



Minutes
Academic Council
February 28, 2014
Library Conference Room
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Members: Randy Bachmeier, Darlene Bricker, Christine Shearer Cremean, Steven Don, Jay Howland, Greg Kegel, Norton Pease, Bill Rugg, Larry Strizich, Arlys Williams

Missing members:

Chair: Dr. William J. Rugg

Minutes: Chris Bond

1. Minutes from October 3, 2013: Norton moved/2nd by Steve-minutes approved as written.
2. Semester start date: move to Wednesday?
Orientation could be run on Monday-Tuesday starting classes on Wednesday. Moved, seconded and approved to move semester start date to Wednesday. Bill will check with Alisha to make sure this is possible.
(After meeting update: Alisha checked and the semester start date cannot be moved to Wednesday, because of the number of required instructional days in the calendar.)
3. Holiday Office coverage.
Mandated that all offices/departments are covered, even during Christmas. There needs to be at least 1 person in each office and department during all holidays.
4. Performance based funding.
Bill and Steven discussed last state wide conference call regarding performance based funding. This is a business model but input will be allowed. OCHE is developing the metrics and they will be presented at the May BOR meeting here at MSU-Northern. Since more data is going to be needed, a committee has been created, Data Analysis Team, (members: Tracey Jette, Alisha Schroeder, Belinda Potter, Barbara Zuck, Matt DeLong, Charles Pollington, Brian Simonson, Jay Howland and Bill Rugg) to start this process.
5. New business?
Christine has been looking at the course catalog and changes need to be made. In the EASN there are courses showing that have not been offered in years, if not decades.
When courses are added then something needs to be taken off.
Advising needs to improve for our students. Better advising does make a difference.

6. Roundtable will end each meeting. Time for the members to update the group about their departments.

8. Next meeting slated during Spring Break so moved to March 21, 2014 same time, same place.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.