

ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

DATE: April 15, 2010

PRESENT: Dan Yazak
Sandie Rietz
Lorrie Steerey
Doug Brown
Bruce Brumley
Diane Duin (ex-officio)
John Cech (ex-officio)

Don Larsen
Paul Bauer
Craig McKenzie
Mark Hardt
Patricia Vettel-Becker
Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)
Sue Balter-Reitz (ex-officio)

ABSENT: Stephen Eliason*
Keith Edgerton*
Gary Young (ex-officio)*
Karen Heikel (ex-officio)
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)

Rakesh Sah*
Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)
D'Ann Campbell (ex-officio)
Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)

* *excused*

GUESTS: Leanne Frost
Debra Johnson

PRESIDING: Lorrie Steerey, Chair

Lorrie Steerey called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. in room B57 of the COT Tech Building.

The minutes of March 18 were accepted as presented.

I. INTRODUCTION OF NEW SENATORS

CAS Representative: Stephen Eliason (who could not be here today as he is at a conference)

COE Representative: Sandie Rietz

At-Large Representatives: Mark Hardt and Patricia Vettel-Becker

II. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011

A. Through ~~10/14/10~~ ~~10/14/10~~ MCID BDC (1/2 re-Chair 5.400) TETQMC /P MCID BDC ~~10/14/10~~

It was noted that this is only a degree name change. This is a remnant of when the Allied Health programs were in the College of Education. When the split occurred, this program was carried into the College of Allied Health Professions. This change give the program a more appropriate designation of master of science rather than master of education. This change goes to the BOR next month.

Motion carried.

Motion by Bruce Brumley, seconded by Paul Bauer to **waive second reading of Item 45.**

Motion carried.

Item 43 Gen Ed course: MUSI 114 Band: MSUB Symphonic (old rubric: MUSC 160). Submit for General Education category V.A. Fine Arts.

Item 43.a Gen Ed course: MUSI 131 Jazz Ensemble I: MSUB (old rubric: MUSC 168). Submit for General Education category V.A. Fine Arts.

Item 43.b Gen Ed course: MUSI 147 Choral Ensemble: University Chorus (old rubric: MUSC 162). Submit for General Education category V.A. Fine Arts.

Motion by Mark Hardt, seconded by Bruce Brumley to **approve Items 43 through 43.b on first reading.**

Motion carried.

Motion by Mark Hardt, seconded by Doug Brown to **waive second reading of Items 43 through 43.b.**

Motion carried.

III. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (not on the agenda)

Item 47 BSBA Major in Business Administration Information Systems Option. Moratorium to BOR in May 2010. For information.

Motion by Doug Brown, seconded by Mark Hardt to **accept Item 47 for information.**

It was stated that there is a phase-out set up for students currently in this program, but no new students will be admitted. The moratorium goes to OCHE as a memo and in three years we must either delete the program or revive it.

Motion carried.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Reading Course Discussion

It was noted that many of our students have a hard time reading and understanding their textbooks. Students who come in to MSUB and take the COMPASS test and earn a score of 80 or lower are advised to take the developmental education course RD 101 Reading Improvement for College Students.

Leanne Frost, Interim Director of the Academic Support Center, noted that the only program which currently requires RD 101 is the Welding program. If students score a 72 or lower on the COMPASS, they are required to take RD 101.

Ms. Frost noted RD 101 is a for-credit class, not a dead-end. There is a significant correlation with reading scores and retention, and they are hoping to demonstrate that RD 101 can increase both reading scores and retention rates. Some students are getting double-digit gains in their COMPASS scores, but the average for our students is 8 points. I.T. is working on a database for the Academic Support Center that will show retention related to all students who have taken RD 101.

Ms. Frost noted that many students did not need to read their textbooks in high school.

B. New Courses/Course Changes in the Common Course Numbering System

It was noted that the Senate will need to discuss how new courses and course changes will work in both the campus system and notification to OCHE. Tomorrow, there is a gathering with Bill Macgregor, Director of Transferability Initiatives, at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the process moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

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