

Faculty Senate 2012/2013
University of Montana Western
Minutes for 3/25/2013

Call to Order

Present: Eric Wright, David Regan, Megan Chilsen, Tyler Seacrest, Kurt Steadman, Megan Chilson, Michelle Anderson, Vikki Howard, Mark Krank, Susan Briggs, Dana Cotton

Minutes approved from March 4, 2013

Susan Briggs:

Campus Development committee has proposed the following changes to campus:

- Revamp a room below IT woods as a testing room.
- Move the bark and bite to the old Stageline location.
- Create a veteran's center in the location of the current Bark and Bite.
- Create an academic "sandbox" in the STC center. It would be a place where new equipment could be tested, such as technology equipment.
- Remodeling the STC center. Ideas for this are still in flux but may include an IT training and support center that would bring most of the IT staff into the STC center. Susan presented architectural plans that create office spaces on the first floor, one plan creates offices that encroach upon the first floor lobby space in order to move some of the staff from Block Hall. Feedback from the faculty is requested by the next senate meeting.

Michelle Anderson reported on the BOR meeting in Helena from March 8th

- Most of the meeting was focused on performance based funding. Other topics included:
 - Workforce development initiative, dual credit/ dual enrollment/ Complete College of America (CCA) and a legislative update.

Student Senate Representative Seames Manley was present at the meeting to address questions about "The Recovery and Protection of Student Liberties" document that was presented at the March 4th meeting. A discussion ensued about the possibility of creating a committee to review or audit the process of student input on campus.

Concern was raised by Megan Chilson about some of the wording in Assistant Provost job description:

- Current wording does not require candidates to hold a doctorate degree.
- Current wording does not require candidates to have post secondary teaching experience.
- Motion is made by Mark Krank to abandon the search based on these problems until the campus has a chance for input into the job description. Eric seconded, all in favor except Michelle Anderson abstained.

Good of the Order

Mark moved to adjourn Megan seconded, all in favor.