



# MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN

Academic Senate  
Tuesday, March 8, 2016  
4:00p  
Brockmann Conference Room  
Meeting Minutes

**Membership:** Lorren Schlotfeldt, Steven Don, Darlene Sellers, Fred Smiley, Mark Seiffert, Lanny Wilke, Spike Magelssen, Arlys Williams, Rodney Ridenour, William Rugg

**Members Present:** Lorren Schlotfeldt, Jamie Underwood, Rodney Ridenour (phone), Lanny Wilke, Steven Don, Spike Magelssen, Mark Seiffert, Fred Smiley (phone), Darlene Sellers, and William Rugg

**Recorder:** Debra Bradley

**Call to Order:**

Lorren made the call to begin the meeting at 4:00p

**Minutes:**

Steven made the motion, Jamie second the motion to approve the minutes. Motion was made and all approved the minutes of February 9, 2016.

**Provost/Chancellor Updates:**

- William spent three days with NWCCU Training in Seattle
  - New NW Promise of 90 days for proposal to be accepted or rejected
    - Still need the approval of the BoR first
    - William needs to send a letter to NW for approval to start the process
    - There is a fee for each proposal and that is on their website
  - NWCCU campus visit will be October 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2016
    - Great Falls expected 5 inspectors and got 7
  - William is now the Accreditation Officer for MSU Northern
- Self-Study reports are due to William before or on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016
- Campus vs Site
  - Great Falls and Lewistown are not branches of MSUN
    - They are considered sites
- William spent three days in Dillon with the BoR February Meeting
  - Great Falls closed the business and health care programs
    - Opens the door for MSUN to start business courses
    - Advising agreement with Great Falls
    - Jennifer (?) is the advisor

- Online and face to face courses will be offered
- Havre will be the host campus every three years starting this May
- Other information from William
  - Pow Wow
    - April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Tekno Expo will be the first part of April
  - First Annual Little River Institute Indigenous Education Conference
    - April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Spring Benefit Tour
    - April 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Greg Gianforte
    - Republican gubernatorial candidate is on campus today getting a tour
  - MASS meeting
    - April 7<sup>th</sup> in Havre

#### **External Committee Reports:**

- **NWCCU**
  - October 10-12, 2016
  - People will be on campus
  - Academic Senate will meet with the group
  - Academic Senate will have a part in the report
    - Watch for it as all will have questions to answer
- **Strategic Action Teams**
  - Meeting going on with the Chancellor
- **UAC**
  - Policies and procedures are continuing to update

#### **Senate Committee Reports:**

- Need to get minutes of each meeting on line as soon as possible
- Lorren has sent out emails to each committee to come to the meetings or send an email back stating what is going on with the sub committee
  - Has yet to receive any information from certain sub committees
  - Has been appointed by Dr. Rugg to appoint a chair and recorder to those that have not responded.
  - Lanny stated that he would be the chair for the Instructional, Research and Faculty Development Committee

#### **Proposals:**

- 15-29 BA in Native American Studies
  - Current program year off
    - 15-16 catalog as courses were not available then
    - NASL needs to be changed to NASX
    - NASL 331 needs to be changed to NASX 340
  - Mark made the motion to approve with changes

- Spike made the second
- Approved by all

**Old Business:**

- Mission Statement Survey Monkey
  - 76 responses
  - Some staff and faculty did not realize that we did have a mission statement
  - Another survey to be sent out with the rewording to the second statement that was received
  - Debra to send out Monday
    - 10 business days so that everyone will be able to participate after spring break
  - NWCCU Mission Fulfillment
  - Send results to the committee for approval before the next A. S. meeting
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**New Business:**

- New BoR member –
  - Casey Lozar
    - Replaced Major Robinson
  - Mitch Robinson retired
    - Replaced by Chuck Jensen

**Adjournment:**

- Lorren made the motion
- Steven second the motion,
- approved at 5:07pm

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Debra A. Bradley