

MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE  
MEETING WITH ROYCE ENGSTROM

Thursday, March 24, 2011  
12:45 – 1:30 pm

NOTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Jerry Downey (Vice-Chair), Hal Millegan (Chair),  
Rod James, Bill Ryan, Kirk Waren

Members absent: Suzan Gazioglu, John Nugent, Traci O'Neill, Celia Schahczenski, Heather  
Shearer

Others in attendance: Chris Danielson, Matt Egloff, Royce Engstrom, Charie Faught, Grant  
Mitman, Keri Petritz, Courtney Young

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The discussion began with Hal asking Royce how self-governance functioned at the University of Montana. Royce explained it is taken quite seriously at UM and that the student senate, faculty senate, and staff senate are all functional. At Western, Royce was a bit less certain of how active the faculty senate is, but noted that the student senate there is quite active. Helena COT has a bit more transient population, and so Royce felt probably any faculty senate functions there would be more limited.

Charie Faught asked about online education, and Royce stated that he supports such technological advances. Grant Mitman wanted to know what Royce felt about intellectual property that could be taken from websites by putting materials on the web as parts of courses. Royce felt this would be an uncommon problem, and that standard protocol regarding taking someone's materials without permission should apply.

Keri Petritz brought up the issue of advising for undergraduate students. Royce talked about UM's Undergraduate Advisory center and the process of advising that occurs at UM. Grant and others pointed out that sometimes students obtain their PIN to sign up for classes by getting it from someone else in the department. Matt Egloff felt the students themselves should also carry some of the responsibility that they are being appropriately advised. Royce asked why we don't just dictate that the students must get their PIN from their assigned advisor.

Some funding issues related to the current legislative session were discussed. Bill Ryan asked about the potential he has heard that the COT's would be administratively stripped from their nearby larger colleges, so that our COT would be no longer linked to Montana Tech. Royce said that this is not imminent, and that the reality is the dialog must continue on this topic.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Waren, Secretary