

**Faculty Senate 2011/2012  
University of Montana Western  
Minutes for 10-17-11 meeting**

1. Call to order  
Present: Bethany Blankenship, Shauna Basile, Eric Wright, Sara Glasgow, Vicki Howard, Michelle Anderson, Chancellor Storey, Provost Ulrich, Dean Ripley, Shae Prescott (student rep)
2. Approval of minutes from 10-3-2011; Vicki moved to approve, Shauna Seconded and all approved
3. Old Business
  - a. BOR Report—Dean Ripley distributed a document related to Strategic Initiatives of the MUS. These included Transferability, Distance Learning, Research & Graduate Education and College!Now. The College!Now push is related primarily at increasing degree attainment and funding of education based upon student success (performance-based funding). The 2011 BOR MUS Strategic Plan is available on the Regents website and contains various data tables. Dean Ripley reviewed some of this data (Dashboard Indicators).

Discussion of advising and encouraging students who originally enter with a two-year degree goal to actually obtain the two-year before moving on to a bachelor's degree. Administration is concentrating on developing a plan for implementing this process.
4. New business
  - a. Senior Staff Report; major discussion revolved around the Leadership Summit Meeting in Missoula and the Campus visitation scheduled for October 31, 2011. Approximately 10 or 12 administrators from around campus will visit our campus to learn about X1 in the morning and have an assessment discussion in the afternoon.
  - b. Leadership Summit Report; purpose of meeting to discuss program prioritization and efficiency given the reduction in educational funding. Retention and graduation rates were distributed at the meeting. UM Western was at the bottom of these lists under both criteria
  - c. Provost Report; Karl followed up on discussions related to the Leadership Summit Meeting, the BOR reports, the 2-year degree attainment and faculty searches.
  - d. Chancellor Report; Dr. Storey discussed the background behind the Leadership Summit Meeting. The author of the prioritization book previously distributed to the board of regents related to program prioritization led the discussion. Dick did not feel anything new was presented but was glad to hear that prioritizing programs system-wide was not a goal of the process. He is not overly concerned about the idea and if they want us to do this prioritization exercise, we'll do it. Some of the Regents are more in favor of the analysis than others. Dr. Storey distributed the retention and graduation numbers that were distributed at the Leadership Meeting.

Dr. Storey also distributed an essay by George Dennison regarding the success of UM Western. He is working with Kent Ord to get the essay published.
5. Good of the Order
6. Adjournment; Shauna moved to adjourn, Vicki seconded; all approved