

FACULTY SENATE
September 17, 2008
REID HALL 101
4:10 AM – 5:00 PM
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY-BOZEMAN, MONTANA
Minutes

Members Present: Amin, Catoira, Cherry, Wisner, Eitle, Fischer, Fleck, Gerlach, Gee, Gipp for Sowell, Igo, Jacobs, Jacobsen, Lansverk, Longcope, Marshall for D. Weaver, Lei, Maskiell, C. McClure, Mokwa, Neumeier, Prawdzienski, Taylor, Versaevel, Wojtowicz, Zhu

Members Absent: Architecture, Ashley, Bangert, Bennett, Fields, HHD, Jackson, Larson, Lynch, Political Science, Snider for Becker, Watson, T. Weaver

Others Present: Glenna Burg, Joseph Fedock, Kim Obbink, Julie Tatarka

Chair-elect Marvin Lansverk called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. A quorum was present. The minutes from September 10, 2008 were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Chair-elect Lansverk

- FS members queried F&A (indirect costs) distribution modifications which will significantly impact faculty research endeavors. It is not clear how these changes will be made. Vice Provost Fedock suggested Faculty Senate invite either Tom McCoy or Dave Dooley to address the issue. It was noted that Grants and Contracts are funding many new endeavors on campus, such as the new chemistry building, and may need additional funds to do so. A new policy regarding F&A's will be instituted soon and hopefully, FS will be able to provide input.
- NASULGC Survey – Faculty were asked to participate in an online education survey.

FACULTY AFFAIRS – Chair Shannon Taylor

- Wording approval for Who May Become a PI? was presented to Faculty Senate. This policy ensures that the principle investigator completes a governmental contract with MSU. Participating emeritus status employees must have, at least, a 0.1 FTE to become a PI. Minor changes have been made under the heading, "Exceptions" and the number of signatures required.
- Move to accept wording with minor changes → second → all in favor → Faculty Senate unanimously approved to submit the document to **MSU TODAY** for 10 business days before the document is returns to FS for final approval.
- The Emeritus policy will also be advertised in **MSU TODAY**.

MIGRATING STUDENT EMAIL to GOOGLE – Gwen Jacobs

- MSU students wanted a better official university email communication device. As a result and after a year of research, MSU will migrate student email from MyPortal to Google for a "no-cost" solution. Jamie Casap, Google's Applications for Education contact person is also on the faculty of Arizona State, one of the first institutions to successfully participate in this project.
- For more information, visit: Google Apps for Education:
<http://www.google.com/a/help/intl/en/edu/index.html> Faculty are encouraged to attend the September 18, 2008 presentations.
- In the future, FS may want to form a task force to explore the possibility of moving faculty email to Google, as well.
- Google is not just an email tool. It includes calendars, group meetings, shared calendars, a splash page that can be customized using the channels each user would like to look at, etc. When students graduate, their Google email will go with them but will include advertising. Their email at MSU, however, is a generic page without ads, allowing students to create their own splash page.
- MyPortal's destiny is not yet certain.

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS: MIGRATION FROM "WebCT" to "Desire to Learn" - Kim Obbink, Julie Tatarka

- WebCT will be discontinued June, 2009. In January, 2009 the campus will begin using Desire to Learn. A production server will be up and running, for training purposes, at the end of October, 2008.

- Billings, Bozeman, Northern, Great Falls will all be using Desire to Learn (D2L).
- Learning seminars and support will be available to faculty.
- The initial export/import of courses from WebCT to Desire to Learn went smoothly. There may be some manipulation, and not all details of the transfer of courses have been observed at this cursory level.
- Every campus course (and section) will be populated into D2L to make it easier to use.
- MOODLE will stay this year, and will continue to be evaluated for support, interest, etc.
- Course email in D2L is internal to D2L; similar to WebCT.

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

Signature

Marvin Lansverk, Chair-elect

Signature

Gale R. Gough, Secretary