

Faculty Senate 2012/2013
University of Montana Western
Minutes for 9/4 /2012

1. Call to Order

Present: Eric Wright, Megan Chilson, Vicki Howard, David Regan, Mark Krank, Di Francis, Michelle Andersin, Tyler Seacrest, Kurt Steadman, Dana Cotton

2. Election of New Secretary: David Regan volunteered, all in favor.

3. Old Business:

- a. Hold Harmless Policy new standardized form should be implemented on a campus wide basis.
- b. Curricular efficiency: Education expressed the need for an overall plan and solid criteria for what and how decisions are made. Based on number graduating seniors? Specific concerns voiced over elimination of 2 and 3 credit courses, move toward eliminating stringers, elimination of HTR travel and the push for larger class sizes without additional resources.

4. New Business:

- a. Collegial behavior: Discussion of how senators can be “good examples” in creating a positive environment. Education suggested full faculty/ campus wide meetings to discuss a variety of topics. These meetings may include administration. October 29th is set as a possible date for one of these meetings.
- b. New faculty orientation needs improvement and guidance and could benefit from full faculty meetings.
- c. Megan Chilson volunteered to be the senate representative to the athletic committee.
- d. Fine Arts needs to elect a Gen Ed representative.
- e. University Council News: Benefits of being “Veteran Friendly”. Financial stressed the importance of timely submission of grades to comply with national deadlines for academic progress reports, especiall during summer school.

Adjournment of Meeting: Di Francis Moved, Mark seconded; all approved