

Members in Attendance

Daisy Gibson
Daniel Casmier
Doug Zander
Jana Parson
Leonard Bates
Roger Peffer
Brad Bechard

Faculty, Staff and Guests in Attendance

Dena Wagner-Fossen
Joel Simms
Kate Peterson
Russ Motschenbacher
Carli Cockrell
Mike Walker
Michael Shell
Susan Wolff
Leanne Frost
Heather Palermo

Note: *The Chair of the Curriculum Committee does not vote unless it will affect the result.*

I. Call to Order

Leonard Bates calls the meeting to order.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes approved.

III. Information Items

a. Dr. Susan Wolff discusses the legislative session.

Dr. Wolff discussed that the legislature passed the pay plan for the University and State employees and it was passed for the amount per hour (\$0.50) versus the percentage increase, for the next two years. This is in recognition of the fact that the percentages really helped the people who had a lower salary rate versus those who have a higher one and this will help the lower salary people. Wolff stressed such good support from our legislators for the college. Dr. Wolff discussed the 6 mill levy sunset, which, for the last 70 years Montanans have voted/approved to keep the mill, there is now a bill to sunset that requirement. Dr. Wolff said that she reaches out to the representatives to understand their point of view and discuss it with them. The infrastructure bill which currently has three different versions are going to go out to be voted on and Dr. Wolff is aware that the college's dental project is in the bill. This bill is known to be a political give and take for this legislature. Tracy Ellig is the VP for communications and marketing in Bozeman is on loan to OCHE for the session to help support the college. Dr. Wolff does not have the numbers of the new bills but will update when she has that information. She acknowledges that if it does not pass, it is not because people do not understand it. She has found that people are

generally in favor of this across the state because of the starting wages and opportunities.

IV. Action Items

FS-A-2019-222-01- Carli Cockrell – Revision to Tobacco Use policy, with a vote from Faculty Senate.

A task force was created in the summer of 2018 with Josh Archey to create a healthy campus task force and who looked at the policy 601.3 Tobacco Use. This was part of the grant that was received from truth.com, which gets their funds from lawsuits from big tobacco companies and is specifically used for advocacy. They are looking at the policy and change it to be a smoke free policy for the campus. On the task force was faculty, staff, students, respiratory therapy representatives, student government, truth group from student representatives, Native American representatives, and Heidi Pasek. The task force researched policies in Montana and U.S. wide as well as University of Providence and MSU Bozeman campus policies, then began the revision process. Most are going toward smoke free campuses and they are revising the policy to present to ET team. It was presented to student government which was passed with only one person opposed to the changes. Presenting it to Faculty Senate is the first step.

Carli then presented the current policy against the new revised policy. They made changes in the Introduction & Purpose, by adding nicotine delivery systems, and then changing it to say it is strictly prohibited. There was also a change to state everyone or all persons instead of listing individual groups. Under definition they revised the products, to include new products and gateways to smoking or tobacco use and included that FDA-approved cessation devices are permissible.

Under Policy A. they revised the locations of where smoking products is prohibited as well as the designated areas have been removed. It was suggested by a faculty member to change in policy A to say everyone instead of listing groups, and to make the changes to say all persons.

Policy B was removed from the original since it stated the smoking was permissible in the smoking area, and Policy C is the same, Policy D remains the same, and Policy E in the original had an error that missed the word “property” which was noted. Policy F was changed from tobacco free to smoke free. There was discussion about changing under compliance to all persons instead of listing groups. Compliance stayed the same as well, with some wording changes for smoke free. The Exceptions part stayed the same.

The question was asked about smoking in a vehicle on campus property. It was decided that the vehicle is private property and you are able to smoke in it. Enforcement was discussed and it was decided education on where they can smoke, which would be the exterior sidewalks and vehicles. The enforcement would be addressed with Mary Kay for students and faculty/staff. People who make reservations for campus facilities are to receive a copy of the policy for the tobacco use. If it is approved and goes into effect, the truth group would be able to purchase signage advertising that they are a smoke free university be able to repurpose the smoke shack to promote outdoor time. Encouraging people to quit and providing resources to those people is also part of the program. The question was asked about the closure of the smoke shack and timing with the signage. If the policy is approved, the advertising of the smoke free campus would have it be done in preparation for the Fall semester with the closure of the smoke shack.

The disposable of cigarettes was brought up and what plan is in place for cigarettes disposal that is safe because people still will be smoking. Currently the only place where there is a cigarette disposal is the welding department. A survey was sent out to faculty, staff, and students about would you be in favor of smoke free campus, to get an impression of what people think. It was mostly filled out by people who do not smoke, but the smokers did say that they feel quarantined and they have a designated area away from everyone. The right to breathe clean air takes precedent over smokers in the State of Montana law. This policy is not meant to be anti-smoker but anti-smoking.

It was suggested to make the changes and bring the changes back to the next meeting, and the committee voted that the changes should be made and the committee will vote on the policy.

A. Discussion Items

It was asked about the results of the 8-week surveys and Dr. Susan Wolff said that the results would be presented at the next CPAC meeting.

This is the end of the 4-year term for Leonard, Brad, Dan, and Doug, there are not term limits. This is a reminder to consider if you would run again or if you would like to be done, make some recommendations for the position.

B. Vote

- a. Carli will make the changes suggested to the tobacco policy and bring it back to Faculty Senate to vote on in the next meeting.

V. Comment on Non-Agenda Items

VI. Adjourn

Meeting adjourns at 10:51 am