

## Minutes

Faculty Senate, University of Montana Western, April 20, 2009

- I. Call to Order—Sara Glasgow, John Hajduk, Sheila Roberts, Eric Dyreson, Eric Wright, Delena Norris-Tull, Jim Falvey, Brent McCabe, Megan Chilson, Mike Morrow
- II. Approval of Minutes—John moved to approved, Mike seconded, motion carried
- III. Unfinished Business
  - a. Fall Orientation
    - i. Action—departments will report directly to Nicole about issues they have with the schedule
  - b. Departmental feedback on the plagiarism statement (review below)
    - i. Concerns about purview of punishment, wording of the policy, LACE being seen as a place of punishment, plagiarism in math?
    - ii. Action—Sheila will write up our suggestions for amendments to the plagiarism statement and send them to Nicole
  - c. Resolution concerning the instructional budget/administrative budget balance
    - i. Who should be held harmless from budget shortfalls?
    - ii. Action—Eric will inform us of continuing discussions with the budget committee. No resolution proposed.
  - d. Recognition of faculty achievement
    - i. CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) awards—Delena and Rob have been nominated
    - ii. The administration doesn't significantly recognize and publicize faculty achievement. Why should faculty have to peddle our accomplishments, i.e. the Provost's quarterly report, CASE nominations, etc.? Annual reports are excellent displays of faculty achievement.
  - e. IT Program proposed to Helena COT
    - i. Karl reported about a 2 + 2 agreement that would have students take most courses at Helena COT. All courses will be taught

either on-line or in Helena with UMW and Helena faculty with the potential for the program to come back to UMW if student interest warrants it. UMW would still have oversight of the program.

- ii. Action—Karl will send a copy of the agreement to senators for approval this June.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Welcome new Faculty Senate members and election of 2009-10 officers

John Xanthopoulos, Education  
Sara Glasgow, HPSS  
Eric Wright, Math

- i. Nominations for chair—Mike Morrow
- ii. Nomination for vice-chair—Eric Wright
- iii. Nominations for secretary—Bethany Blankenship
- iv. University Council—Eric Wright
- v. Senior Staff—Sheila Roberts
- vi. Board of Regents—John Xanthopolous

Delena moved that the slate be elected. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

- b. Education Dept. response to new degree curriculum proposal from HPSS
  - i. Proposal to take away secondary education majors will not be approved by the Education department.

#### V. The Good and Welfare/Question and Answer

- a. Linked classes

- i. What about seniors who need 100-level classes that are linked in the fall?

## 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.