

Great Falls College MSU  
Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 26, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. Webex

Attendance: Jana Parsons, Mark Plante, Roger Pepper, Brad Bechard, Doug Zander, Leonard Bates, Daisy Gibson, Russell Motschenbacher, Jeni Luft, Oceane Weldele, Dr. Wolff, Kris Sher, Elyssa Wassman, Leanne Frost, Dena Wagner-Fossen, Jeri Pullman, Mike Walker, Tina Gambhir, Becky Sullivan

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes from 2/12/21 meeting

Doug Zander – motion to approve

Mark ~~LaPlante~~ ~~Plante~~ – seconded

No discussion or changes

Minutes were approved

III. Information Items

A. COVID Vaccine distribution- Update

Mary Kay sent out an e-mail regarding getting on the list for Covid vaccination in preparation for Phase 1C. If you want on the list, please respond to Mary Kay or email Mallory Antovel.

IV. Action Items:

A. A-02242021-1 Oceane Weldele

Initial review of draft policy 510.1 Honoria and Non-Employment Stipends.

Background for policy request: People are going to Oceane saying they need to pay someone for something and the conditions are not clear as to what they are paying for or why. These payments need to be accurately run through Accounts Payable according to GFC and the IRS for accounting and tax purposes. This policy would clarify the process.

Clarification of terms:

Honorarium is for guest speakers that agree to come & speak but do not request payment for their time and talents. This honorarium payment is a small amount, a Thank You gesture per se, that GFC pays to the speaker without having been obligated to do so.

Non-Employment stipends are as their title implies, stipends that are not tied to employment. Non-Employment stipends, for example, can be paid for participation in programs such as the Native American Enrichment Program. They are a stipend that is paid at a specified time, such as the end of the semester, for completion of participation in a program.

This policy would not cover regular employment, or employment stipends that go through HR.

- B. A-02232021-1 Dr. Wolff's recommendation that Faculty Senate address questions about the 8-week Advantage to CAAAC.

Discussion of a list of questions that arose out of the presentation of the 8 week advantage during the January 22, 2021 meeting and questions posed to Faculty Senate since that discussion. These questions were compiled and written by members of Faculty Senate. This is a draft and it will be placed in the shared drive for review by all interested persons and discussed at the next Faculty Senate meeting. At that time it will be decided if the list of questions are forwarded to the CAAAC group.

The document is supposed to be instructive to the CAAAC group which is conducting those assessments. There are a good representation of Faculty on the CAAAC committee, but Faculty do not have a formal way of responding to the work that CAAAC has done. Faculty Senate is suggesting this list of questions is a good way of moving forward with transparency and communication based on the number of questions that arose.

Question – is this a good approach.

Answer – Leonard states yes, it is appropriate that they be asked and addressed. Mark concurred with Leonard's statement.

Jeri, who is a member of CAAAC, stated she is delighted to read and welcome the questions. CAAAC asks - what are we going to do with this information and can we act on this information?

Jana - As part of the scope of work of CAAAC and their charge, could they find a way for formal feedback or guidance on projects.

Dr. Wolff – these things take time, UM – Western and their experience one has taken 15 years.

## V. Discussion Items

- A. Progress of the Distance Education policy development subcommittee.
- a. Convened the group asynchronously to discuss document Dena sent - Royce's-Rice's policy draft is probably a good place to start. Use it to tailor a draft that will meet GFC's needs.
- B. Science Fair will be virtual and judges are needed. Please contact Charla or LeaAnne.
- C. Roger – By-Laws are still in progress and being updated. No working draft as yet.

D. Dr. Wolff – Updates

- a. HB102 Regents are working with OCHE and studying other states that have carry policies on campus.
- b. Tuss resigned his Regent Position and Loren Baugh has been appointed
- c. Todd Cannon is returning to the Regents.
- d. HB – Education for those who are incarcerated. Connections 101 and core certificate for Gen Ed Programs to State Prisoners at Cascade County Detention Center. May allow for every successful credit, it reduces time off their sentence. Hope for returning as a productive member of society.
- e. Two bills that would have negatively impacted the Dental programs have been tabled.
- f. Adult Education (Jana) – there have been no conversation about bringing adult education under GFC in Cascade County.

VI. Adjourn – Mark Plante