

Faculty Senate
2009/2010
University of Montana Western
Minutes for 10/12/09 meeting
3:30PM-5PM

1. Call to order—Brent McCabe, Sheila Roberts, Eric Wright, Dick Storey, Susan Briggs, John Xanthopoulos, Tyler Wines, Karl Ulrich, Megan Chilson, Jim Falvey, Sara Glasgow, Sean Eudaily
2. Approval of minutes—Sheila moved to approve, Megan seconded, minutes approved.
3. Old business
 - Review and vote on Curriculum Proposals 54, 66 and 68
 - 54—B.S. in Professional Physical Education and Health, Megan moved to table the proposal, John seconded. The motion passed.
 - 66—Sheila moved to approve with the amendment that the TEP option from Anthropology/Sociology and Psychology degrees stricken, Sara seconded, motion carried.
 - 69—John moved to approve, Jim seconded, motion carried.
4. New business
 - Chancellor Storey
 - “Director of First Year Experience” position discussion—Sheila moved to table the discussion, Jim seconded, the motion passed
 - Budget committee discussions—Susan Briggs updated FS on federal stimulus monies, diminishing workforce, operating efficiencies, academic adjustments (fewer sections, major/minors), raising 1st and 2nd year tuition, all interested students and faculty are invited to budget committee discussions
 - University “niche statement”—no format, no due date
 - Update on new degrees and President Dennison’s response to possible graduate programs at UMW—the BOR has stipulated no degree-level changes, degree changes are due to Karl by Monday, November 16
 - Catalog concerns and solutions—more interactive catalog, waiting on new degree changes to potentially hire consultants
 - Enrollment, retention, and graduation rates—information on these rates are on the University’s “n” drive
 - Students complained to Dennison that some classes don’t meet 3 hours a day, 5 days a week

-Task force is on sabbatical this year

-John Tester has not responded to the university request to speak at commencement

-Foundation campaign kickoff is October 22

-Campus parking initiative—Student Senate has some time

-The flu has landed in Beaverhead county.

-State of the Rockies—environmental report perhaps spearheaded by the Environmental Sciences department

5. Good of the order

6. Adjournment—Sara moved to adjourn, Sheila seconded. Everyone leapt from their chairs.