

**Faculty Senate  
2009/2010  
University of Montana Western  
Minutes for 10/26/09 meeting  
3:30PM-5PM**

1. Call to order—Sara Glasgow, Jim Falvey, Tyler Wines, Megan Chilson, Janelle Handlos, Cheryl Jurgens, Delena Norris-Tull, Eric Wright, Roger Norris-Tull, John Xanthopoulos, Sheila Roberts, Brent McCabe, Mike Morrow, Bethany Blankenship
2. Approval of minutes—Bethany moved to approve, John X. seconded, motion approved
3. Old business
  - Continue discussion on curriculum proposal 54, email vote after seeing new revisions
4. New business
  - Report on ECOS meeting (10/21/09)—see appendix A
  - Discuss the role of the Faculty Senate in the operations of FS committees—Two letters will be drafted: letter to individuals about their membership (in case they don't qualify according to the bylaws), and letter to membership about culture of meetings and reporting procedures.
  - Departmental concerns for FS to address this year—faculty-driven fall conference day, more representation on committees for departments with more majors, changing the schedule of the classes to allow for a longer break in between the classes, encouraging students to finish their Gen Eds within a specified time,
5. Good of the order
  - Tyler asked that faculty inform students if faculty are going to use the same text over two or three blocks so that students know not to sell their books back
6. Adjournment—Sara moved, Jim seconded. Everyone beat it.

## Appendix A

Dear General Education Committee Members

Complaints were presented to the ECOS committee of Faculty Senate concerning perceived aggressive behavior by members of the General Education Committee at previous meetings, leaving some committee members feeling very uncomfortable. After considering options and the role of Faculty Senate in the operations of Faculty Senate committees, we make the following comments.

1. We ask that all members of our committees treat others and their opinions with respect. Nobody should feel uncomfortable at a committee meeting.
2. Any committee member that feels uncomfortable at a meeting can ask another person in their respective group to serve at any committee meeting and vote for the group by proxy.
3. Chairpersonship can be established and terminated by normal committee voting procedures.

Faculty Senate will discuss the role of the Faculty Senate in the operations of Faculty Senate committees at our next regular meeting (10/26/09).

Sincerely,

ECOS Committee of Faculty Senate  
Michael W. Morrow, Chair  
Eric Wright, Vice-Chair  
Bethany Blankenship, Secretary