



# Spring Faculty Meeting

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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

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# Senate Webpages

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

Main Page: <http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/>

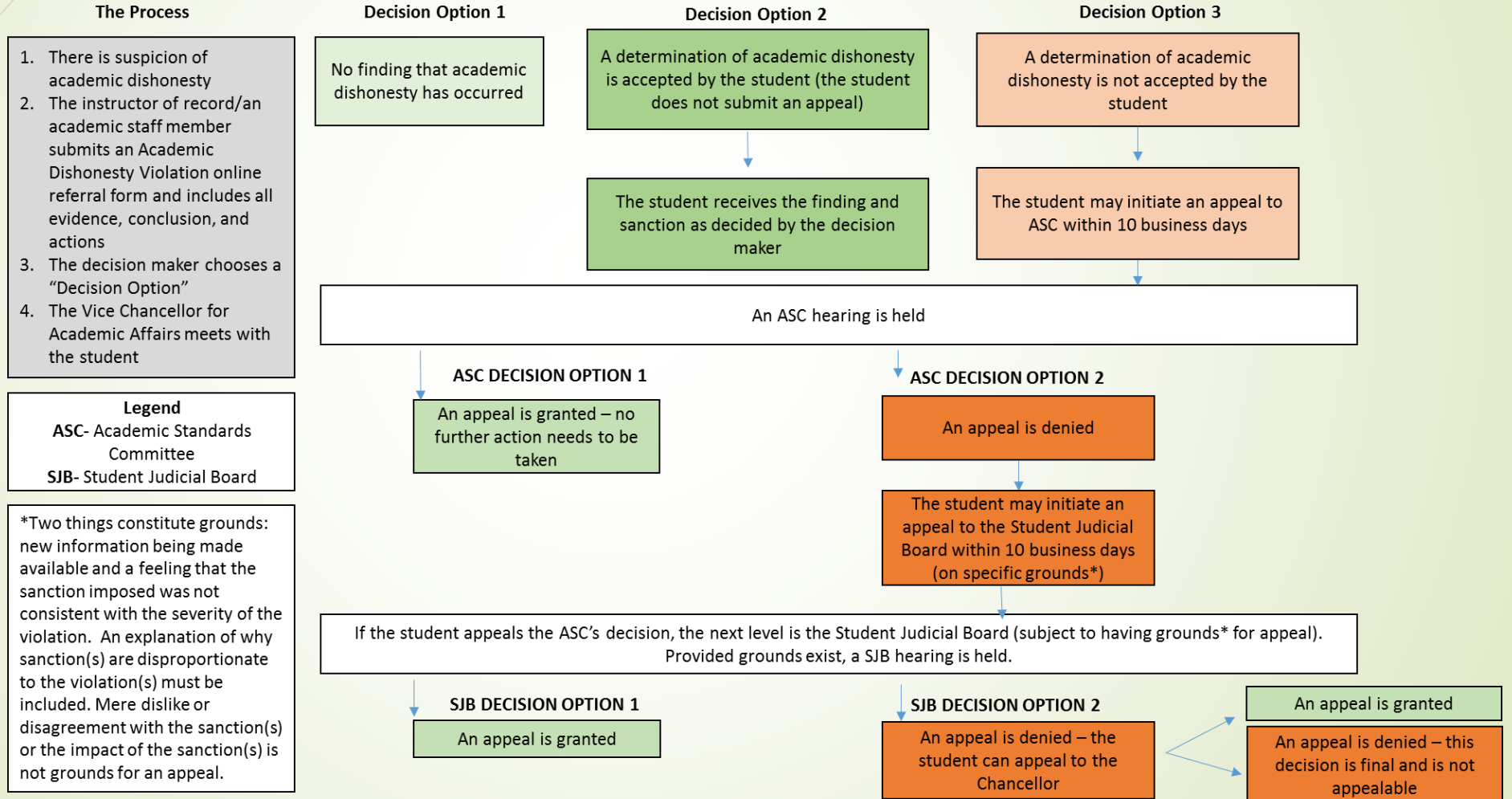
Agenda: <http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/agendas.htm>

Minutes: <http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/minutes/index.htm>

Senators: <http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/senators.htm>

# Proposed Academic Honesty Policy

## Academic Dishonesty Flow Chart



# Proposed Changes to the Senate Bylaws

## 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~~ Health Programs
4. General Studies

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



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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

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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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11YHE96nP1i2WIPZrtoS8ZyotPf5iTBipHFCcr_172X8/viewform?edit_requested=true) )
- x. Limited English Proficiency Students

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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.”

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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](mailto:CFaught@mtech.edu))
- b. Incentive

## VIII. Course Evaluations – Background, Current Status, and Future Semesters (committee chair, Dr. Southergill, [GSouthergill@mtech.edu](mailto: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](mailto:TQuayle@mtech.edu)) for details.

## X. Future Items for Senate Consideration?