Minutes from the October 16, 1975 meeting of the University of Montana faculty

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Ex-officio members present: Dr. Philip Bain, Director, Admissions and Records, Academic Vice President James Talbot, Fiscal Affairs Vice President Dale Tomlinson.

Guests: Dean John Stewart, Graduate School and Dean Richard Solberg, College of Arts and Sciences.

I. The minutes of June 5 and August 21, 1975, were approved as distributed.

II. Chairman Lowe made the following announcements:

A. Howard Reinhardt, Mathematics, was appointed parliamentarian of the Senate.

B. Four vacancies in the Senate and their replacements were approved:

   Thomas E. Margrave, Physics and Astronomy, replaced by Joel Meier, HPER.
   John Means, Psychology, replaced by Gloria Hewitt, Mathematics.
   Larry Ellison, Law, replaced by Thomas Nimlos, Forestry.

III. Election of a member from the Sciences Group to the Executive Committee of the Senate.

   The Sciences Group caucused and nominated M. Nakamura to the Executive Committee. The Senate approved the nomination.

IV. Committee Reports:

A. Dean John Stewart, Graduate Council, presented the three proposals which came as seconded motions from the Council for approval by the Senate.

   (1) Master's Degree Program in Rural, Town and Regional Planning. Some objections were raised by Senators because of the present retrenchment and lack of resources to support the program. Medora recommended that this program and the other two be approved contingent upon the availability of funds. Professor Evan Denney, Geography, agreed with the concern
for funds but stated this program would largely be pooling resources currently available at the University and would also provide flexibility within the Geography Department. Dean Stewart added that the Graduate Council has eliminated programs without adding any for the last four years. Bolle and Fisher spoke in favor of the program. Chandler stated the library administration was concerned about sufficient money to support these programs. Grossman questioned the relevance of dollars discussion, stating he believed we should be voting on the merits of the proposal. Banaugh stated a concern over lack of computer based information courses in the program.

A vote on the proposal was taken and the Program passed the Senate.

(2) Master of Public Administration Degree. Dean Stewart stated this program reflected a new and important direction and could be done as an option under the present program. Porter inquired as to the annual cost and Louis Hayes, Chairman, Political Science, responded the FTE has been hired and the cost given in the proposal was a total five-year figure, set in terms of optimum desired. Reinhardt stated he had been asked to raise the question of consultation with departments that would offer support courses. Pirrong raised a similar question, adding that one of the Business Administration courses listed was no longer offered. Hayes replied that some time ago either the Deans, Chairmen or instructors were consulted. Mussulman spoke to the library budget, stating any additional requirements would further divide the already minute budgets. Hayes replied that part of the Department's library allocation was being spent on many of these materials now, and they would not be asking for additional monies.

The Program was approved by the Senate.

(3) Master's Degree in School Psychology. Stewart informed the Senate this Program had been developed over a period of two years. Lackschewitz questioned the conceptual necessity of the program and Fisher inquired if the program would require actual experience in the schools. James Walsh, Chairman, Psychology, said the program was designed to develop skills for the school psychologist and would require ten hours experience in the schools and an extended practicum. Erickson asked about the additional FTE for the program and Walsh replied an additional person or two would be necessary and that this program had been brought to their attention by people in Helena. The program was a response to a need for something that is not being done. Von Kuster and Fisher spoke in favor of the program.

The Program was passed by the Senate.

B. Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee. Graham Thompson, Chairman, ASCRC, presented the seconded motion to the Senate. He explained that the criteria for honors would be tied to a percentage, the first 5% receiving high honors and the next 10% receiving honors. Bolle felt this proposal would reward inflated grades and penalize some departments. Grossman thought it inappropriate to quickly vote on the issue and felt it should be returned to ASCRC. Porter moved to refer the motion back to ASCRC. The motion was seconded and approved by the Senate.
C. Calendar Committee report. Ron Erickson, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, referred to the report distributed, and felt the results disclosed gross indecision as to preference. Bain, acting representative to the inter-unit Calendar Committee, said the Commissioner's Office was pursuing this matter but the first objective would be a common calendar unit-wide.

V. Old Business:

A. Corrections to list #145, candidates for the bachelor's degrees and certificates and all advanced degrees at the close of summer, were presented by Academic Vice President James Talbot and approved by the Senate.

VI. New Business:

A. Chairman Lowe asked Academic Vice President Talbot to speak to the Senate on the subject of the Role and Scope report requested by the Board of Regents. Talbot stated the report must be completed by next Friday and that they will preface the statement by saying this matter of role and scope is currently before committee on this campus. He further stated that we must stake out and define our territory.

B. Chairman Lowe introduced Fiscal Affairs Vice President Dale Tomlinson.

C. Chairman Lowe asked to postpone his address to the Senate as well as discussion of the faculty load report.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

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