-req for literature courses
- 24, 25 Biology, Ecology and Conservation Biology: Math sequencing

Good of the Order. Eric moved to adjourn, Michelle seconded.