



Faculty Senate Minutes
Date and Time: 08/25/23 8:30 – 9:30 AM
Room: Online via Teams

CALL TO ORDER: Paul Nicholson 8:32 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Nicholson, Karen Henderson, Joyce Walborn, Wesley Walker, Tony Wilson, Bill Hallinan, John McLaughlin, Brenda Felber, Tod Dumas, Kim Feig, Jamie Garcia, John Hartman, Derrick Hauer, Rick Henry, Keri Jaynes, Veronica Mohrmann, Nathan Munn, Virginia Reeves, Seth Roby, Phil Sawatzki, Bryon Steinwand, Lyn Stimpson, Laura Senn, Larry Taylor, Jelena Kalderon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- I. 05/08/23 minutes: Motion to approve: Nathan Munn
Second: Rick Henry Passed

COMMUNICATIONS:

- I. From the ECOS committee, Seth Roby is serving as Senate Vice President.
- II. Senate Budget Report: \$250.00 for travel and \$500.00 for other
- III. DCAC meetings will be cancelled. Proposals for maintaining this channel of communication are in the works. Discussion
- IV. President Nicholson has secured an expert on Artificial Intelligence to present to Helena College. The date needs to be negotiated but hopefully it will be this fall. He will be working with the Professional Development Committee on this so hopefully we can get PD credit for the event.
- V. HC Faculty representative was not present at the May BoR meeting. ECOS will try to make a presence at the meetings this year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

APRC: N/A

ASCR: Need three new members. Bryon, Derrick, and Lyn have finished their terms.

PAC: PAC will conduct meetings again this year; meeting schedules and agendas will be coming out soon. All Faculty members are encouraged to attend. Will need to replace one member (Lyn).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- I. Faculty based Equity Training follow up: Please see the email from Paul Nicholson containing links to 5 different training options. Faculty members are encouraged to review these training courses and contact Paul N. or Seth R. with their feedback by September 12th. ECOS will decide on which training faculty will participate in based on faculty feedback. Sandy B. has funding available to pay for the training. Discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- I. Committee positions needed:
 - Promotion – 2 (1 DON & 1 APC Faculty preferred): Phillip and Seth volunteered
 - Tenure – 2 (1 DON & 1 APC Faculty preferred): John Hartman and John McLaughlin volunteered and Kim F. volunteered if necessary.
 - ECOS – 1: Jamie Garcia was nominated and accepted.
 - ASCR – 3 minimum (Need members from both campuses): Phillip nominated Veronica (declined in favor of serving on APRC), Bryon nominated Keri, Rick nominated Bill, and Tod nominated himself. Rick moved to close nominations.
 - BMT – 1: Larry volunteered.
 - QWL – 1 (APC preferred): Tod nominated Cody Torres; Rick seconded. Passed.
 - PAC – 1 (or more): Kim Feig volunteered.
 - APRC – 2 (1-year terms from IT & Aviation) Bryon and Wes volunteered and 2 (At Large 2-year terms): Nathan and Veronica volunteered.
 - Preferably NOT from Auto, Diesel, Accounting & Business (up this year), Machining or Welding (up next year)
 - Which pretty much leaves Gen Ed, as Jamie is the only experienced instructor from Nursing, Lyn is leaving soon, and the Cosmo instructors are too new.
 - If a second instructor from Aviation or IT really wants to participate, that would be okay, too.

- Faculty Senate Meeting Recorder: Karen is ready to turn over duties. Virginia will take it on 24-25 AY.

- II. Discussion: Does Faculty think that there should be a faculty representative on the CARES committee? Discussion. Jamie has volunteered to be on the committee.

GOOD AND WELFARE/QUESTION AND ANSWER

- I. Discussion about scheduling. Bryon supports the efforts to have more purposeful scheduling.
- II. John recommended people mark calendars about First Thursdays at Headwaters, especially the October First Thursday, which is focused on alumni. Please reach out to former students to attend.
- III. Kim mentioned the possibility of having separate screens showing on different monitors in the classrooms. Discussion. Paul suggested that concerns be emailed to him or Seth, and he will discuss them with Sandy and IT.
- IV. Last year we formed holiday cheer activity and members have been corresponding. They will be reaching out to faculty and will be doing some activity this year.
- V. Discussion about new LMS for next fall and when that will be taking place.
- VI. Rick Henry acknowledged Lyn's work at Helena College and the improvements to F & R and his contributions to HC.
- VII. **Rick moved to adjourn at 9:32 a.m.**