

**FACULTY SENATE**  
**February 9, 2011**  
**LEO JOHNSON 346**  
**4:10 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA**  
**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Biber (Music), Caton (COB), Cherry (Math), Fisher (PPSP), Jacobsen (Extension), Kaiser (EE), Lansverk (English), Lawrence (Biochem), Lockhart (Ed), Lynch (Psych), McClure (Micro), Neumeier (Physics), Osborne (HHD), Reidy (Hist & Phil), Rossmann (Libraries), Schachman (Nursing), Sobek (IE)

**Others Present:** Joe Fedock, Hugo Schmidt

Chair Lansverk called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. A quorum was present.

**Announcements – Chair Lansverk**

- Dennis Jones will be attending two METNET events at MSU on February 16, 2011, EPS 126, 11-noon (invited guests, Faculty Senate, Steering Committee) and 1-3 (faculty). He will conduct interactive discussions, with other MUS campuses, about budget allocation.
- The \$180,000 merit pay is targeted to bargaining unit members. There is no money specifically earmarked for those not in the bargaining unit, which include about 90 faculty in Extension and 40 Professional Engineers. Chair Lansverk and Vice chair Neumeier crafted a letter to alert the provost about this situation and to make a recommendation about how much money they should set aside for non-union faculty. Faculty Senate members reviewed the letter, made modifications, and voted to send forward to Provost Potvin. (A majority voted in favor of sending the memo; one “No” vote).
- MEAMFT is tracking a legislative bill proposed in the senate by Jim Peterson, which would allow the BoR to write policy and conduct post tenure review. Faculty already have a post-tenure review process and policy that was crafted in accordance with AAUP. Faculty are encouraged to watch the progress of this bill. It was noted that this is part of a nation-wide trend and is to be expected.

**Continuation of First Reading: Proposed New Regents Professor Policy – Chair Lansverk**

- Chair Lansverk presented the draft policy for further scrutiny by Faculty Senate, with the intention of submitting it, if possible, it to the President for approval. Major points reviewed included (underlined words or phrases are changes):
- Title is: REGENTS PROFESSOR – PROPOSED POLICY (with morphological hypercorrection eliminating the apostrophe in “Regents”)
- Under “Eligibility,” second bullet point, “Nominees must have served normally in a tenure line position at MSU for at least 10 years.” The word “normally” is added.
- Under “Qualifications,” third bullet point, “Nominees must have made unique contributions to the quality of the University in the areas of research and creative activity, teaching and/or outreach/service appropriate to their academic appointment.”
- Under “Distinguished Activities,” first bullet point, “Regents Professors, individually or collectively, should contribute back to students, faculty, the

administration, and the community. The Regents Professor is encouraged to engage in one activity, for ~~each constituency~~ each year.”

- Under “Call for Nominations,” add a second bullet point, “The stipend continues until retirement or termination.”
- With FS input, modifications were made to the draft policy and may be viewed on the FS website, bottom of the page: <http://www2.montana.edu/faculty senate/>
- Chair Lansverk would like to begin the next FS meeting with continued discussions about this policy.

The Faculty Senate meeting ended at 5:00 pm, as there was no further business.

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Marvin Lansverk, Chair

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Gale R. Gough, Secretary