



# MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN

Academic Senate  
Monday November 20, 2017  
4:00p  
Hagener Science Building # 101  
Meeting Minutes

**Membership:** Lorren Schlotfeldt, Steven Don, Darlene Sellers, Fred Smiley, Mark Seiffert, Lanny Wilke, Spike Magelssen, Arlys Williams, Rodney Ridenour, Larry Strizich, Jamie Underwood

**Members Present:** Lorren Schlotfeldt, Lanny Wilke, Mark Seiffert, Steven Don, Fred Smiley, Jamie Underwood, Rodney Ridenour (WebEx) and Larry Strizich

**Recorder:** Debra Bradley

**Call to Order:**

- Jamie made the call to begin the meeting at 4:04p.

**Minutes:**

- Motion was made by Steven D
- Second was made by Lorren S
- Call for the question
- Minutes were approved by all

**Chancellor/Provost Updates:**

- Make all colleges in Montana a seamless University
  - If you start at one college and the class the student wants to take is not available there, they can take it from another one without registering for the other college.
  - Talks about a four campus college catalog
  - Common Course Numbering needs to be cleaned up.
    - The grant expired and was too renewed.
  - Montana Legislation got really lucky with the budget
    - 1.2% appropriated
    - 4.5 Million instead of 44 million
    - 2.4 million was divided amongst the colleges
    - Northern's share is \$35,000.00 over two years

### **External Committee Reports:**

- NWCCU –
  - Accreditation is back at Year One
  - Larry is busy with the assessment
  - Pushing forward
  - Will bring the new Provost up to date and forward
- SAT
  - Meeting on Tuesday November 21, 2017
- UAC
  - Not met yet this semester
  - Next meeting November 30, 2017

### **Senate Committee Reports:**

- Admissions and Standards
  - Bill Danley, Chair
  - High amount of proposals for student that need to take more than 18 credits
    - These students are asking 19-25 credits
    - Average GPA is 3.25 or higher
- Cultural Development
  - Next meeting is December 8, 2017
  - Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts Badge Earning Day
    - The day went well
    - Learning what could be done better for next time
- Curriculum
  - Byron Ophus, Chair
  - One proposal heading to Bryon
- Financial Aid
  - Mary Verploegen, Chair
  - No meeting to report on
- General Education
  - Terri Hildebrand, Chair
  - No report
- Graduate Council
  - Curtis Smeby, Chair
  - 17 CNSL Student with Prevention Holds and other holds
    - Debra is working on getting them to do the Prevention Hold as soon as possible.
    - Fred asked if there is something that he could do to help, but nothing can be done till they get this completed.

- Instruction, Research & Faculty Development
  - John Snider, Chair
  - No meeting since there is no money in the budget
- Instructional Technology
  - Tom Welch, Chair
  - No meeting to report on
- Library
  - Joey Todd, Chair
  - No meeting to report on

**Proposals:**

- None at this time but there are proposal waiting on Gen Ed and when the meeting will be.

**Old Business:**

- Petition for Representative –At-Large on the Academic Senate
  - Rodney Ridenour filled out his petition
  - 10 signatures were gathered
  - Motion was made by Steven D
  - Second was made by Lanny
  - Question was called
  - Approved by all

**New Business:**

- Emeritus for James Edwards
  - Debra to look for in past proposals for his
- Emeritus for Katherine Williams was brought up
- Emeritus for John Snide was brought up
- Emeritus for Fred Smiley was brought up
- Last one completed was Virgil Hawkinson and Will Rawn

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Debra A. Bradley