



Minot State UNIVERSITY

Feb. 19, 2015
3:30 p.m.
Westlie Room

Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

In Attendance: Steve Shirley, Lenore Koczon, Margaret Sherve (for ShaunAnne Tangney), Jane la Plante, Jean-François Mondon, Draza Markovic, Stephen Hayton, Lori Willoughby, Chris Keller, Linda Cresap, Micah Bloom (for Linda Olson), Laurie Geller, Aili Smith, Jacob Sowers, Cheryl Nilsen, Tom Seymour, Ann Beste-Guldborg, Orlene Schroeder, Connie Geyer, Jamie Hammer (for Lesley Magnus), Johnna Westby, Rebecca Porter, Chelsea Geis

Absent: DeVera Bowles, Mikhail Bobylev, Scott Kast

Guests: Wes Matthews, Warren Gamas, Teresa Loftesnes, Lisa Borden-King

Meeting called to order at 3:34 p.m. by Vice President of Faculty Senate, Dr. Linda Cresap

AGENDA

1. Opening/Attendance/Seating of Alternate Delegates
 - *Motion to seat the alternate delegates: Margaret Sherve for ShaunAnne Tangney, Micah Bloom for Linda Olson, Jamie Hammer for Lesley Magnus (Nilsen/Willoughby); motion carried.*
2. Approval of Minutes from Feb. 5, 2015
 - *Motion to approve the minutes from February 5; motion carried*
3. Agenda Updates - none
4. Announcements
 - Move from Blue Cross/Blue Shield to Sanford for health insurance
5. Administrative Reports
 - President's Report – Dr. Shirley
 - i. Health insurance change to Sanford is effective July 1, 2015.
 - ii. Described process for Higher Education Bill – On Friday the bill will cross from House to Senate and by April they will discuss, negotiate, and agree.
 - House side is making some major changes to the bill as recommended by the Governor – e.g., control of tuition by legislature; auditors move from the university system to the state; Williston State College and its feasibility in higher education is being discussed; no plans to fund a single capital project request – all have not been recommended except completion of the medical building at UND; the direction the bill is going will create challenges.
 - Tom Seymour added that higher education is not the only area for which funding is down, but all areas are down.

- Vice President's Report – Dr. Koczon
 - i. Attended the retired faculty luncheon today – all attendees appear to be happy to be retired; they still have a lot of concern and love for MSU.
 - ii. Enrollment – MSU is up 2%, the highest among the 4-year schools.
 - iii. Thanks to Lori Willoughby and Heather Martin for the NACADA advising consultants and meetings held on campus in early February. We await their report.
 - iv. Tenure – The date tenure recommendations are made to the SBHE will remain as March 24; thus, no changes needed to our tenure deadlines.
 - v. Candidates are being brought to campus for faculty searches.
 - vi. Check Public Information Announcements for a self-defense class that is available. Sgt. Pedro Armendariz, North Dakota Highway Patrol, will present a women's self-defense class Thursday (Feb. 19) in the wrestling room of the Student Wellness Center, 6-8 p.m. The class is free.
 - vii. NDCPD – Kostas Voutsas, motivational speaker and business assistant professor from Dickinson State University will present his seminar titled "North Dakota Cookbook: Building Diverse Relationships One Pot at a Time." Two sessions will be offered on Feb. 26 in the Conference Center (Student Center, third floor):
 - 10 a.m.-noon with one-on-one visits and brown bag discussion to follow
 - 1:30-3:30 p.m. with one-on-one visits and brown bag discussion to follow
 - viii. Grants – Lisa Dooley working on a second violence against women grant; if funded again for three years, we cannot apply a third time. A small working group has started a Bush Foundation Grant that deals with helping students be successful in college programs; let Dr. Koczon know if interested in helping; letter of intent due in March.
 - ix. Study Abroad – 11 students interested in study abroad in fall semester 2015; Emma May recently visited our Scandinavian partners about opportunities.
 - x. Plans are beginning for the formal inauguration of President Shirley on April 19 at 2 p.m.
- 6. Report by SGA Representative – Chelsea Geis
 - 8 representatives going to NDSA meeting tomorrow to discuss statewide issues. MSU has 3 representatives who serve on NDSA.
 - SGA is still visiting classes to provide information to students about SGA.
 - The SGA is conducting survey research about student interest in a J-semester, student day of rest, longer library hours during finals week.
 - Elections on March 4 – declarations of intent due February 23.
- 7. Report by Staff Senate Representative – Rebecca Porter
 - The cookbook is on order.
 - The silent auction starts March 30. The funds raised will be donated to Backpack Buddies.
- 8. New Business
 - a. Credit Hour Policy Change Proposal, Rebecca Porter
 - The policy has been updated (see attached handout).
 - *Motion to approve this credit hour policy change proposal (Willoughby/Seymour); motion carried.*
 - b. Prioritization Update, Warren Gamas

- Review stage will take a month to a month-and-a-half to complete.
 - The review will be dispersed to the campus for feedback before the analysis stage.
 - The results of the analysis stage are due in May.
 - After analysis, prioritization will go to administration.
- c. General Education, Andrea Donovan
- Gen Ed CCS1, SWK 335
 - Gen Ed IP2, SWK 432
 - Gen Ed CCS6, SWK 426
 - *Motion to approve the SWK courses (moved and seconded by the general education committee); motion carried.*
 - FS General Education Transfer Form
 - Discussion ensued about the amount of work for the committee, the way in which the committee will determine whether a course meets the developmental content area, and course equivalencies vs. substitutions – developmental content automatically counts with a course equivalency
 - *Motion if a course is substituted for a general education course then it needs to come to the General Education committee for GE approval (Hayton/Willoughby) – motion withdrawn*
 - Send the form back to the committee – Revise the document to allow for more than one course and remove some of the documentation. Contact Andrea Donovan for feedback.
- d. FS Foundational Content Worksheet, Assessment Committee, Jean-Francois Mondon
- Right now we are not assessing foundational content in general education.
 - The proposed form (see attached handout) will be used to gather feedback about foundational general education courses.
 - *The form comes moved and seconded from the committee.*
 - Discussion ensued about the form, the volume of content it will generate.
 - *Motion to accept the form as presented, but it will be completed by each department for each course (Hayton/Seymour); motion carried.*
- e. Curriculum Committee recommendations, Linda Cresap (please see attached list, all items on SharePoint)
- Bachelor of General Studies; *motion carried*
 - Communication Disorders; *motion carried*
 - Foreign Language – Spanish; *motion carried*
 - INT 110 change prefix to UNIV; *motion carried*, one opposed
 - Art curriculum changes; *motion carried*
 - HPER changes; *motion carried*
 - New MEd concentration for English Language Learners; *motion carried*
 - Math course number changes and two new courses; *motion carried*
 - Computer Science changes; *motion carried*
 - Special Education changes; *motion carried*
 - Honors changes; *motion carried*
 - Education changes to the professional education sequence; *motion carried*
- f. CCF report and Oath discussion, Ernst Pijning

- Two key issues –
 - NDUS committee on tenure exists that was not known about; CCF would like to know more since it involves faculty and should have faculty representation.
 - Discussed the issue of oath to the North Dakota constitution and having the ability to make a “conscientious objection.” See the attached proposed resolution from CCF.
- Next CCF meeting they need to know our opinion about the resolution.
 - Discussion ensued about the definition of “support,” whether faculty need to take the oath when staff do not have to.
 - Faculty will take the resolution back to their colleagues for discussion. The issue will be brought back to Faculty Senate on March 5.

2. Adjournment

- Nilsen moved to adjourn, 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Geller, Ed.D.
FS Secretary