

**Faculty Senate 2012/2013**  
**University of Montana Western**  
**Minutes for 4/22/2013**

**Call to Order**

Present: Eric Wright, David Regan, Tyler Seacrest, Kurt Steadman, Michelle Anderson, Delena Norris-Tull, Vikki Howard, Charity Walters, Ilene Cohen, Mark Krank, Anneliese Ripley, Jessica Winans, Scott Wade, Greg Ryan, Seamus Manley

Minutes approved from April 8th, 2013, Vikki moved, Kurt seconded

**New Business**

Ilene Cohen/ Charity Walters: Transfer Articulation Policy Review/ Update

- New policy creates a transfer GPA and cumulative GPA.
- Change will display a student's full academic transcripts online including transfer credits.
- Change will (eventually) allow an advisor or advisee to do his or her own graduation audit online.

Academic Residency Requirements

- Update minimum UMW credits from 30 to 32 to reflect the 4 credit block structure.
- Establish an "*In absentia*" policy that allows students to complete last credits and earn their degree from UM Western. Concern is raised that some states charge fees to universities from other states who offer online classes to their residents.

Scott Wade:

- New email system to be implemented next fall as well as Office 365.

Anneliese Ripley/ Jessica Winans:

- Beaverhead County and Lima High schools continue to be interested in Dual Enrollment courses. Talks are still underway for teacher certification/requirements for these classes which may commence in fall 2013.
- Plagiarism: "Turn it In" is a tool that scans a document for plagiarism that could be implemented through Moodle. Cost is \$3500. per year. Feedback from faculty is requested if we should go forward on this issue.

**Old Business**

Nominations for next year's faculty senate needed.

CP 33-36: Final Vote.

- CP 33 which makes Human Sexuality a gen ed course and removes it from HHP Core. Vikki moved to approve, Delena seconded, all in favor. Approved
- CP34 changes Education courses to allow students to earn an associates degree. Michelle moved to approve, Greg seconded, all in favor. Approved
- CP35 Approved. Mark abstained.
- CP36 Kurt Moved, Vikki seconded All in favor, Mark Krank abstained.

Academic Schedule:

Discussion continued about how to eliminate 17 day blocks. Suggestion was made that any policy change be built into the CBA.

**Good of the Order**

Kurt moved to adjourn Eric seconded, all in favor.