



Minot State
UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate Executive Board

MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2008
3:30 p.m., Administration 366

Agenda

1. Approval of minutes of September 13 and November 8 meetings
2. Announcements
Switching procedural and discussion meeting dates for Senate in January and February
Feb. 28 Senate meeting – Dr. Fuller on shared governance and sense of place
Double Degrees and Second Degrees policy
3. Appeal of evaluation – Pat Seaworth’s response
4. Approval of courses for Diversity requirement at next Senate meeting
5. General Education
6. Other business

Members Present: Bethany Andreasen, Kristi Berg, Alexandra Deufel, Warren Gamas, Ruth Kihm, Susan Podrygula, Gary Rabe, John Webster

Members Absent:

Guests Present:

1. Approval of minutes of September 13 and November 8 meetings

Minutes of September 13 meeting were declared approved. Minutes of the November 8 meeting were declared approved with two minor corrections.

2. Announcements

Switching procedural and discussion meeting dates for Senate in January and February

For purposes of approving items for the next catalog, the procedural and discussion meetings in January and February are going to be switched.

Feb. 28 Senate meeting – Dr. Fuller on shared governance and sense of place

Dr. Fuller would like to address shared governance at the Feb. 28 Faculty Senate meeting.

Double Degrees and Second Degrees policy

Changes approved at the last Faculty Senate meeting will allow students to complete double or second degrees in the same program area.

3. Appeal of evaluation – Pat Seaworth’s response

President Andreasen summarized Pat Seaworth’s response to questions about the MSU bylaws. The bylaws are in error, and this needs to be addressed. Evaluations cannot be appealed. However, if there is an action taken on the basis of an evaluation, it could then open the door for a grievance. President Andreasen will report to the Senate that the bylaws need to be modified. The issue should be referred to the Constitutional Review Committee.

4. Approval of courses for Diversity requirement at next Senate meeting

Approval of Diversity courses was one reason for switching the dates for the Jan/Feb procedural meetings. President Andreasen raised a concern about listing a limited number of approved courses in the next catalog, given that other courses will be approved eventually that would not appear in the catalog. There was some discussion about problems that might be created either way, but there was a consensus that it would be reasonable to suggest to the Senate that no courses be listed, but that there be a referral to a web page that provides the complete current listing of approved Diversity courses.

5. General Education

General Education has been an ongoing issue for a couple of years. President Andreasen was made aware that Ron Royer will be presenting a motion related to changes in General Education at the next Senate meeting. There was some discussion about where we are on the issue, whether it is the time for a broad rethinking, and whether we are in a position to get started with an ad hoc committee.

There was brief discussion about possibly moving Ron Royer’s business to the discussion meeting. The CLA project is on the agenda for that meeting, and it is unclear how long that discussion will take. President Andreasen will see how much time ends up being available for discussion at the procedural meeting (January 17); the General Education issue may have to be deferred to the January 31 discussion meeting.

6. Other business

Faculty Leave Policy

Dr. Rabe shared that a draft policy for faculty leave has been developed. Currently, faculty members have no protection for leave approval. There was some discussion about the policy. President Andreasen asked that Executive Board members provide Gary with some feedback. Gary will distribute a copy of the policy for review and feedback.

Faculty Satisfaction Survey Ad Hoc Committee

The committee will meet tomorrow. There is some consideration being given to whether the survey could be administered electronically. Kristi Berg asked for some feedback on this possibility.

Meeting adjourned at about 4:30.

Respectfully submitted,
John Webster, Secretary

Next Executive Board meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on February 7, 2008 in Admin 366.