

## ACADEMIC SENATE MINUTES

**DATE:** April 4, 2013

**PRESENT:** Scott Murray  
Sandie Rietz  
Susan Gilbertz  
Francisco Saldivar  
Bruce Brumley  
Isaiah Garrison (student)  
Tasneem Khaleel (ex-officio)  
Mary Susan Fishbaugh (ex-officio)  
David Gurchiek (ex-officio)

Don Larsen  
Barb Pedula  
Craig McKenzie  
Mark Hardt  
Patricia Vettel-Becker  
Diane Duin (ex-officio)  
Mike Campbell (ex-officio)  
Marsha Riley (ex-officio)

**ABSENT:** Stephen Eliason\*  
Doug Brown\*  
Mark Pagano (ex-officio)\*  
Terrie Iverson (ex-officio)

Debra Johnson  
Matt Redinger (ex-officio)\*  
Stacy Klippenstein (ex-officio)

\* *excused*

**PRESIDING:** Bruce Brumley, Chair

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Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Mark Hardt to **accept Items 44 through 44.g for information.**

Motion carried.

## II. ITEM – FIRST READING

**Item 51.a** Recommendation from Gen Ed Committee: Technology Requirement and TN designations be removed from the catalog.

Motion by Isaiah Garrison, seconded by Susan Gilbertz to **approve Item 51.a on first reading.**

It was noted that the TN designated courses have not been reviewed for years, and this is an out-of-date requirement.

Motion carried.

Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Scott Murray to **waive second reading of Item 51.a.**

Motion carried.

## III. ITEMS – SECOND READING

**Item 40.a** Grade Appeal Procedure. (Moving procedure from Student Affairs to Academic Affairs)

**Item 40.b** Campus Hearing Committee Guidelines/Format.

**Item 40.c** Campus Hearing Committee Hearing Guidelines/Format for Grade Appeals.

These items will be moved to the next meeting when the Provost can be present.

**Item 51** Recommendation from Gen Ed Committee: Reducing Gen Ed from 37 credits to 31.

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Motion by Sandie Rietz, seconded by Scott Murray to **approve Item 51 on second reading.**

It was noted that the Senate seems to be in agreement that the recommendation is sound, but the implementation date remains an issue. If the 31 credit program is implemented in Fall 2013, we need some sort of blanket statement added to all programs specifying those six credits as restricted electives chosen with advisor approval. However, changes like this will affect staffing for the courses in the changed categories, and students are already

enrolling for courses this Fall. If we implement in Fall 2014, we will need to create one annual catalog, which will then throw off the cycle of catalogs. If we implement in Fall 2015, we will give programs and departments time to adjust and plan. Student Affairs will also need time to update DegreeWorks.

Motion by Scott Murray, seconded by Susan Gilbertz to **table Item 51 to the next Senate meeting.**

#### IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

##### **A. Bylaws Review: Chair Elect Language**

A proposal will be put together for the next Senate meeting.

##### **B. Faculty Review/Control of Non-credit Courses Offered by MSUB Extended Campus**

It was noted that departments used to review these courses, but they no longer get the opportunity. The Senate could request that the materials for the non-credit courses clearly state they are not eligible for use toward a degree.

It was agreed that, since MSUB Downtown/Extended Campus is being reorganized, the Senate will ask the Provost what the procedure is for these non-credit courses.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

##### **A. High Cost of Summer Courses**

Summer courses do not cost more per credit, but students usually do not take enough credits to reach the 12 credit "plateau," so the cost is not spread over several courses.

Some programs do require courses that are only offered in summer, which is an issue for students.

#### VI.

When it comes to budgeting, we all must remember that new investments have to come from somewhere, and it won't be new funding. If we want to invest in new projects, that funding has to come from existing budgets.

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

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