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**Minutes - Faculty Senate**
**March 01, 2000**
**2 PM – Mountain Con Room - SUB**

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Attendees:       Henry Gonshak, CHAIR, Bill MacGregor, Danette Melvin, Larry Smith, Curtis Link, Butch Gerbrandt, John Evans

Recorder:       Curtis Link

**New Business**

*Bookstore hirings -*

John Evans, the bookstore committee representative, reported on the committee's last meeting at which John Hintz discussed the duties of the committee. At that meeting, Hintz said that the role of the committee was advisory only and that the committee could not make decisions. Also, Hintz reported that the search for the new bookstore director was a failed search.

The committee recommended that a contract service be instituted for bookstore operations to which Hintz replied that the contract service would be too expensive and that the goal of the bookstore was to turn a profit. Hintz stated that Jerry Van Ackeren was in charge and that profitability was 'important'. The committee also asked for a bookstore mission statement.

It was also reported that Jerry Van Ackeren was interested in pursuing a contract service for the bookstore that would purportedly return a profit of $100,000 per year back to the campus. The committee discussed some issues associated with a contract service such as a lack of control over the contract service. However, the committee felt that the big question was why <u>not</u> to go with a contract service that would return a substantial profit if profit was reported to be the primary concern?

Other comments reported from the bookstore committee were that Hintz said that he has authority to hire whom he wants to after a failed search and that there would definitely be no contract service. In addition, Hintz said that any profit would be used for student scholarships and also for bond repayment for the Mill Building.

Bookstore committee discussion then centered on the question of an assistant bookstore director and whether a search would be conducted for that position. It was reported that the new director would work on a staffing plan.

It was then noted that the MSU Bozeman bookstore was student owned and that the UM Missoula bookstore was both student and faculty owned.

Senate discussion continued on the questions of whether we should invite Hintz to discuss his decision not to go with a bookstore contracting service and whether this or the profitability of the bookstore was even a faculty senate issue. The senate felt that it <u>was</u> the position of the bookstore committee to give recommendations; contrary to Hintz's position.

*Email policy -*

A short discussion took place regarding what to do for an email policy, when to do it, and whether this was an important issue or not. This topic will be addressed in future meetings.

*Dave Hill Award -*
> Regarding the establishment and awarding of a Dave Hill Award, Henry Gonshak reported that he was in favor of the award and its administration by a faculty senate subcommittee.

> Discussion took place regarding the wording to be used on the plaque for the award.

> Bill MacGregor made a motion that the faculty senate create the Dave Hill Award to be awarded to Dave Hill this first year and to be subsequently awarded to recipients at the discretion of the faculty senate according the subcommittee recommendation. Butch Gerbrandt seconded the motion. The resulting vote was unanimous.

*Instructional Improvement Committee -*
> There was a short report on the faculty evaluation discussion led by Dr. Patrick Overton on March 10 during his visit sponsored by the IIC.

*Budget forum -*
> Comments were that the process itself was good but that the results were nil.

> Butch Gerbrandt raised the question of whether there should be a faculty meeting without the administration present.

> The attendance at the forum showed that the faculty does want information as to whether the campus is in a crisis or not.

> No administration plan was put forth.

> Larry Smith will get $$ numbers for a focused discussion. Paul Van der Veur will be invited to a future meeting to present hard data.


Meeting adjourned:     3:30 PM.