Minutes from the December 9, 1976 meeting of the University of Montana faculty

University of Montana (Missoula, Mont. : 1965-1994)

Members Absent: Berger, Browder (out of town), Freer, Grossman, Hewitt, Kimble, Porter (out of town), Reinhardt (out of town), Steensland (seminar), Taylor.

Ex-officio members present: President Richard C. Bowers, Academic Vice President Arnold W. Bolle, Director of Admissions and Records Philip T. Bain.

Guests: Deputy Commissioner Irving E. Dayton, Board of Regents' member Sid R. Thomas.

1. The minutes of November 18, 1976 were approved as distributed.

2. Announcements:

   A. Rodney Brod, Sociology, new senator replacing George Heliker, Economics.

   B. James Dew, Art, has resigned and election in Schools will be necessary for replacement.

   C. ECOS charged with looking into summer programs at last Senate meeting and an ad hoc committee has been formed to present recommendations. Dean Hall has been consulted and asked that no further action be taken until all new offerings have been reviewed by the Academic Standards and Curriculum Review Committee.

   D. The Mission Statement is in the process of being revised and may be ready for Senate in January.

   E. Memorial resolution for Edmund Freeman was to have been presented but has been delayed.

3. Committee Reports:

   A. Academic Vice President Arnold W. Bolle presented for approval changes from the summer session list 149, Candidates for Degrees and Certificates, as well as list 150, Candidates for Degrees and Certificates for Autumn Quarter, subject to provision that all requirements for the respective degrees and certificates be completed in accordance with faculty rules. The lists were approved by the Senate.

   Dean Richard Solberg, College of Arts and Sciences, presented on behalf of the faculty a recommendation that a posthumous degree of BA in Social Work be awarded to Mary Pat Mahoney. It was so moved, seconded and passed by the Senate.
Old Business:

A. Revision of proposal regarding evaluation and advancement recommendations for chairpersons and deans from President Bowers and AVP Bolle, which comes as a seconded motion from ECOS. Proposal was distributed to Senators.

Huff stated that on page two, tenure and advancement recommendations should be initiated by faculty members, rather than Academic VP or Deans. O'Donnell stated procedures for other than periodic reviews were not provided for. It was assumed they will be conducted by the same procedures outlined for periodic reviews. Shellen spoke to Huff's remarks, stating there must be an administrative person responsible for initiating reviews. O'Donnell moved that last paragraph on page two contain following statement: "All tenure and advancement recommendations for chairmen be based upon past practices for tenure and advancement procedures in the respective departments". Shellen seconded. Shellen withdrew second after discussion of development of standards by departments being accomplished this year. Huff moved that paragraph concerning tenure and advancement recommendation for deans on page 2 be replaced with the following: "Tenure and advancement recommendations for Deans normally are initiated by the faculty of the Dean's discipline, consistent with the academic criteria used for other members of the discipline, on consultation with the AVP"; and the paragraph on tenure and advancement for chairmen on page 2 be replaced with: "Tenure and advancement recommendations for chairmen normally are initiated by the faculty of the chairman's discipline, consistent with the academic criteria used for other members of the discipline, in consultation with the Dean". Chessin seconded. Both motions passed the Senate.

Hess moved that "student representative" be added to item B.3. Huff seconded and motion passed. The proposal, as amended, passed the Senate.

5. New Business:

A. Deputy Commissioner Irving Dayton, Helena, answered questions relating to university system budget and funding, workshop credits, mandatory athletic fee, process by which he was appointed Deputy Commissioner, and faculty governance on individual campuses.

B. Sid Thomas, Board of Regents' member, spoke to Senate regarding philosophy of Regents, allocating resources for maximum benefit and looking at total educational needs of the State in the most efficient manner, eliminating unnecessary duplication, BOR relying on faculty for quality programs of interest to students, BOR taking steps to define limits for institutional autonomy and an 18% increase in general funding this year - down from 36% last biennium. He predicted higher degree of executive and legislative meddling in higher education and expected BOR to pass athletic funding question back to units. Thomas felt Deputy Commissioner's position should have been nationwide search and stated BOR now writing up policy on positions in Commissioner's Office. BOR will be defining what they want accomplished in program reviews also. He thought formal lobbying efforts should be presented by BOR, Presidents and Commissioner, but saw nothing wrong with faculty contacting legislators they knew personally. Thomas stated it was important to have common data base and strategy for lobbying.

C. Weist read resolution from ASUM regarding mandatory athletic fee and moved Senate suspend by-laws to consider the resolution. Henningsen seconded. The motion to consider passed the Senate. The Senate passed the resolution on mandatory athletic fee.
6. General Welfare of the University. VonKuster suggested that ECOS consider adopting a committee titled "Committee for General Welfare of the University" which would bring to the Senate recommendations of matters in the best interest of the University. Borgmann stated University Athletic Committee has been remiss in its charge and should be reminded of such. Chandler addressed a morale factor involved in narrow gap between pay for faculty members and some classified employees. Patton inquired as to status of AVP search. Bowers replied that search committee will cut to five and these persons will be invited to campus soon. Silverman spoke to decisions of summer program offerings being made without outside faculty involvement, as well as reallocation of teaching lines and development of new programs for a three-year period.

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Philip T. Bain