# ECOS Meeting Minutes, 5/16/18

*Members Present:* A. Delaney, A. Johnstone, M. Pershouse, M. Semanoff   
Members Absent: N. Hinman, T. Manuel, G. Quintero

Guest: Eamon Fahey, UM Bookstore

Public Member: Ross Best, student

## Communication

* Eamon Fahey from the UM Bookstore joined ECOS at 3:10 p.m. The bookstore has struggled over the past few years because of UM’s dropping enrollment and changing consumer behavior. To continue to provide services last year it sold the UC Market, which employed 35 students, and its warehouse. It budgeted for a 7% decline in sales, but had a 22% decline. Another asset (land) has been for sale for two years. It tried to renegotiate its loan and is moving to one level in the University Center. It cannot continue to operate at a loss, so the Board investigated options and has signed a letter of intent with Barnes and Noble College to provide students with access to course materials. The terms of the contract prevent price increases and provide the same type of all-inclusive service for students. Current Bookstore employees are guaranteed employment at the same rate of pay if they choose. Barnes and Noble will be able to provide improved prices for the rental program. Barnes and Noble will not be represented on the Bookstore’s Board. It will function more as a foundation- overseeing the lease with the university and the contract. Barnes & Noble College Fact and Fiction will continue to operate as an independent organization. Eamon may reach out to the Faculty Senate to find faculty members to serve on the Board. Eamon also met with Paula Short and the outgoing ASUM leadership. The communication sent to campus from Paula Short is appended.
* Chair Semanoff reported that the UPC going is going to meet again this summer. Phase 2 of the process was not transparent, and there have been many concerns about the data. The administration is still accepting feedback.

## Business items:

* ECOS made numerous Committee nominations. Camie will send the nomination letters and update the websites. A document of pending committee needs will be created and sent to Senators, Chairs and Deans at the beginning of the semester.
* The summer meeting will be held on July 19th at 2:00 p.m. in GBB 123.
* The summer retreat will be scheduled on August 21at at Missoula College in order to have the Culinary Institute provide the catering.
* ECOS may need to meet over the summer to finalize the response. Chair Semanoff will contact the Chief of Staff regarding the due date for the response. A communication should be sent to senators when the response is finalized. Anthony sent a draft principles of allocation document for ECOS to consider prior to the meeting. Chair Semanoff will draft a statement about UM Core Concerns. The response should also include a section on the Communities of Excellence, a statement on the divisions, and a thematic summary of faculty feedback.
* The Chair of the General Education Committee, James Randall, is available to meet after May 20th.

## Announcement of changes to Book Store Services

Dear Campus Community,

This message is sent at the request of the Bookstore at UM to let you know about a change to their operations. The Bookstore Board of Directors has voted to partner with Barnes & Noble College™ beginning July 2, 2018. The Board will continue to hold the lease for the bookstore space in the University Center and they will continue as a not-for-profit organization with the same mission to serve our students, staff and faculty. B&N College will assume operations of the bookstore and work to provide the same great service and affordable textbooks and merchandise for their customers. There will be an online store in addition to their physical location in the University Center.

“We’re excited to partner with B&N College,” said Eamon Fahey, COO of the Bookstore. “The resources and expertise that B&N College provides will elevate the Bookstore’s offerings and service while keeping course material prices in check.”

Every current bookstore employee will have the option to join the B&N College team with the same rate of pay and longevity/seniority status if they so choose. Additionally, Fact & Fiction, which is also owned by the Bookstore at UM, will continue operating as an independent bookstore in downtown Missoula.

During this transition, the Bookstore will be closed beginning at noon on Saturday, June 23rd through Monday, July 2.

**Students enrolled for the second summer session are encouraged to purchase books and other materials prior to that time, as instruction begins on June 25.**

The Bookstore will work to ensure that students in the second summer session have access to their required materials. Faculty will still be able to order textbooks and secure course materials as they have previously.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Eamon Fahey at the Bookstore at UM, 243-1241.

Sincerely,

Paula Short