

MSU FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2004
301 Reid Hall
Montana State University-Bozeman
4:10-5:00 PM

Members Present: Becker, Bogar, Bandyopadhyay, Christopher, Conant, Coon, Gipp, Giusti for Kevane, Giroux, Howard, Jackson, Jones, Knight, Kommers, Lansverk, Levy, Lynch, Lynes-Hayes, McDermott, Monaco, Neeley, Pratt, Prawdzienski, Rucker, Schlotzhauer, Stringam for Weaver, Taper for Weaver, Taylor

Members absent: Ashley, Hoffman, Idzerda, Leech, Microbiology, Schmidt, Seymour, Yoo

Others: Dooley, Fedock, McLeod, McCarthy

Chair Warren Jones called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. A quorum was present. The minutes of the February 25, 2004 Faculty Council meeting were approved.

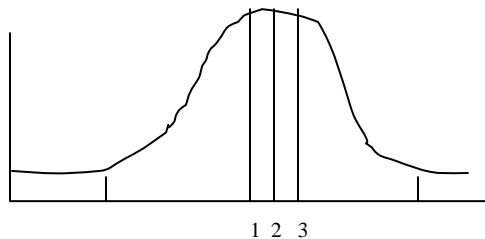
CHAIR'S REPORT - Warren L. Jones

UPBAC

-Members of UPBAC were presented with 3 scenarios for budget projections for FY05.

-Correct scenario will depend on retention and recruitment of in-state and out-of-state students between now and fall 04.

-Graph below illustrates the probability of the three scenarios:



-Difference between each number on a graph is 60 students out of the entire campus of 12,000 students, illustrating how tight the margin is.

Center point (#2) represents a balanced budget with absolutely no frills.

- Key to success is retention and recruitment, particularly of out-of-state students, so FC members should expect to address this issue again in future FC meetings.

-President Gamble believes that we can achieve our retention goal and that it is within our power to do so.

-An inquiry was made about how much in the red Athletics was.

-Provost Dooley explained that due to rising health insurance, Athletics has requested from UPBAC \$60,000 to cover these costs. This was a

foreseen expense, however, and it was shared with the BOR. The Provost's office is not helping to finance the larger overall shortfall.
-Provost Dooley also explained that scoreboard revenue was realized in one FY, and then expenses were counted in the next FY. This scenario is partially responsible for the overall Athletics budget shortfall.

CORE 2.0

-CORE 2.0 Committee and Advising Committee do not have Faculty Council representation, and Chair Jones requested input from the Council as to whether this was appropriate.

-In the absence of strong opinions, Chair Jones will indicate to VPUE Greg Young that he should go ahead with these committees as previously agreed.

VOLUNTEER FOR EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR PANEL

-Wes Lynch has volunteered to represent FC on this panel.

INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

-Charge is to "Provide leadership in directing MSU's efforts toward the goal of ensuring that both Indians and non-Indians have an understanding of the history, culture, and contemporary contributions of Montana's Indian people in compliance with the Indian Education for All legislation (MCA 20-1-501)."

Current draft charge to FC specifies education and Native American experts for membership.

-FC did not believe it needed representation on this committee.

ADJUNCT POLICY TASK FORCE

-FC stated that the pursuit of longer term contracts for long-term full-time adjuncts was a positive move.

-It is Regents Policy not to award more than 1-year contracts for non-tenurable faculty. APTF is exploring the process for changing this policy in very specific situations.

FACULTY AFFAIRS

-Nothing to report at this time.

PROGRAM REVIEW – DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PROCESS

-Draft of "A Proposal to Have Faculty Council Review New Programs at Montana State University-Bozeman" was distributed for discussion.

-Purpose for the new proposal is to form a new committee closely associated with the Faculty Council that will review programs and make critical recommendations to the Provost and President about programs affecting curriculum.

-Under the heading "Structure" a sentence inserted between the second to last and last sentence would read:

"There will be one non-voting member representing the Provost's Office."

-Under “Process and Procedures” bullet point 4 was struck and other language inserted:

“Centers, institutes and academic partnerships needing Regential approval or creating at least one tenure track faculty position.”

- Under “Process and Procedures” the second paragraph will begin with this new sentence:

“The Academic Affairs Committee will notify the Faculty Council of programs under review.”

OTHER

-FC asked if accomplishments of FC could be placed on website in order to highlight self-governance in action and the goals it has been able to achieve.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Signature

Warren L. Jones, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary