

MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Friday, October 19, 2007

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Jerry Downey, Lance Edwards, Gretchen Geller, Rod James, Rich McNearny, Mark Sholes (Chair), Kirk Waren

Members absent: Betsy Garlish, Miriam Young, John Nugent

Attending without vote: Doug Abbott, John Getty

Business

- The May 4, 2007 minutes have not been approved.
- The October 5, 2007 had not been emailed to all senate faculty members, so were not approved. These were resent to all members after today's meeting.

Old Business

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

- The Departments are working on standards for hiring, promotion, and tenure.
- Rod James brought forth a suggested wording for a recommendation for a tenure policy at Montana Tech. This was discussed at length and modified. The final modified version read:

By their sixth contract year, or sooner if given time towards tenure, all tenure track faculty are required to submit a portfolio and apply for tenure. If their tenure is approved their seventh faculty contract will be a tenured faculty contract. If their tenure is not approved their seventh contract will be a one year terminal contract. This policy will apply to all those hired after July 1, 2008.

- The recommendation for tenure police was voted upon. The committee voted "aye" to accept the recommendation, with MBMG representative Kirk Waren abstaining from the vote.

2. **Faculty Satisfaction Survey.**

- This item was not discussed.

3. **Timing of registration of students vs. availability of term grades to determine eligibility.**

- This item was not discussed. From last May's minutes; the current process is out-of-phase; faculty who are assisting students with registration for next fall's courses are unable to learn whether the student will have met the prerequisite satisfactory course work.

4. Establishing a Sunshine Fund

- This item was not discussed. From October 5, 2007, Mark Sholes suggested this should not be a function of the Faculty Senate. The topic was tabled until Lance Edwards can be present to provide additional details to the Senate members.

5. The faculty should be emailed to obtain a vote on Miriam Young's continued membership on the faculty senate.

- This item was not discussed.

6. The faculty senate representatives for other committees:

- Mark Sholes has volunteered to be the Faculty Senate representative on the following committees:
 - Instructional Improvement Committee
 - Chancellor's Committee
 - Space Allocation Committee
 - Another unidentified committee mentioned by Doug Abbott
- Bookstore Advisory Board – **Vacant**

7. The upcoming meeting of Faculty Senate members with Sheila Stearns.

- The meeting with Sheila Stearns will occur on October 23rd at 10:30. Gretchen Geller and Rich McNearny plan to attend and other members may attend as well.

The Senate adjourned at 1:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: November 2, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Waren
Secretary