

Montana Tech  
Faculty Senate Meeting  
11/16/01

Senators Attending: Mary MacLaughlin, Jim Handley, Dave Carter, Kate Miller, and Rick Appleman

Called to order at 2:10 PM.

The meeting minutes of 10/26/01 were approved.

A report of the Board of Regents meeting 11/15/01 was given by Rick Appleman including the 170 credit cap for under graduates (this may be deleted), 6 credit graduate student limit (depends on State residency requirements), and transfer credits (OK for General Education, and now should work on Upper Division). At the next meeting in Helena, faculty representatives from the smaller units will lead a discussion on the impacts of reorganization; differences between units, review of proposals, review of promotions and tenure, unofficial rules.

How to contact and assist the Part time faculty in electing a Senate representative was discussed. E-mail will be tried, but snail mail may be required. This will be difficult with changes each semester and year.

The Frank Gilmore memo of 11/14/01 was discussed. At first, there was a great upset over the Chancellor vetoing a unanimous vote of the Faculty, and a suggestion to go to President Dennison was suggested. Then there was a discussion of Tech and the U-of-M and structure including "branch" versus "affiliate." We decided to sit on it and meet again after the turkey break. Mary will look into reorganization.

Kate Miller led a discussion on the status of Tech's research faculty and their academic status, and a proposed memo to the administration delineating the Senate's position. Many reasons to maintain and encourage academic interactions were put forth; graduate student committees, cross-pollination for research, lectures, student employment, committee time, and more. Kate will research further.

Adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectively submitted by Rick Appleman.