

MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Thursday, October 27, 2011

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Jerry Downey (Chair), Rod James, Bill Ryan, Celia Schahczenski,
Heather Shearer (Vice Chair)

Members absent: John Nugent, Kirk Waren,

Attending without vote: none

Faculty Senate Expansion

The voting for the Faculty Senate expansion is complete, and the faculty voted to ratify the amendments, expanding the Faculty Senate. Jerry will have Kirk Waren and Heather Shearer verify the voting results on Survey Monkey.

Upon final verification, Jerry plans to notify the Chancellor of the result, and ask Department Heads to arrange for their departments to nominate and elect their senators and term length of 2 or 3 years. Jerry would like to have the Senate roster filled before Thanksgiving break.

The Senate agreed to meet biweekly. The possibility of holding an instructional faculty meeting before the end of the semester was discussed; no such meeting was scheduled because approval of the list of December graduates and CRC recommendations are matters that the Senate should decide in a regular (open) meeting.

Discussions

- 1) Pat Munday has asked for Senate endorsement of changes recommended by the Merit Pay Committee (this topic will be handled by e-mail; Jerry will circulate the information to the Senators);
- 2) the ongoing discussion about the proposed 2012-2013 Academic Calendar (a possible addition to a future Senate meeting agenda);
- 3) Senate input and representation on the search committee to fill Tony Campeau's position (as the Senate Chair, Jerry will talk with the Chancellor about Senate participation);
- 4) the COT "rebranding." This will likely be a central topic for the expanded Faculty Senate's first meeting in December.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next regularly scheduled meeting is 1:00 pm, Thursday, Nov. 10.

Thursday December 1st is a proposed, tentative date being considered for the first meeting of the expanded Faculty Senate. The actual time and date will be decided based on the availability of newly elected senators and invited guests.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Waren
Secretary