

ACADEMIC SENATE
October 26, 2004

PRESENT: Terry Blosser, Kevin Carlson, Cheri Jimeno, Larry Strizich, Janet Trethewey, Tom Welch, Lanny Wilke

EXCUSED: Wane Boysun, Lisa O'Neil, Roger Stone

ABSENT: Brian Gilmartin

GUEST: Darlene Sellers

President Trethewey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the West Conference Room. The minutes of October 19, 2004 were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESPONSE REQUEST – Upon the senate's recommendation, Janet resent the request to faculty to serve on the Student Disciplinary Hearings & Appeals Committee. To date, there have been no volunteers.

GRADUATE COUNCIL – Graduate Council falls under the purview of the Academic Senate at other institutions of higher education in the state of Montana. Darlene Sellers believes that inclusion of graduate programs in the senate's membership would insure due process for graduate students and would strengthen the program for accreditation. If membership is approved, the Graduate Council would appoint one member to serve on the Academic Senate.

SENATE BI-LAWS – The senate began work with Article VI and completed up to 7.b.

NEW BUSINESS:

UNION MEETING – Janet met with Roger Stone about having a joint meeting with the executive council for the faculty and staff unions and the Academic Senate. The purpose of the meeting is to come up with a position plan for the budget crisis which is to be shared with administration at a later date. The meeting has been scheduled for Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

NEW ACADEMIC SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE – Lanny Wilke and Joel Brodeur have proposed a new senate subcommittee, the Instruction Technology Committee. Membership and function was discussed. The

proposal was reviewed by the senate and it was recommended to add the Director of Distance Delivery as an ex-officio member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – The committee is finished with the General Education proposal. Janet will arrange a joint meeting with the Academic Senate, and the Curriculum and General Education Committees on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Kurtz