

## **ACADEMIC SENATE**

October 10, 2007

4:00 PM

Brockmann Conference Room

**Members Present** – Jay Howland, Larry Strizich, Brian Gilmartin, Wane Boysun, Curtis Smeby, Lisa Scheresky-O'Neil

**Call to order** - Larry Strizich called the meeting to order at 4 PM in the Brockmann Conference Room.

**Minutes** – Minutes of September 11, 2007 were approved as distributed.

**Administrative Reports** – none

### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** Larry Strizich presided over the meeting at the request of President Greg Clouse who was absent due to the fact he accompanied his wife to Billings for medical tests.

Larry reported that he and Mr. Clouse attend the September Board of Regents meeting. Major topics of discussion at the faculty/board breakfast meeting were transfer issues and faculty compensation issues. Transfer is going to continue to be a problem among the campuses. There is money available at the BOR level to have faculty participate on a committee to discuss course transferability.

Faculty compensation for this year is being discussed at the 3.6% increase. Larry reported that the faculty representing the Bozeman and Missoula campuses are pushing hard for any increases to go mainly to their campuses due to the fact it's really hard to attract new faculty with the current cost of living in those areas. There is a task force on retention/recruitment.

Northern's "right-Sizing" is already happening. The department chairs have "sat in" on the meetings. The finalized "plan" needs to be in Bozeman by Friday of this week.

The Northwest accreditation team arrives in Havre on Sunday night and on campus on Monday. Badges have been made by COTS and have been distributed to everyone. Please wear the badges. The steering committee meets with the accreditation team for breakfast on Monday. The finalized schedule of events will be distributed last Friday.

The ACAD senate will meet with the accreditation team on Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Brockmann Conference Room. Full faculty are scheduled to meet at 4PM in Hensler auditorium.

### **Proposals:**

**Committee Reports** – none

**Special Reports** –

**Announcements** -

**Adjourned** – Meeting adjourned at 5 PM

Recording Secretary: Sandi Copenhaver

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