

Great Falls College MSU
Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
September 10, 2021

Attendance

In-Person: Jana Parson, Stacy Lowry, Mark Plante, Daisy Gibson, Carmen Roberts, Joel Henderson, Elyssa Wassman.

On-line: Doug Zander, Kris Hancke, Tina Gambhir, Toni Quinn, Laramie Smovir, Heidi Pasek, Brie Menut, Brenda Canine, Dena Wagner-Fossen

I. Call to Order at 10:06 am

II. Approval of Minutes from 4/23/21 & 5/7/2021 meetings.

Motion to approve: Mark

All in favor, minutes approved

III. Information Items:

Name change: Division Directors to Academic Affairs Leadership Team – Stacy Lowry

Jana called for questions and discussion: none.

IV. Action Items:

Policy 300.5 300.6 Procedure for Student Appeals and Academic Grievances – Stacy Lowry, first reading.

Jana called for questions or discussion:

The following statements were made:

Grievance is different each time

Committee will receive a packet of info specific to the grievance

Stacy will form each committee with appropriate members

Note: this does not happen very often

There was no discussion or questions about the above statements.

Vote will be called at next Faculty Senate meeting

V. Discussion Items

A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Team – Brie

- Brie introduced the DEI and asked for volunteers to be members, please email Brie if you are interested in participating.
- Faculty Senate agreed to give the Diversity Statement portion of the Syllabus to the DEI to manage. Each year when the syllabus is review, the current statement will become part of the new syllabus.

B. Enrollment numbers

- Discussion focused on why and how the number are distributed to campus.
- Carmen responded it was to keep everyone in the loop.
- Question arose as to what, if anything, folks are suppose to do with the information, again it was reiterated it was for informational purposes.
- Discussion arose that maybe there was a location in the shared drive or website that the inform could be posted so that those who want to know the information can access it without sending out an email.

C. HB 102 update for campus

- There is a STAY of execution on the Legislative ruling and Campuses are operating under the old policy at this time.
- No MUSFAR update on this topic.

D. Syllabus review including Diversity statement.

- Diversity statement will be handed over to DEI Team and whenever there is a new syllabus form, the most recent Diversity Statement from DEI will be included.

E. Building hours on weekends

- Jana has heard from constituents, and requested that, in the future, Faculty Senate be consulted and collaborated in regards to such decisions.

F. Election of Officers for Faculty Senate

- Need to have a written plan for rotation and succession plan.
- Also have called for nominations & volunteers.
- Continued discussion at next meeting

G. Streamlining/revising/restructuring committees

- List of all policies to be review is on the Faculty Senate Teams file location as an excel file.
- Please review the “currently being reviewed” policies each week for discussion at the Faculty Senate meeting. I will try and list them on the Agenda in advance.
- A lot of the policies are actually procedures and will be labeled as such and removed from the GFC Policies. Others are simple changes to names (replace COT or Vo-Tech with GFC) or department positions within the document, those will be revised without discussion.
- Policies that may be deemed antiquated or simply outdated will be reviewed in further detail.
- If you ever have any questions outside of Faculty Senate, please contact Carmen Roberts.

VI. Standing Discussion Items

A. MSUFAR update – Jana

- Masking & Vaccination – lot of discussion, especially from the smaller campuses on the timeliness, or lack there of, of distribution of information.
- Biggest concern – keeping campuses open and with minimal disruption of classes.
- Billings being the hotspot of Covid is very concerned and has numerous disruptions.
- MUSFAR has drafted a letter to send to OCHE/BOR with their concerns.
- Best way to describe not being able to make decisions for our campuses – “a bit of a pickle”

B. Policy Reviews – Stacy and Carmen

- 161 policies over the next 3 years. The policies will then be put on a regular revolving schedule for review so as not to have this volume all at once in the future.
- Faculty Senate and Staff Senate will be voting on policies. If the changes don't pass, they will go back for review.
- There will be 8 rounds of policy revision this year.

C. Curriculum Changes/New Programs

- Where do they come from and how are they approved.
- Long range planning – is there a bull pen of ideas with metrics.
- Who are the stakeholders that are invited to the discussion and how are they chosen.
- More discussion to follow.

VI. Adjourned at 11am