Great Falls College MSU

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

Friday, May 7, 2021 - 10:00 a.m. Webex

Attendance: Jana Parsons, Leonard Bates, Brad Bechard, Daisy Gibson, Mark Plante, Dr. Leanne Frost, Mike Walker, Brian Cayko

I. Call to Order at 10am

II. Approval of Minutes

Because of the nature of this meeting, the approval of the minutes for 4/23/21 will be deferred until fall semester

III. Information Items

Jana Parsons discussed the email sent to senators and division directors regarding elections. There were inadequate nominees for the available positions. The senate concurred that elections to fill vacancies and for the executive committee (officers) should be held in fall to make sure this opportunity for service is made available to interested faculty members.

IV. Action Items:

Resolution: **The Great Falls College Faculty Senate supports the Senate leadership to represent the GFC Faculty to uphold the MUS Board of Regents’ constitutional authority to govern the MUS campuses.**

Discussion: Jana explained that this resolution was coming as a result of ongoing conversation at MUSFAR regarding legislation from this session that appeared to be overreach in that it attempts to set policy on campuses, e.g., restricting voter registration, speech, firearms, participation of transgender athletes, when per the Montana constitution that role is reserved for the BOR. This resolution would allow two representatives (senate chair and vice chair) to speak on behalf of the faculty via MUSFAR.

Vote: proposed amendment to include “within the field of academia” was defeated (ayes – Brad, Daisy; nays – Mark, Leonard, and Jana as tiebreaker). Resolution as drafted passed (ayes – Leonard, Mark, Brad, Daisy; nays - none)

V. Adjourn @ 10:45.