

ECOS Agenda, February 6, 2020 3:00 p.m. UH 221

Call to Order

- Approve [1/23/20](#) minutes.

Public Comment

Communication

- Chair-elect's report
 - Meeting with Provost
 - Response from Deputy Commissioner Tessman – Communication with OCHE (appended below)
- Guests scheduled:
 - 2/13 Faculty Reps on Academic Budget Subcommittee
 - 2/20 VP Paul Lasiter
- Any follow-up needed from Senate Meeting: Micro-credential Taskforce?
 - Assoc Dean Klaus Uhlenbruck volunteered
- Center Review assignment reminders – to be completed by 3/12/20
 - *Bolle Center for People and Forests* (missing external report) (Mike, Chris)
 - Broadcast Media Center (Mark, Anthony)
 - Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics (Nancy, Jody)
 - Center for Natural Resource and Environmental Policy (Anthony, Mark)
 - *National Native Children's Trauma Center* (missing external report) (Julie, Nancy)
 - *Wilderness Institute* (missing external report) (Chris, Mike,)
 - Institute on Tourism and Research (Jody and Julie)
- Elections will be conducted in Qualtrics –review faculty list according to [procedure](#)

Business items:

- Expectations of faculty committee members nominated by ECOS – revise nomination letters
- Faculty List for Elections
- How should fourth course buyout be distributed? - ASCRC, Gen Ed, Grad Council – all have co-chairs, Writing & Library Committee meet monthly
- Consider Annual Review of Senate / ECOS policies (stated in [Bylaws](#): Section III.1.g) – are any edits needed?

Faculty Senate (100)

- [101.10 Approval of Graduation Lists](#)
- [101.20 Honorary Degrees, Consideration of](#)
- [101.30 Posthumous Degree Candidates, Consideration of/ PDF version](#)
- [101.40 Items that Require Senate Approval](#)
- [101.50 Resolutions](#)

ECOS Procedures (102)

- [102.10 Annual Reports](#)
- [102.20 Committee Nominations and Appointments](#)
- [102.30 Center Review / Center Review Budget Form](#)
- [102.35 Academic Program Review](#)
- [102.40 Evaluation of the Administration](#)
- [102.50 Faculty Senate Elections](#)
- [102.60 Program of the Senate](#)
- [102.70 Interim Assessment of New Programs](#)
- [102.80 Service Award](#)
- [102.90 Reassigned Time / Form](#)

Good and Welfare

Adjournment

Message from Deputy Commissioner

First, please accept my sincere apologies for being so tardy to respond to this email, and then also Mark's earlier outreach. I have taken some time to reach out to my colleagues here at OCHE to think about how best to proceed on this front.

The bottom line is that I would like to personally have more direct communication with faculty governance leaders across the MUS. This is by far the best way for me to learn more about the opportunities and challenges facing faculty. The tension, of course, is respecting the role of campus-level leadership (especially the CAO/Provost).

What would you all think about a regular (annual, or perhaps once per semester) convening that would include myself, faculty governance leaders, and CAOs who were interested in attending? We could host the meeting here in Helena or in some other central location, and build some structure to the session with a focus on 3-4 key areas of discussion. Important to me would also be a healthy amount of time set

aside for “open discussion” about anything faculty wanted to address. Although I would hope CAOs and myself would be very active participants in the conversation, I would expect that it would be driven by the interests and ideas of the faculty attendees.

All these are just first draft ideas. What do you think? Perhaps we can follow up with a phone call and then also figure out how/when to share with faculty leaders on other campuses and also the CAO group.

Again, thanks for your patience with this. I am sorry it took so long to reply. I owe you an extra hot wing,
Mark 😊

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