



Faculty Senate Minutes

Date and Time: January 9, 2020 8:30 a.m.

Room: DON 123

Members Present: President Sawatzki, Karen Henderson, Joyce Walborn, Brooks Robertson, John W. Hartman, Lisa Simpson, Kim Feig, Nathan Munn, John McLaughlin, Virginia Reeves, Seth Roby, Barbara Yahvah, Bryon Steinwand, Kim Haughee, Debra Rapaport, Kristina Kenning, Kourtney Fisher, Wes Walker, Rick Henry, Tod Dumas, Emmett Coon, Steve Lewis, Della Dubbe.

Guests Present: None

- I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President Sawatzki at 8:35 a.m.
- II. Minutes from December 16, 2019 meeting: Nathan moved to approve the minutes as written, Debra seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.
- III. Communications
 - a. Changes to senate presidency: President Sawatzki introduced himself.
 - b. Budget report: Budget remains the same since end of 2019. No expenditures or contributions.
 - c. Professional development funds: There are funds available. Members should apply.
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. ASCRC: Nothing new to add: let Barbara know if there are any problems with database.
 - b. PAC: Kim noted that if anyone does a course revision or new course, make sure to do a screen capture for documenting it for promotion and/or tenure.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - a. Bylaw and article changes for ASCRC chairs and to account for leadership structure changes: Nathan moved to remove "Director of Fire and Rescue" and to add "The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be full-time tenured-track faculty." Virginia seconded. Discussion. Kim moved to amend Nathan's motion to change the name of Assistant Dean of Fiscal and Plant to Assistant Dean of Administrative Affairs/CFO. John seconded. Discussion on amendment. Amendment passed. Vote on motion as amended. Passed. Nathan moved to pass the bylaw and article changes. Emmett seconded. Discussion. Passed.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Faculty members on hiring committees for new faculty: Concern about ratio of staff to faculty on hiring committees for new faculty. Discussion. ECOS will seek clarification from administration on the current process and report back and make a recommendation to members of Senate. Tod motioned that ECOS move forward with this; Steve seconded. Discussion. Motion passed. Brooks Robertson abstained from the vote.

- b. How to get trades faculty more involved with senate: Discussion. Steve will reach out to Tammy Burke.
 - c. Changes to class schedule
 - i. Possible ad hoc committee to address this: Discussion. Nathan moved that, following AAUP recommendations aligning with the articles and bylaws of Faculty Senate, and with multiple academic and pedagogical concerns, we, the faculty of Helena College University of Montana reject the proposal of schedule change for General Education/Transfer as presented at the division meeting of January 8, 2020, and will not follow it.” Virginia seconded. Discussion. Virginia moved to amend the motion to add: ECOS will meet to address any scheduling issues that lead to the proposal. Nathan seconded. Discussion. Amendment to motion passed. Vote on amended motion. Passed unanimously.
 - d. Lack of faculty involvement with decision making: Discussion. ECOS will take on this as well.
- VII. Good and Welfare/Question and Answer: Have a great semester.
- VIII. Adjournment: Virginia moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Emmett seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Henderson, Recorder