

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 26, 2015, 3:30-5:00
STC Boardroom
Faculty Senators

- Call to order: Megan Chilson, Estee Aiken, Sheila Roberts, Megan Kelly, Iola Else, Margie Crutchfield, Eric Hoffman, Bethany Blankenship, Delany Hansen, Michael Francisconi, Tyler Seacrest, Fred Chilson, Michael Hengler, Mike Morrow.

- Fred moves to approve the minutes from October 12, and Mike Morrow seconds. Minutes approved.

CAEP Accreditation

- Margie Crutchfield, a part of the CAEP review team, visited. She introduce herself and gave an overview of the accreditation process. She then asked questions covering the assessment of programs, level of administrative support for assessment, professional development, and community partnerships. She ended by commending the job of the Education department in preparing for the visit and the entire school for its innovative approach.

Unfinished Business

- Curriculum Proposal 1: Proposal to creating an Equine Studies in Equine Instruction
 1. We had a discussion regarding the MOU agreement between La Cense Montana, LLC, and the University of Montana Western and how it affects this curriculum proposal.
 - a. Senate wanted a bit more clarification that the University had limited financial liability in its agreement with La Cense and that La Cense would continue to provide instruction for students.
 - b. We agreed to suggest to Chancellor Weatherby that she sign a clarifying agreement with the owner of La Cense that strengthens the MOU.
 2. The question of how this program related to the department of education arose. Eric Hoffman and Iola Else stressed that this was a completely separate program with different outcomes.
 3. This program requires many three credit classes which the provost has previously asked departments to avoid if possible, but this is necessary in this case due to the use of outside facilities.
 4. We agreed to vote on this issue by email by next week. We may not hear back on the strengthening of the MOU in time for the vote.

- Administrative Review
 1. We were considering the motion to move forward with the administrative review this year. Education proposed the following amendment: Permanent administrators get reviewed,

temporary administrators self-select for the review process. The amendment did not pass on a vote of 5 to 5 (a strict majority is needed to pass motions)

2. Megan called vote on continuing the administrative review this year (including administrators in temporary positions). Fred seconds. We agreed to do a roll call vote.
 - a. For: Business, Education, English, Equine Studies, Fine Arts, HHP.
 - b. Against: Environmental Science, HPSS, Mathematics
 - c. Abstentions: Biology
- Visiting Faculty Housing Proposal
 1. HPSS clarified that graduate students were allowed to take part in the proposal.
 2. Michael Francisconi calls for a vote, Sheila seconds. Motion passes.
 3. We agreed to forward the proposal (see attached) to administration, and possibly also give a presentation.
 - Faculty Senate committees
 1. We need to update language about the General Education committee, and possibly other Faculty Senate committees. Megan and Tyler will come up with some language for this.
 - Update on the current state of the website
 1. Will be on the next meeting agenda.

New Business

- Should there be an attempt to bring Syrian refugees to this campus, or to the MUS in general? It would be great to help this struggling group of people and bring in diversity, but it's not clear where the resources are going to come from to do this.
- Good of the order
- Estee moved to adjourn, Michael Francisconi seconds. We each decided to make like a baby and head out.

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University of Montana Faculty Senate Resolution #1, for 2015-2016 Academic Year

A PROPOSAL TO INSTITUTIONALIZE A VISITING FACULTY PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR VISITING FACULTY

For years, there have been discussions on this campus of institutionalizing a process to use block scheduling to enrich our academic programs with short-term visiting faculty. Members of Faculty Senate think it is time to move forward with this long-discussed idea.

One of the continuing obstacles for short-term visiting faculty is the lack of consistent and appropriate short-term housing. Another is the relatively low salary for adjuncts. Institution-provided housing could address both of these issues.

- Housing for the visiting faculty (and their families if needed) would be provided for free or very low rent in one or more of the University-owned houses
- The use of faculty housing would be specifically intended to allow departments to enrich the campus community by bringing in expertise that is not currently available (or for other enriching reasons to be discussed), and which could be provided on a short-term basis. These faculty would specifically NOT be invited to teach general education or lower-level classes or to teach for time periods of more than one semester. Faculty who come on a temporary basis exceeding one semester would be expected to find other housing.
- Departments who wanted visiting professors would be responsible for finding appropriate people and making arrangements for the classes, workshops, performances, or whatever they would be contributing.
- Applications from departments for visiting professors would be reviewed and approved by the Provost, with the advice of Faculty Senate. The intent would be to give all departments an opportunity to have a position at least every other year (if they chose to make the effort).
- Visitors would be required to pay a cleaning deposit to ensure that the premises are left clean and ready for the next occupant(s). If necessary, the cleaning deposit would cover the cost of professional cleaning so that it did not have to be done by Western staff.
- This proposal should be fully discussed and considered **before** a suitable University-owned building becomes available. We are not requesting the purchase of new property.
- To overcome issues giving additional taxable benefits to visiting faculty, we propose the current housing stipend be the exact amount or the majority of the rent charged to visiting faculty housing.