

Great Falls College MSU
Faculty Senate Minutes
Friday, January 22, 2021
10:00 a.m. Webex

Recording of meeting can be found on Shared drive z:/faculty senate/Meetings 2020-2021

Members in attendance:

Jana Parsons, Leonard Bates, Roger Pepper, Jeni Luft, Doug Zander, Daisy Gibson, Brad Bechard, Mark Plant, Brenda Canine, Brie Menut, Leanne Frost, Troy Stoddard, Heidi Pasek, Jeri Pullman, Joel Sims, Dena Wagner-Fossen, Kris Hancke, Larry Vaccaro, Mandy Wright, Mike Walker, Thomas Oakberg, Tina Gambhir

Call to Order by Jana Parsons – Meeting started at 10:00 am

Approval of Minutes from 10-23-20, motion was made by Doug and Seconded by Daisy. There was no discussion and no opposition to the minutes. Minutes were passed unanimously.

There is a lot of information on the recording to augment these minutes. Please review recording for further clarification.

8 week advantage collection and data analysis – Leanne and Troy tried to answer questions best they could but mentioned that some may need to be answered by Eleazar.

Questions:

1. 1 year retention – do we have from other schools during that period that we have compared ourselves to?

Answer – yes, data is on OCHE website and national trends

2. Are the difference in credits completed, are the significantly statistically different?

Answer – You will have to ask Eleazar that question

3. Completed benchmark slides – Lot of changes in curriculum, we don't have any developmental sequence level English course, how do we talk about trends when there are no developmental English students on our campus?

Answer - Co-requisite sections separately. Advising and coaching changes.

4. On-boarding students – What steps or measures have we taken to on-board those B block students that perhaps makes them more ready for that second intake.

Answer - Have an orientation for B block students that includes Tech Essentials. It is on-line and not mandatory. Late registration students are less likely to do it. More are registering, but not completing. First Year Experience (FYE) committee is looking at making it mandatory or part of D2L. Advisors are having the same level of conversation regardless of Block.

Request: have FYE group look at that data, as students who have not completed Tech essentials are starting off at a disadvantage and it may be affecting retention and completion rates.

5. Student Experience Discussion– comments that help reflect some challenges for our students in completing courses in the 8 advantage and withdrawal.

Answer - Dispelling some of the rumors that students are unable to complete in 8 weeks and are withdrawing or not returning, especially, students with learning disabilities – courses move to fast. Survey of students was done and most concerns from students that were contacted were regarding life issues – loss of babysitter, moved, joined the military. Nobody said anything about the 8 week advantage. You might hear those things, but the data does not support it. Students that dropped before the withdrawal date were not contacted.

6. Data collection on the qualitative side. As we go, there are less and less students with experience with the 16 week semester – are we changing our questions to reflect that.

Answer - Yes, there is a branch question which asks if they have taken a 16 week classes before or not, and then branches from there.

7. Gutman college does not offer any Health Science Programs

Answer - Visit was 8 years ago and brought back ideas. There was additional research, please refer to recording.

8. What percentage of students are still taking the same part time load in the 8 weeks that would in the 16 week.

Answer - Overall the credit load for the year has not decreased.

Some 8 weeks classes will not go back to 16 weeks this year or next, we need more data. If the data shows that students are not going to be successful, then yah, I think it opens the door to have that discussion. We need more than one semester of data.

Enrollment Reports

Jana for Eleazar – Enrollment numbers – informational only, we haven't met our numbers.

COVID Vaccine distribution- Updates

Keep an eye out for the Wednesday updates. One thing to note, vaccination is not required for anyone, including students. Bedside clinic workers were offered the opportunity to be vaccinated, we thank the CCHD for that offer. Otherwise, CCHD is still following guidelines for age.

Program Review - Larry

Please review the recording for Larry's presentation. Very informative.

Programs reviewed: Health Information Coding Specialist – Certificate of Applied Science, Health Information Technology – Associate of Applied Science, and Accounting Associate of Applied Science. All recommendations were approved.

Letter to OCHE on against HB 102 – Jana shared that she received comments to support OCHE and she used those in the letter. No discussion from the group.

Action Items

- A. **FS-D-2020-1113-01 Review draft of Academic Freedom section of accreditation report.** What are your thoughts about the language Jeri Pullum has drafted?

Motion to approve draft language – Brian Cayko

Seconded by Mark Plante

Discussion and Call for vote

No opposition - Motion passed unanimously

Discussion Items:

- A. For the Good of the Order – no other discussion items.

Motion to adjourn – Leonard Bates