

Faculty Senate Minutes

February 10, 1998

Call to order: 11:00 am
Appointment of Recorder: S. Patton
Approval of Minutes: Unanimous, with the change that C. Young will post to MSMail instead of D. Cameron
Absent: S. Luft, C. Young (two others showed up at approximately 3:20)

Reports: VCAAR Search Committee: 28 applications to date, closing date February 13, 1998.

Old Business:

TGIF's: TGIF's are back. The Research Office, VCAA, and the Sigma Xi Xeries will sponsor them. .

Budgets: The concern over budgeting justification continues. Doug Coe may be able to enlighten us more. It will not be easy to gather the information required to make effective recommendations. The new Chancellor will have to live by the budget created by Dr. Norman. Budget meetings are approaching on campus.

Posting Minutes: Information on the actions of committees with faculty senate representatives is not being communicated back to the faculty senate. A suggestion was made to create shared folders for the minutes from committees. D. Solko will contact the computer center. It was suggested that a web page with links may be more appropriate.

Faculty Senate Bylaws: The bylaws are in need of updating. The bylaws were reviewed. Any suggested changes should be forwarded to Denise Solko by February 20, 1998 so that a formal recommendation of proposed amendments can be brought before the faculty. The proposed changes must be available one week prior to any vote.

Standing Committees: The viability of standing committees is under review at the request of Doug Coe, acting VCAA. Denise Solko will have each committee chairperson review the role and scope of each committee and comment back to the faculty senate. With new leadership in place is possible that the faculty will be more involved with governance.

Residency Requirements: Residency requirements have been addressed by the task force. See the web page www.umt.edu.

New Business:

UM Budget Advisory Committee: A representative to the UM Budget Advisory Committee has been requested. Jim Handley or Bob DeDominic will be asked.

Achievement Awards Committee: Susan Patton agreed to serve as a faculty representative to the Achievement Awards Committee.

Chancellor Search: Four applicants on campus beginning Monday, February 16, 1998. Specific questions to be presented to ask general to all candidates under development. Send these to Doug Cameron. Suggestions included:

- How have budget constraints and faculty issues been resolved?
- What roll do campus committees play in decision making?

Holidays in the Fall Semester: Discussion was made concerning the exchange of holidays without any input from the faculty. Fall semester is especially difficult on the students since there is no break. Don Stierle is investigating this issue and drafting a statement.

Grievance Document: The grievance document is still standing. It was determined that the document should remain although leadership is changing. Specifically the procedure for informing faculty of progress toward promotion and/or tenure and developing procedure for handling committee input are items left standing.

Academic Facilities Committee Actions: Faculty concerns over the decisions by the Academic Facilities Committee should be directed to that committee.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:05 pm.