

ACADEMIC SENATE

This emeritus nomination was already approved by the Board of Regents earlier this month.

II.

Y Motion by Susan Gilbertz, seconded by Scott Murray to waive second reading of Item 42.

Y Motion carried.

This is especially important with grants. The hotline website lists all categories a person can make a complaint under, including: financial, athletics, discrimination or harassment, health and safety, human resources, information security, and research.

Ms. Collins and Terrie Iverson, Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, will receive all the MSUB reports. All reports across the MSU system will also go to the MSU auditors, who will be tracking what kinds of reports are being made. Ms. Collins and Ms. Iverson will then direct the complaint to the appropriate department, as they will not be investigating the complaints themselves. That is, current processes for harassment or Title IX violations will still be used; this hotline does not create a new process for handling issues.

People reporting an incident have the option to put in contact information if they do not wish to remain anonymous. However, if they do wish to remain anonymous, once a complaint is placed, the user sets up a password and a report ID is generated. The user is asked to login again, using the ID number and password, and messages can be exchanged and the user still remains anonymous. People can also report using a toll number.

The question was raised as to how the categories were created based on current policies. There are many varied policies involved for stakeholders, teachers, as well as the University policies. Ms. Collins responded that MSU is currently working on a fiscal misconduct policy, and it should be finished by February 5. The State of Montana also has ethics policy training online, and it's likely we will be doing that training in a year or two. However, the categories on the reporting website were created by Ethics Point, and they claim these are the issues most universities deal with.

Ms. Collins asked that the Senators spread the word with faculty that this hotline will be in operation soon.

- x The Foundation CEO search is being run by the Foundation Board, but they have had one candidate interviewed and one candidate pull out of the search.
- x President Cruzado will be choosing the members of the Chancellor search committee and she will be back in Billings soon to convene the committee.

## VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

### A. Program Prioritization Process Update

The Senate will be receiving the faculty and Dean recommendations on all 160 programs after January 31. The plan is to tackle this project in February. The Senate will have a regular meeting February 6, where we will have an introduction to the process by an Academic Prioritization Council member. The following Thursdays in February (2/13, 2/20, 2/27) will not be official Senate meetings, but the Senators will gather to work through the program reviews. Ms. Rabe Meduna will put a table for each Senator to vote on each program, and if Senators are in agreement, no discussion may be necessary. We may need only discuss items of disagreement. The Senate is looking at how each program fits into the whole University.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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