

**Academic Senate
April 8, 2025
Cowan Hall # 310
Meeting Minutes**

Membership: Valerie Guyant, Trygve Magelssen, Mark Seiffert, Laura Gomez, Kasthuri Udayakumar, Joyce Mphande-Finn, Grant Olson, Casey Donovan, Anna Bowker, Aaron Riggan

Members Present: Valerie Guyant, Mark Seiffert, Laura Gomez, Kasthuri Udayakumar, Grant Olson, Casey Donovan, Anna Bowker, Aaron Riggan and Joyce Mphande-Finn by remote attendance

Guests: Jennifer Brown

Recorder: Jodi Kueffler

Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by Valerie Guyant at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes:

- Motion was made by Mark Seiffert to approve the minutes from March 11, 2025.
- The second was made by Aaron Riggan.
- Question
- Approved

Agenda:

- Motion was made by Mark Seiffert to approve the agenda as presented.
- The second was made by Laura Gomez.
- Question
- Approved

Chancellor/Provost Updates:

- All N Day went well. Thank you to everyone who participated.
- Would like to look at alternate structure to make advising students easier.
- Data Day was held last Friday for teachers and went very well.
- SkillsUSA was held in Great Falls this past weekend. Several staff and faculty attended the event. MSU-Northern gave out partial tuition waivers to winners.
- Have many searches ongoing.

External Committee Reports:

- **NWCCU**

- There are no new updates at this time.
- **UAC**
 - There are no new updates at this time.

Senate Committee Reports:

- **Admissions and Standards**
 - There are no new updates at this time.
- **Curriculum**
 - The committee did not meet, but may have proposals from College of Technical Sciences before the end of the semester.
- **Financial Aid**
 - There are no new updates at this time.
- **General Education**
 - The committee met yesterday and continue to grade artifacts.
- **Graduate Council**
 - The committee plans to meet this week.
- **Instruction, Research, Faculty Development & Cultural Programming**
 - Encourage faculty to make nominations for the awards. The deadline is this Friday, April 11, 2025.
- **Library & Instructional Technology**
 - There are no new updates at this time.

Proposals:

- 24-42; Course Name Change – PSYX 340 Psychological Disorders (formerly Abnormal Psychology)
 - Sent out for review and approval by electronic vote on May 6, 2025. The proposal was approved.

Old Business:

- Board of Regent Policy 301.11 Undergraduate Degree Requirements.
 - Office of Commissioner of Higher Education Academic Task Force reviewing the policy before presented to Board of Regents in September 2025.
 - Each college is treats Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science differently.
 - Faculty should review the proposed changes and give feedback to the Provost.

New Business:

- Appeal
 - Formal appeal filed for a recommendation against promotion. Academic Senate needs to pick three faculty to serve on the appeal committee.
 - Joyce Mphande-Finn, Laura Gomez, and Aaron Riggin agreed to serve on the committee.
- Elections
 - Mark Seiffert will be stepping down as Chair for next academic year.
 - Valerie Guyant will serve as Chair and Grant Olson will serve as Vice Chair for the next academic year.
- A call for an all faculty meeting was discussed and agreed to move forward.

Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Laura Gomez.
- The second was made by Mark Seiffert.
- Question
- Approved

Respectfully Submitted by,
Jodi Kueffler