Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes, 3/14/19

Roll Call

Chair Semanoff called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Registrar Hickman called roll.


Members Excused: Z. Cooper, B. Holben, M. Horejsi, G. Larson, D. MacDonald, H. Naughton, A. Ratto-Parks, E. Uchimoto, A. Ware

Members Absent, J. Freer, E. Gagliardi, M. Hebblewhite, S. Ross, M. Strohl

Ex-Officio Present: Provost Harbor, Vice Provost Lindsay

Guest: S. Grove

- The minutes from 2/14/19 were approved.

Public Comment

None

Communications

Chair Semanoff informed the Senate that Provost Harbor and Vice President Lasiter are attending the listening session for the relocation of ASUM Childcare and will be joining the meeting later.

- Shawn Grove, VETS Office Director
  The reimbursement process for Veteran students is terrible. However, their books can be billed directly through the VA if purchased at the UM Bookstore. Vocational Rehabilitation students and athletes with book scholarships are also affected. Please encourage these students to use the bookstore for required books and to buy early.

  Another way you can save students money is using OER resources. The Library has a grant program to help faculty develop OER resources. Contact Wendy Walker.

  According to the Data Office there are 520 veteran students. His number is 564. The discrepancy could be based on the criteria and depends on whether the student self
identifies. There are 400 students using the GI Bill, 150 are not for various reasons.

He has surveyed the veteran students regarding their experience with the bookstore. He is sharing the mixed results with the bookstore. They are working to improve the service.

• Chair Matt Semanoff’s Report

The bookstore just finished notifying instructors of summer classes. It is still possible to order books using the facultyenlight.com system. The default password is P@ssword1. Chair Semanoff will check with Amanda Peterson about whether or not it is possible to change other faculty members’ orders.

The administration is still working on an acceptable site to relocate ASUM Childcare service. There is another listening session tomorrow morning from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the UC Theater.

The OPM vendors, Pearson and Wiley will be on campus April 3rd and 4th. The open forums will be at 3:00- 4:30 p.m. in UC 225 and UC 331. There will also be an opportunity to discuss before they visit campus.

The General Education Committee held two listening sessions to get feedback on the UM Core Pilot. The UM Core Pilot Forum Slides are available for your feedback and ideas. The Committee would like more faculty to engage in the process. The model is still being developed. It may rely more heavily on interdisciplinary work with a lower-division inquiry course and upper-division application course. There are still a lot of discussions on how to administer and incentivize interdisciplinary work. There is interest in requesting OCHE to reconsider crosslisting. Deputy Commissioner Brock Tessman is receptive and has asked for individuals interested to work on the issue. The Provost recognizes the need to address barriers to team teaching and fear of losing student credit hours. Please help to identify the issues and offer solutions.

We need to consider whether the spring curriculum review is over burdening the curriculum committees. The committee structure needs to be organized so that Taskforces and Working groups are formed within the structure and report back the recommendations that then go to the administration rather than skipping shared governance. The administration considers a nomination for faculty representation from ECOS as sufficient collaboration and consultation in decision making. Chair Semanoff is meeting with the Chief of Staff next week to go over the existing committee structure to determine the committees where discussions should originate and then move up to the Senate. We need to avoid parallel efforts to be more efficient.

Committee Reports
ASCRC Chair Georgia Cobbs

The Curriculum Consent Agenda was approved. The program move for Journalism and the World Language Certificate were removed from the agenda for discussion. Journalism was postponed until presented by Graduate Council. Language minors require upper-division language study; the World Language Certificate does not. Other languages such as Irish or Blackfoot could be added. The certificate was also approved.

The Motion to Change Advanced Writing Catalog language was edited and approved.

Communication from the Writing Committee was presented as information as a follow-up to the motion. It will be sent to department chairs.

Graduate Council Chair Len Broberg

The Curriculum Consent agenda was approved. Senator Banville from Journalism commented on the program move. The School has a long history and will maintain its identity. Losing a dean is better for the students than losing more faculty members. Journalism is different from other units, as are many of the departments within the College of Visual and Performing Arts, so it was the best fit in terms of unit standards. They are considering collaboration opportunities as well. There will be a leadership position within the school. The details are still being discussed. A few Alumni have opposed the move on social media. The School is communicating with them.

After discussion the Intercollegiate Graduate Program Move Process Resolution was approved. Some senators commented that considering the financial implications of program moves was outside the scope of the Senate’s purview. However, resources have a significant impact on the quality of academic programs. The review needs to involve the full picture in order to make an informed decision. The responsibility should rest with the Provost’s Office not the department chair. ECOS will need to develop the procedure for the Senate.

New Business

- The Motion to update Voting Groups was presented as information it will be voted at the next meeting. Several edits were noted.
- The Motion to change Bylaws – meeting dates was presented as information. The motion will be voted on at the next meeting.
- The MUS IPE Institute was approved. MSU’s Senate had its first reading yesterday. Those involved with the Institute are confident they will be able to obtain extramural funding. The institute will serve as a resource across the state for health care providers. The additional training, collaboration, and clinical experience is required by health care standards.

Communications Continued
• Provost Jon Harbor
Many curriculum changes were approved at the Board of Regents’ meeting last week. The Board was pleased to see the moratoriums and new initiatives. He appreciates the work done by the curriculum committees.

The first two floors of the McGill building are reopened. He thanked faculty and staff across campus for helping with the situation.

The administration is working with ASUM to determine the best location to relocate Child Care. The listening sessions are considering all the potential locations, including McGill. The Missoula College library location is also a consideration. It would include relocating the library within the building. There was never an intention to eliminate the library. The President believes in is important to have high quality child care available and hopes to have a decision made by spring break.

Potential online programming partners will visit campus on April 3rd and 4th to meet with a variety of individuals. Maricel Lawrence, the Executive Director for UMOnline starts tomorrow. She will be reaching out to units to build services.

Increasing enrollment is a high priority. VP Cole shared helpful ways faculty can help increase the enrollment yield with the deans and chairs. He dropped in on the call center while it was contacting admitted Native American students. The individual attention makes a difference. UM is now included in the common application. On April 2nd there will be an open meeting to provide an overview of how UM recruits new students. More information will be forthcoming.

Questions:

The redacted OPM proposals will be made available. The Honors College Taskforce report is available. It reviewed the mission and vision of the College before the recruitment for a new dean was approved.

Provost Harbor has been investigating why winter session was removed. He was trying to initiate Winter Session at Purdue before he left.

The Taskforce on the FEC Process was initiated to find an electronic means to conduct the review. The current paper process is not efficient. Three senators (Professors Beck, Clouse, Yolanda) are serving on the Taskforce. It is working on a survey to take inventory of the various methods used across campus for the process and to allow for feedback. Professor Clouse expanded on its work. Initially there was a desire to investigate whether IPRs could be more standardized. The UFA includes language to use Moodle, which is no longer available. It will still be up to individual departments to move to an electronic platform. The goal is to make the process much more efficient. Those involved will need to be convinced. Submittable, a cloud based service is being
used by some units and is being investigated. There will likely be a pilot next fall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.