



Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 4, 2017
Amended 5/15/2017
3:00 pm Don Room 009

Attendance – Steve Lewis, Karen Henderson, Becki Gibson, Barbara Yahvah, Ben Nickol, Deb Rapaport, Amy Kong, Della Dubbe, Joyce Walborn, Emmett Coon, Karen Raphael-Conley, Betsy Hussey, Victor Shchuchinov, Kim Haugee.

- I. Call to Order by Senate President, Rick Henry –at 3:05 pm.
- II. Montana Tech representative recommends hardship cases coming from out-of-state could be handled jointly under BoR resolution.
- III. Calendar Proposal:
 - a. Motion – Kim H. moved if OCHE does not approve of our calendar plan A, we vote in favor of plan B. Second to motion: Karen Henderson.
 - b. Discussion:

Barbara Yahvah: what is difference between Option A & B? Rick H. explains A asks for swap between voter day and Christmas break day.

Steve L. comments on spring break being late this year; we should discuss impact on students with quick finish after coming back.

Vote: All Yeas. No votes – none.

Bryon’s survey – requested faculty respond for calendar committee; next summer, all classes start at same time with a 5/5/10 option and another 8 week option.

Comments: Steve L: clarification – faculty can choose which weeks to teach in; 5, 5 or 10? Yes. Rick: there will be no changes for this summer, so we will discuss this further next school year.

IV. Rick H: We need students to have at least 50% of their credits from HC currently. Do we keep it 50/50 or reduce it? Kim H: Sarah noticed what other institutions are doing and brought to our attention. Funding has everything to do with completion. Referred to handout: Most Montana campuses are approximately 25%. Kim asked for written survey forms to be returned to her, representing ASCR. Surveys will be further discussed with faculty by ASCR.

Discussion: intent of a 200 level Communications class being added and we didn't understand the intent.

Ben – suggested we vote for smallest incremental change.

3:45 – Adjournment!