



**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Monday December 18, 2017  
0845 am Don Room 207**

**Attendance –**

Amy Kong,  
Barbara Yahvah,  
Becki Gibson,  
Ben Nickol,  
Betsy Hussey,  
Bryan Steinwand,  
Della Dubbe,  
Derrick Hauer,  
Emmett Coon,  
Jenn Bergner,

Jan Campana,  
Joe Zimmerman,  
John Hartman,  
Joyce Walborn,  
Karen Henderson,  
Karen Raphael-Conley,  
Kim Feig,  
Kim Haughee,  
Kristina Kenning,  
Mounika Pokuri,

Nathan Munn,  
Phillip Sawatchki,  
Rick Henry,  
Steve Lewis,  
Tod Dumas,  
Viktor Shchuchinov,  
Wes Walker

Jan Clinard (guest)

- I. Call to Order by Senate President, Nathan Munn –at 08:45 am. A reminder from the President for maintaining order throughout all meetings.
- II. Approval of the Minutes (November 2, 2017) recommended by Rick Henry as corrected, below. Second by Bryan S.
  - a. Under V. Unfinished Business “f. Scholarly Research committee – John stated that they committee did meet”. Edit “they” to “the”.
  - b. Under VI. New Business. f. Change “Byron” to “Bryan” and throughout document.
- III. Communications –
  - a. A letter of appreciation was sent by President to TRiO, Disability Services, and Veterans’ Services for their work and the reflection on student success.
- IV. Report of Committee
  - a. PAC – Kim H. reported that PAC has assigned all applying for promotion or tenure with a committee. They will meet later today for the benefit of new faculty not yet promoted or tenured. The four committee members are Kim, Steve Lewis, Matt Moyer, Joe Zimmerman.

- b. ASCR – Barbara Yahweh – Report for Faculty Senate provided. There have been two meetings since the last faculty meeting. Membership changes are being discussed. Several course areas have been approved. BIOM 250-251; 215. NRS 130 has been revised to include CNA credit/ requirement language. The committee is seeking to clarify where credits can go in several cases. They will meet one time in January besides monthly meetings to discuss details.

V. Unfinished Business

- a. Thanking Mike Brown – still outlying and will be done.
- b. Advising Committee – Nathan Munn: In the works -They will be coming up with a committee for this.
- c. SGA - Nathan Munn: The back-up assistance from ECOS has been withdrawn as the action is complete and SGA is fully operational again. They recently raffled a Kindle and made \$120. Their recent shut down was a “teaching/ learning opportunity”. Karen H. reported that Quinn and Dalton (SGA President and Vice-President) were recently elected to be Vice Presidents of Montana Student Government Association with Quinn serving as Internal Affairs VP, and Dalton serving as External VP. Nathan: Faculty Senate will send an appreciation letter regarding this.
- d. Faculty Senate Articles and Bylaws – 2<sup>nd</sup> Review: Corrections – by Barb Y. at page 7. C.1. Remove extra periods. Nathan. Director of eLearning will be added. Third reading of ByLaws will occur at January meeting.
- e. College Council – Nathan: Changes in Leadership are resulting in some development; there is effective participation from existing faculty (Nathan) and Department Chairs.
  - a. Guided Pathways – Nathan: Discussions are underway about choices; are there too many or not enough? The main consideration is about transfers. Several college committees are looking at the same issue and how to make improvements. How to line up with University of Montana and MSU are considered. Kim – Will this decrease the number of courses or general categories? Nathan – The result may be in more are guided. Jan – spoke on Meta Majors and Career Clusters with designs that will impact faculty. Nathan commented that faculty should be involved; speak out.

VI. New Business

- a. A Pot Luck for Dean Baker will be held January 19, 2018. Rick H – We should plan to receive the new Dean with a similar meeting. Nathan will reach out to the new Dean for scheduling.
- b. Recorder/Secretary issue was discussed. The Senate Recorder/ Secretary cannot be the Secretary of ECOS. This language will be looked at if ECOS chooses to consider changes.
- c. Rick asked about any budget information. Nathan reported no change.

VII. Good and Welfare – Employee Appreciation Lunch today.

- a. Jan Campana (retiring) introduced her replacement, Kristina Kenning, MSN, RN. Jan was thanked by the Faculty Senate for her work contributing to the Nursing Department.

VIII. Adjournment – Steve L: Moved to adjourn; Rick H. seconded. At 0930.