

# MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Friday, April 6, 2007

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Mark Sholes, Miriam Young, Karen Porter, John Brower

Members absent: Lance Edwards, Paul Conrad, Rod James, John Nugent, Betsy Garlish

Attending without vote: Chancellor Gilmore and VCCAR Abbott

### Business

- The minutes of the previous meeting were postponed because of lack of a quorum.

### Old Business

#### 1. **Montana Tech Standards Guideline for hiring, promotion, and tenure within each department –**

The results of presenting this document at the last Faculty Meeting were discussed. Senate members reconfirmed that the document was a Guideline, only, and necessarily broadly stated. It could not be written in a more specific way, as requested by some faculty members, and still provide the full scope of the topic so that all departments can select their own relevant information in preparing their own specific requirements.

The senate did address a point of clarification that was requested from the faculty – specifically, that the text under (2) b and c be expanded to include the Instructor rank. This text could be rewritten to read: **b. Promotion and tenure within Instructor and Professorial ranks. By this text revision, (2) c and d would be omitted.**

The document will be revised and presented again to the full faculty.

#### 2. **New Faculty Senate members and officers, continued**

President Mark Sholes reported that no applications or nominations for senate positions have as yet come to him. It was agreed that the length of Faculty Senate terms is two years. Nomination and elections will now take place at the last faculty meeting.

#### 3. **Faculty Satisfaction Survey.** John Brower reported that he is still entering the data, but that the response was good, approximately 40%. He will have the results at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

The Senate adjourned at 2:35 PM.

**NEXT MEETING: Friday April 20, 2007**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Porter  
Secretary