

MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Monday, February 7, 2011

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Jerry Downey (Vice-Chair), Suzan Gazioglu, Hal Millegan (Chair), Rod James, John Nugent, Traci O'Neill, Heather Shearer, Kirk Waren

Members absent: Bill Ryan, Celia Schahczenski

Attending without vote: None

- **Minutes**

The minutes for the Dec. 6, 2010 and Jan. 24, 2011 meetings were approved.

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

1. Request from John Getty for time at the next Faculty Senate meeting regarding on-campus SPAM

Hal Millegan described the issue of on-campus SPAM. John Getty would like to visit with the Faculty Senate about the issue. He will be provided time on the agenda for the next meeting which will be on January 28th. The issue may be assigned to the Computer and Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

2. Hal's Retirement

Hal announced that he plans to retire after the current semester. He suggested that Jerry Downey take his place on the Chancellor Search Committee as an Engineer and Faculty Senate representative. Jerry indicated he will do that.

- **Executive Work Session (Closed meeting)**

1. Resolution to change size and composition of Senate

We plan to propose to the faculty an expansion of the Faculty Senate. The proposal is to increase the size of the Senate to 27 members, approaching a department-level representation. Under the proposal, the member's terms will be three years rather than the current two. If the plan is approved, we would then ask faculty permission to postpone Faculty Senate elections until about late April. The Faculty Senate By-Laws would be revised and voted on by faculty by about the end of March. Elections would follow in late April, and the result would be to add about 8 new representatives in 2011, and 9 more in 2012. A few members' current terms will need to be extended.

Hal expects to complete a table that shows the proposed expansion plan by the time of the next Faculty Senate meeting, and will create a power point slide show to present this to the faculty.

2. Faculty meeting with Senate

A faculty meeting held by the Faculty Senate is planned for Wednesday, March 9th at 3:30 pm. After the meeting, John Nugent scheduled the Big Butte Room at the Student Union Building for the meeting.

3. Academic Committees in relation to Faculty Senate

We reviewed the Montana Tech Committee Roster to identify whether committees would be considered academic or administrative. Most of them were readily categorized as one or the other, but some may be both. It seemed a more formal assessment of the committees would be useful, as it was noted that some committees rarely meet, others might be better termed "interim" committees, and some committees could be combined or nested with other committees.

The Senate group adjourned at approximately 4:40 pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next meeting will be held 3 PM, Monday February 28th.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Waren
Secretary