

# MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Monday, November 8, 2010

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Jerry Downey (Vice-Chair), Suzan Gazioglu, Rod James, Hal Millegan (Chair), John Nugent, Bill Ryan, Celia Schahczenski, Heather Shearer, Kirk Waren

Members absent: Traci O'Neill

Attending without vote: Chris Danielson

- **Minutes**

The October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved.

- **Old Business**

Items on the agenda were addressed. Faculty Senate members should seek from constituents persons interested in serving on the Chancellor's Search Committee and qualities they would like to see in a Chancellor, as well as any specific expectations faculty should have of a Chancellor. This must occur quickly, within a few days.

A brief report on Traci O'Neill's meeting with the Dean's Council regarding the academic schedule will be sent to Faculty Senate members by Hal after this meeting. Hal noted that Traci's impression was that the Dean's Council seemed to have a methodical and reasonable approach to developing the calendar.

- **New Business**

A new meeting format for Faculty Senate meetings was proposed by Hal: Regular meetings monthly and executive work sessions the following meeting. After discussion, the Senate approved the following format:

The Faculty Senate will continue to meet generally every two weeks, or twice a month:

1. The first meeting each month will be a regular business meeting. These meetings are open to visitors and comments.
2. The second meeting each month will be an executive work session. The topics or issues to be addressed will be announced by the Chair before each meeting. These meetings will have a limited time for visitors to comment on the issues (generally 15 minutes at the beginning of the meetings). After that time, visitors will be asked to leave so that the Faculty Senate can deliberate on the topics or issues at hand.

**Communications from Faculty, Administration, Staff, and/or Students:**

Chris Danielson, Liberal Studies Professor, attended the meeting and noted that he felt that Heather Shearer's suggestion that one student on the Chancellor's Search Committee be an international student was a good idea. Hal noted that Royce Engstrom has met with student representatives, and the idea might best be taken to such representatives so they can consider it.

The Senate group adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

The next meeting will be an executive work session, 3 PM, Monday November 22<sup>nd</sup>  
The next regular business meeting is scheduled for 3 PM, Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Waren  
Secretary