

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 14, 2015, 3:30-5:00
STC Boardroom
Faculty Senators & Administration

- Call to order: Megan Chilson, Estee Aiken, Sheila Roberts, Megan Kelly, Bethany Blankenship, Michael Francisconi, Tyler Seacrest, Fred Chilson, Michael Hengler, Mike Morrow, Beth Weatherby. Michelle Anderson, Laura Straus.

- Fred moves to approve the minutes from November 9, and Bethany seconds.

Unfinished Business

- Bylaws
 - We decided to change it so that the three-year election rotations are up to departments and not specified in the bylaws.
 - Fred moves to change the bylaws as amended, Michael seconds. Motion passes.
- The speech intensive class requirement is still stalled. We will invite gen-ed and the registrar to get more information about how this can move forward.
- Website development
 - Art is disappointed with the development of the website. While some departments are thinking that we are not in a position to change this, we may look at this more next time.

New Business

- Course Evaluation Committee (Presented by Michelle and Laura)
 - The course evaluations committee has been looking at several things, most notably changing the company or product we use to perform course evaluations and creating one tool that can be used for both online (School of Outreach) and in-person classes.
 - Some possible products they are looking at are Remark OMR, Scantron Class Climate, and IDEA.
 - Can we develop our own solution? That's like REMARK, but REMARK does the data analytics for this process.
 - Business uses an online tool called Assessor that might work very well.
 - They may also look at what questions are being asked
 - Let the course evaluation committee know about red flags or any questions we have regarding the products or processes being talked about.
- The international committee has met and develop a structured approach to international travel.
- Budget

- All departments are making a sincere effort to find savings to address the projected budget shortfall.
 - Some adjunct positions, full-time instructor positions, and retirements may not be rehired or renewed.
 - Changes to address the budget shortfall may not be released until mid-spring.
- Administration, marketing, and athletic leaders attended a professional development centered on creating donor relationships. This was led by Peggy Owens, founder of the Montana Center of Non-Profit Organizations
- Informal discussions regarding active shooter and related violence
 - The campus safety/security committee has developed response plans and provided training regarding the possibility of an active shooter on campus. Due the emotional nature of this issue, Beth, Estee and others have thought the campus could benefit from a safe, informal discussion to the contextual factors and surrounding issues around gun violence.
 - This shouldn't be a platform for one-sided speech making (an MSU town hall meeting was not ideal because of repeated speeches from one political vantage point or another)
 - Could take place later in January.
- Change of the Curriculum Proposal (CP) Process
 - Tyler requested the bylaws stress that there should only be two weeks between when Chairs are introduced to CPs and when they appear before Faculty Senate. It was also suggested that Faculty senate be able to read the CPs at the same time as the chairs, but still have the two week period before the first reading of faculty senate.
 - Tyler agreed to write up some proposed changes.

- Student Senate update: X1 Grants overhaul, population of senate will be more representative

- Good of the order

- Michael F moves to adjourn, Shelia seconds. We got out of there before (Game of Thrones author) George R. R. Martin killed off any main characters.