

Minutes

Faculty Senate, University of Montana Western, April 6, 2009

- I. Call to Order—Bethany Blankenship, Delena Norris-Tull, Sheila Roberts, John Hajduk, Brent McCabe, Mike Morrow, Richard Storey, Jim Falvey, Karl Ulrich, Nicole Hazelbaker
- II. Approval of Minutes—John moved to approve, Delena seconded. Motion passed.
- III. Communications
 - a. Update on technology in Main Hall. Speakers will be included in the classrooms with the LCD projectors.
 - b. New senators (Education, HPSS, Math) will need to come to the next meeting for elections.
- IV. Reports of Committees
- V. Report of the Chancellor
 - a. Campus leaders are against the proposed legislation to allow the public to carry arms on campus
 - b. The Taskforce on Enrollment and Admissions continues to meet bi-monthly
 - c. John Maclean, the celebrated author, will be our commencement speaker.
 - d. Faculty grant program—the Outreach program is researching current grant opportunities and faculty are encouraged to contact Outreach
 - e. Searches—English is almost concluded, HHP is going ahead with their interviews, Education has a candidate, Math and Biology have selected their candidates. No tenure track search for Music this year.
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Majors/minors—B.S. degrees may specify Gen Eds for students to take. B.A. degrees should not. Deadlines for the new degree proposals—March 2010 is the latest for catalog approval. Karl is willing to release funds to departments who are willing to meet during May in order to put their program plans together. Karl will notify departments of this opportunity. All programs may meet together during the fall conference.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Fall Orientation, guest Nichole Hazlebaker (see Appendix A below). Changes include moving convocation to Friday morning and a session for parents about the nature of Experience One. Faculty are encouraged to develop fun activities for the Saturday “Spend time with your faculty” session. We need faculty involvement by the end of April. Suggestion: a session on student financial aid options
 - b. New policy from Nicole on Academic Dishonesty. See Appendix B below.
 - c. Emerti faculty email—Chancellor Storey will check on this policy of emerti faculty not receiving campus email

VIII. The Good and Welfare/Question and Answer

- a. Delena is going to China to provide professional development for in-service teachers

Jim moved to adjourn. Mike seconded. Adieu @ 4:50.

APPENDIX A

Friday, August 21, 10am Convocation. This is a new time. I am hoping the time change will help with the heat issue. All faculty will once again meet in the Roe house and march out at the beginning of convocation and be introduced. Yes, I will add another 10 chairs again this year.

Friday, August 21, 3:30p-5:30p. Working with parents and introducing experience one to them. Do some hands-on examples of what their student might experience. Faculty decide how many will lead these groups.

Saturday, August 22, 1p-5p. Faculty spend time with students on optional excursions. Faculty can decide what they want to do and how many students they want to take with them. The more the faculty and options the better for our new students.

Saturday, August 22, 6p. Tundra Fest and dinner. All employees and students invited to have fun on the tundra with games and food. No assignments. Just a time to relax with family and students.

Academic Dishonesty Plagiarism

Current

Academic Code page 131 of student handbook.

Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University. Academic misconduct is defined as all forms of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to:

1) *Plagiarism*

Representing another person's words, ideas, data, or materials as one's own.

Some professors let Student Affairs know when plagiarism takes place in their class. Some give student an "F" on the assignment while some give an "F" for the course. Some professors also want sanctions by taking the academic dishonesty course offered through LACE while some want the student expelled.

Concern

Some students are plagiarizing more than once and not being disciplined besides getting an "F" for the assignment where as, some students are suspended for up to a year for possibly their first offense.

Proposal

All professors will inform Student Affairs of all plagiarisms.

Professors can decide if an "F" for assignment or class.

Along with sanctions from Student Affairs:

First offense: Must attend academic dishonest course through LACE.

Second offense: Suspended from the University for at least one semester.

Third offense: Expulsion from the University.