Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2016, 4:00 P.M. Law 201

Call to Order   
Chair DeBoer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.   
The Faculty Senate Administrative Associate called roll.  
  
**Members Present:** B. Allred, J. Banville, D. Beck, T. Beed, S. Bitar, M. Bowler, J. Bunch, A. Chatterjee, Z. Ciooper, G. Collins, J. DeBoer, A. Delaney, D. Erickson, L. Fern, L. Frey, E. Gagliardi, J. Gallo, N. Greymorning, B. Halfpap, K. Harris, L. Howell, J. Hunt, M. Kia, C. Kirkpatrick, C. Lawrence, P.Lukacs, D. Lurie, D. Patterson, G. Peters, S. Phillips, G. Quintero, J. Sears, S. Stan, A. Szalda-Petree, E. Uchimoto, M. Valentin, N. Vonessen, A. Ware   
 **Members Excused:** A. Belcourt, M. Bowman, W. Holben, U. Kamp, D. MacDonald, M. Maneta, T. Slater, A. Sondag, J. Thomsen,

**Members Absent:** K. Bell, O. Berryman, S. Caro, Y. Cho, T. Crawford, K. Griggs, M. Hamon, B. Harrison, J. Henry, S. Johnson, G. Larson, J. Laskin, C. Off, T. Sanders   
  
**Ex-Officio Present:** President Engstrom

**Guests:** J. Loftus, S. Gueist, M. Patterson, P. Zagalo - Melo

**Minutes:** The minutes from September 8th were approved.

## Committee Reports

### **ASCRC Chair John Eglin**

ASCRC considered at the request of International Programs three additional English Proficiency Exams be accepted for admission of international students. The three exams are Pearson Test of Academic English (PTE Academics), Cambridge English Exams Advanced (CAE) and Proficient (CPE), and International Test of English Proficiency (iTEP). Other US universities follow the same acceptance scores equivalent to a 525 TOEFL recognized by the Common European Framework.

| Exam | Score |
| --- | --- |
| PTE Academics | 48 or better |
| Cambridge English Exams  Advanced-CAE  Proficient-CPE | C1 (180 or above)  C2 (200 or above) |
| iTEP | 3.8 or higher |

We also accept other exams in accordance to the information in the [catalog.](https://www.umt.edu/catalog/academics/admission/international.php) This is not changing the standards in any way it is just creating more options for international students with a view toward increasing our recruitment pool. These exams are commonly taken by students in Asia and India and are less expensive than the TOEFL.

The Concordance of the exams in comparison to TOEFL was provided by the Common European Framework of Reference ([concordance graph](http://www.umt.edu/facultysenate/documents/FSDocs%2016-17/Cambridge%20English%20concordance%20diagram.pdf)). Associate Provost Zagalo-Melo clarified that the exams have been vetted by universities in Australia, England, and Europe and are accepted by other US universities. Given the enrollment crises we need to look at ways to increase applications from international students. These exams are commonly taken by students in Asia and India and are less expensive than the TOEFL.   
  
The item was unanimously approved.

## Communication

### **Chairs report**

The [Intercollegiate Athletics Report](http://www.umt.edu/facultysenate/documents/FSDocs%2016-17/Intercollegiate_Athletics_Report2015_2016.docx) was available as information. Representatives from Intercollegiate Athletics will be present at the November meeting to address questions.

ECOS is editing the evaluation of the administration and plans to conduct the survey this semester. More information will be available at the November meeting.

### President Engstrom Updates

He just returned from the *We Are Montana Tour* to Billings, Bozeman and Great Falls. In each city UM delegates talked with policy makers, school teachers, students, alumni, and donors. The delegates included a group of faculty and graduate students that visited classrooms. The Tour will continue throughout the fall semester. Kalispell, Helena, and Hamilton will be visited, as well as some others. The alumni receptions had good attendance and there were good discussions with policy makers.   
  
President Engstrom thanked those who attended the Program Prioritization Workshop. He was unable to attend, but appreciates UM’s involvement.

The decision for UM to conduct program prioritization has not been made. However, it will be a point of discussion through the rest of the semester. He would like Interim Provost Edmond to talk further to the Faculty Senate about this. At this point, the event today was an information session to learn about the Dickenson approach to program prioritization.

New Business

* Naming Opportunity

The largest gift opportunity, $24,000,000 in the history of UM from the Franke family has been announced to the campus community. Any naming changes must be approved by the Board of Regents and requires steps along the way. The College of Forestry will receive $18,000,000 of the gift and the Global Leadership Initiative will receive $6,000,000. The money will be paid out to the University over a period of six years. Most will go into an endowment. In recognition of this generous gift, the Faculty Senate was asked to approve the naming of the two units to: W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation and Franke Global Leadership Initiative. The names have been approved by the Faculty in the College of Forestry and Conservation and the Global Leadership Advisory Council.

The Franke’s reside in Arizona and have a home in Big Fork, Montana. Mr. Franke brings his business partners to Big Fork and has asked UM to provide speakers. They run a number of businesses, many associated with domestic and international airlines. They are amazing people and very interested in conservation. Over the past six years they have visited campus several times and talked with students, faculty, and staff.

Interim College of Forestry and Conservation Dean, Michael Patterson provided more detail regarding the opportunities the gift will support for the College.

* + **W.A. Franke Freshwater Conservation Initiative** – Competitive research fellowships to faculty and student teams working on the complex issues of global water management and conservation
  + **W.A. Franke Sustainability Fellows Program** (largest section of gift)- Fellowship awards to undergraduate students to study sustainability abroad or locally
  + **W.A. Franke Scholarship Fund** - General scholarship support for undergraduate or graduate students in any CFC program
  + **W.A. Franke Endowed Graduate Fellowships in Wildlife Biology** - Competitive fellowship awards to Wildlife Biology graduate students
  + **W.A. Franke Endowed Faculty Chair in Forest Conservation** - Support for a faculty member who is a leading expert in forest conservation
  + **W.A. Franke Endowed Faculty Chair in Watershed Hydrology** - Support for a faculty member who is a leading expert in issues of water
  + **W.A. Franke Internship Fund** - Support for undergraduates participating in an internship related to their degree
  + **W.A. Franke Innovation Fund** - Support for future emerging issues to be addressed by faculty or students

President Engstrom spoke to the gifts for the Global Leadership Initiative. The generous donation will strengthen both these programs.

* + **W.A. Franke Global Leadership Initiative Program Fund** - Support for programmatic costs of the Franke Global Leadership Initiative
  + **W.A. Franke Global Leadership Initiative Fellowship Fund** - Support for undergraduate students participating in a beyond-the-classroom academic experience (study abroad, research project, or internship) in the student’s third year

The gift agreement was signed on September 23rd, approved by the College of Forestry Faculty on September 28th and by the GLI Oversight Board on October 6th. The naming, if approved today will be on the Board of Regents agenda for the November meeting. President Engstrom thanked those involved in cultivating the relationship with the Franke family; specifically he acknowledged Kate Jennings initiative.

Senator Ware motioned to approve the gift naming (W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation and Franke Global Leadership Initiative).

Questions:

Senator Beck: Are the endowed chairs fully funded?

Dean Patterson: The endowed chairs are partially funded through the gift and can go to existing faculty member or a new hire in support of salary and research. The College can decide how the money is used.   
  
Senator Beck: Is there a standard for naming eligibility in terms of the amount of the gift.

President Engstrom: The University and the Board of Regents have a general guideline for naming. If the naming is for a building, the gift should cover half of the cost of the project. The practice for programmatic naming gifts is to approximately equal the operating budget of the program.

Senator Valentin: Can the GLI gift be used to develop a language component for the GLI program?

President Engstrom: The funds designated for the GLI are specifically geared toward the students’ out of classroom experience and administrative support. None of the funds would support a specific department or faculty lines.   
  
Senator Frey: If the GLI was to be eliminated, would the funds then go to the College of Forestry and Conservation?   
  
President Engstrom: That is correct, If the GLI no longer exists, the funds would then go to the College of Forestry and Conservation.

The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.