

Minutes - Faculty Senate
June 01, 2000
11 AM – Mountain Con Room - SUB

Attendees: Henry Gonshak, CHAIR, Bill MacGregor, Kate Miller, Curtis Link, Bob DeDominic
Recorder: Curtis Link

New Business

Montana Professor -

The issue of funding for the publication *Montana Professor* was brought up. The current source of funding for the MP is no longer available and it has been proposed that the two main campuses, UM/Missoula and MSU/Bozeman, contribute \$3000 each along with \$1500 from each of the other 4-year campuses to maintain publication and distribution of the MP.

It was suggested that this was not an equitable distribution of financial responsibility in light of the numbers at each of the campuses. Henry commented that bare-bones publication/distribution costs for the MP were \$9000 per year.

Bill MacGregor suggested that the office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE) shoulder some of the burden of the publication or distribution with additional support from the constituent campuses.

Another suggestion was that the MP be maintained either as a subscription only publication or a combination of subscription and subsidy at the individual campus level.

In the section in the second minutes on our discussion of "MT Prof." funding, when we talked about putting the journal on-line, I don't think the consensus was that an electronic journal had less "merit" than a hard-copy one, but rather that, ideally, MP would like to continue in both formats--in order to reach the largest and most diverse possible audience.

A further suggestion was to publish the MP in electronic format only. Henry Gonshak said that the MP is in electronic form now in addition to paper format and that, ideally, MP would like to continue in both formats--in order to reach the largest and most diverse possible audience.

Issues for the faculty senate for the upcoming year -

The topics discussed for attention by the faculty senate in the upcoming year included:

- Budget crisis on campus (is there a crisis or not?)
- Forums for dissemination of information or education about the budget and the budgeting process
- Distance learning issues
- Consequences of restructuring
- Post-tenure review issues and forum

BOR meeting in July -

Bill MacGregor has agreed to attend the next BOR meeting in July.

New faculty senate chair -

The members decided to wait until the next meeting when more members were present to choose the faculty senate chair for the upcoming year.

Henry Gonshak is open to continuing in that role. Bill MacGregor has also expressed interest in the chairmanship.

Meeting adjourned: 12:00 PM.