Spring Faculty Meeting
April 24th, 2017
3:30 p.m.
Library Auditorium
Agenda

I. Welcome and Advertisement
II. Proposed Academic Honesty Policy
III. Proposed Changes to the Senate Bylaws
IV. Approval of 2017 Graduates
V. Appreciation of Campus Members
VI. Senate Activities
VII. Faculty Satisfaction Survey
VIII. Course Evaluation
IX. Campus Emergency Procedures
X. Future Items for Senate Consideration
I. Senate Webpages

You can find information concerning Senate Activities here (Maintained by C. Cote):

Main Page:  http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/
Agenda:  http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/agendas.htm
Minutes:  http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/minutes/index.htm
Senators:  http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/senators.htm
II. Proposed Academic Honesty Policy

The Process

1. There is suspicion of academic dishonesty
2. The instructor of record/an academic staff member submits an Academic Dishonesty Violation online referral form and includes all evidence, conclusion, and actions
3. The decision maker chooses a "Decision Option"
4. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs meets with the student

Legend
ASC: Academic Standards Committee
SJB: Student Judicial Board

*Two things constitute grounds: new information being made available and a feeling that the sanction imposed was not consistent with the severity of the violation. An explanation of why sanction(s) are disproportionate to the violation(s) must be included. Mere dislike or disagreement with the sanction(s) or the impact of the sanction(s) is not grounds for an appeal.

Academic Dishonesty Flow Chart

Decision Option 1
- No finding that academic dishonesty has occurred

Decision Option 2
- A determination of academic dishonesty is accepted by the student (the student does not submit an appeal)
- The student receives the finding and sanction as decided by the decision maker

Decision Option 3
- A determination of academic dishonesty is not accepted by the student
- The student may initiate an appeal to ASC within 10 business days

An ASC hearing is held

ASC DECISION OPTION 1
- An appeal is granted – no further action needs to be taken

ASC DECISION OPTION 2
- An appeal is denied
- The student may initiate an appeal to the Student Judicial Board within 10 business days (on specific grounds*)

If the student appeals the ASC’s decision, the next level is the Student Judicial Board (subject to having grounds* for appeal).
Provided grounds exist, a SJB hearing is held.

SJB DECISION OPTION 1
- An appeal is granted

SJB DECISION OPTION 2
- An appeal is denied – the student can appeal to the Chancellor

An appeal is granted
An appeal is denied – this decision is final and is not appealable
ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

“As needed, the size and composition of the Faculty Senate shall be re-evaluated to account for changes in faculty and department structure of the College.”

SECTION 1:
The Faculty Senate shall consist of 25 members composed as follows:
School of Mines and Engineering Faculty........................................9 Senators
College of Letters, Science, and Prof. Studies Faculty......................9 Senators
Highlands College Faculty.............................................................3 4 Senators
Research & Library Faculty..........................................................3 Senators
Adjunct Faculty................................................................................1 Senator

Highlands College
1. Business Technology
2. Trades and Technology
3. All Other Programs
4. General Studies
5. Health Programs
IV.

Approval of 2017 Graduates

Commencement 2017 and approval of graduates.
Campus Appreciations

Thank you to the campus groups who assisted with our NWCCU Accreditation process. In particular, a special thank you to:

- Melissa Kump,
- Scott Juskiewicz
- Doug Abbott
- Chip Todd

Thank you to the campus groups who assisted with our ABET Accreditation process.

Thank you to the faculty, students, staff and administration who helped with last summer’s large course and test proctoring. In particular, a special thank you to:

Darlene Voss, Nick Smith, Chance Sparrow, Amanda Jager, Donna Conrad, Shelley Reed, Prince Sarfo, Clay Thomas, Nathan Sutton, BreAnna Wright, Brian Kukay, Mat Egloff, Nathan Huft, Maggie Peterson, Carlos Martinez, Anthony Ottolini, Scott Coguill, and Bruce Madigan.
Senate Activities November 2016- Present

Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

a. Committees:
   
i. Academic Honesty Workgroup – Organized by Doctors Vath and Thomas
   
ii. Senate Representation Sub-Committee – Chaired by Secretary Cote
   
iii. Course Evaluation Sub-Committee – Chaired by Dr. Southergill
   
iv. Workgroup for Institutional Realignment for Excellence – Chaired by Doctors Smith Risser and Trudnowski
Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

b. Curriculum Changes:
   i. Courses Added – CSCI 124, HCI 440, LIT 373, PHL 112, PSCI 250, PTC 412, M105, M 5XX, MT 295/395/495, WRIT 326
   ii. Modify Courses – HSTR 201/202, M 411, MIN 456
   iii. Program Changes – Aerospace Welding Certificate, Computational Science, Computer Science, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, Mining Engineering, Nursing, Occupational Safety and Health, Precision Machining Technology, Software Engineering, Technical Communication,
   iv. New General Education Courses – CJUS 121
Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

c. Considered the following topics:
   i. Advertising faculty publications, presentations, and patents
      (http://www.mtech.edu/library/publication-submission/index.htm)
   ii. December Graduation
   iii. Synchronizing Clocks on Campus
   iv. Review of the Montana Tech Strategic Plan
   v. Prior Learning Assessments (input on forms)
   vi. Therapy and Companion Animal Companion Animal Accommodations
   vii. Changes to the Faculty/Staff Handbook
   viii. Tuition initiative for survivors of domestic violence (BOR 940.1)
   ix. Online Learning Questionnaire
      (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11YHE96nP1i2WIPZrtoS8ZyotPf5iTBipHFCcr_172X8/viewform?edit_requested=true )
   x. Limited English Proficiency Students
Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

d. Diversity Resolution:

“That the Faculty Senate of Montana Tech of the University of Montana stand united for the ideals of diversity, acceptance, and inclusion at our university. We welcome all students to learn to the best of their abilities on our campus in an environment free from racism, sexism, bigotry, harassment, and oppression. We uphold these ideals ourselves, and strongly encourage our colleagues across the university both to uphold these ideals, and to teach them when appropriate to our students as a way to move human society forward.”
Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

e. Appointment of Miriam Young to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:

“The committee considers appeals by faculty of administrative decisions that impair the faculty member’s academic freedom or violate the procedures for obtaining tenure. The committee attempts to resolve disputes in an informal manner, but formal hearings may also be held. Ordinarily, the committee will not offer judgments on the merits of a faculty member to qualify for tenure, but will only attempt to determine if the faculty member has had fair and due process in all proceedings. The committee may offer its judgments in matters concerning academic freedom. The committee submits a written report of its findings to the appealing faculty member and the administration.”
Future Senate Activities

VII. Faculty Satisfaction Survey
   a. Message will come from Dr. Faught (CFaught@mtech.edu)
   b. Incentive

VIII. Course Evaluations – Background, Current Status, and Future Semesters
      (committee chair, Dr. Southergill, GSouthergill@mtech.edu)

IX. The Staff Senate is interested in soliciting faculty feedback and evaluation of our
    emergency procedures. Those interested in this process can contact Taryn Quayle
    (TQuayle@mtech.edu) for details.

X. Future Items for Senate Consideration?