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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA
FACULTY SENATE
MINUTES
10/21/76


Members Absent: Browder, Heliker, Hess (out of town), Lange, McClain (out of town), Patton (out of town), Silverman, Weist (out of town).

1. Minutes of August 23 were approved as distributed; September 30 minutes were corrected to reflect a motion by Grossman to table entire PAPFA matter; October 7 minutes were approved as distributed; October 14 minutes were corrected to reflect Von Kuster's absence as excused.

2. Announcements:
   
   A. President Bowers' "State of the University" address will be deferred until December or January so that he may report at that time on the most recent Board of Regents' meetings.

   B. Consideration of the Mission Statement will be deferred until next meeting due to consideration of PAPFA at this time.

   C. ECOS met with accreditation team from ABA during their interim visit to the Law School.

   D. ECOS sent telegram to Ted James, Chairman, Board of Regents, with respect to the procedures used in selecting Deputy Commissioner and also met with Commissioner Pettit on Monday. Fisher moved the Senate support the stand of the Executive Committee on the selection process of the Deputy Commissioner. Von Kuster seconded and the motion carried.

3. Communications:

Howard E. Reinhardt reported on the status of the Consolidation Committee and stated the committee was determined and convinced that consolidation between the two campuses need not be a zero sum game, that there can be advantages to both campuses. The committee has met three times and determined that: 1) Western will remain Western, 2) will continue to be a baccalaureate granting institution, 3) neither students nor faculty will be assigned against their will, 4) transfers by students will be simplified, 5) the Consolidation Committee is a steering committee and an appropriate faculty committee will be involved early on, 6) our Academic Standards and Curriculum Committee will participate, 7) German and French being taught at Dillon now under the auspices of our campus, 8) computer terminals to be in Dillon soon for access to our computer, 9) a fairly detailed report will be presented to the Board of Regents in December so that they can go to the Legislature with some fairly current ideas of things we have in mind, 10) more ideas by next Fall, and 11) the campus at Dillon shall be fully utilized.
Old Business:

A. Academic Vice President Arnold W. Bolle reported on the status of the University Writing Program. He stated that the program as adopted by the Senate last Spring has full support of the administration but the problem in implementation is funding. Bolle stated the program is included in the supplementary budget for January and the present plans are to start it in time for Spring Quarter.

B. ECOS report on PAPFA. The Executive Committee brought a seconded motion to the Senate which proposed a ballot to the faculty with four options on PAPFA: 1) write standards by November 15 and retain Review Committee, 2) write standards by November 15 and suspend Review Committee for 1976-77, 3) write standards by April 1, 1977 and retain Review Committee, and 4) write standards by April 1, 1977 and suspend Review Committee for 1976-77. The ballot will be distributed by October 25, and made due October 28. If no majority reached, a runoff will be needed and that ballot will be distributed November 1 and due November 4. If balloting approved, ECOS feels it would need the discretion to work with administration in providing a reasonable calendar for this year. The final aspect of the proposal is a broad-based committee composed of faculty, deans and administrators to propose by Spring an overall document for evaluation and to draft a consensus of PAPFA. Shellen, Grossman, Field, McCormick, Chessin, Shafizadeh, Henningsen, Rettenmayer, and Huff spoke to the motion. Chandler moved previous question. Grossman seconded. The motion to cut off debate passed. The motion from ECOS to distribute the ballot to the faculty passed the Senate.

Shellen's motion, tabled at last Senate meeting, was discussed. Bolle, Huff, Shellen, Porter, Freer, Rettenmayer spoke to motion. Huff moved motion be tabled and that ECOS work with Shellen and Bolle in revising the motion. The motion was seconded and passed.

Huff asked ECOS to remind department chairpersons of the Faculty Senate policy on teacher evaluation by students as part of the PAPFA process.

5. New Business:

A. Material explaining charge of the proposed ad hoc Committee on Faculty Development was distributed. Walsh stated Weist and Silverman would be on committee as ex-officio members. Porter, Grossman, Shafizadeh, Field spoke to the matter. Walsh stated that membership would include a representative of the Deans' Council as well as the Central Administration.

B. Jim Walsh, Chairman of the Senate, gave the following report on anticipated activities of the year. He stated that of the concerns and goals of ECOS, six points were most important: 1) we should strive for an adequate level of funding for the University through a coordinated lobbying effort and a positive approach to collective bargaining, 2) strive to structure an equitable and realistic level of faculty development, 3) coordination of scholarship and aid programs on campus in the form of an effective and clearly charged Scholarship Committee, 4) continue to work with Research Advisory Council and the Office of Sponsored Research to better support all research on campus and stronger administrative procedures, 5) effective involvement of all segments of University community for better advising program, and 6) to work with students and administration to form equitable grievance procedures.

6. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

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