Montana Tech Faculty Senate Meeting
Wednesday, November 30th, 2016 – 3:30 to 4:45

Attendance

Senators Present: Bill Drury, Vicki Petritz, Tony Patrick, Bill Gleason, Abhishek Choudhury, Michael Webb, Laura Young, Glen Southergill, Brian Kukay, Charie Faught, Atish Mitra, Diane Wolfgram, Miriam Young, Scott Risser

Guests: Leslie Dickerson, Doug Abbott, Andrew Thomas

Welcome and Minutes

I. Welcome and Minutes
Found online at http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/minutes/index.htm

Motion to approve, passed

Action Items

II. Recommendations from the CRC (attached)
   a. Create PTC 412W “Environmental Communications,” use it to replace WRIT 412 in BS curriculum
   b. Add an additional course, HCI 440 “Data Integration and Exchange,” as an option for CS students
   c. Add an additional course, BIOE 305 Natural History of the Vertebrate,” as an science option for both CS and Software Engineering students.
   d. Modify M 411 “Advanced Differential Equations” from 2-credits to 3-credits
   e. Create a suite of online courses for the MS in Technical Communications program

Motion to approve all CRC recommendations as written, passed

III. Sub-Committee assignments
   a. Student Evaluations (Southergill) - Abhishek Choudhury & Brian Kukay volunteered. Recommendation to contact Jerry Downey and Rick Rossi because of previous Senate activities.
   b. Administration Evaluations (Risser) – No senators interested.
   c. Review of Seats (Cote) – Miriam Young & Laura Young volunteered.

Subcommittees due to report out in February 2017

Informational Items

IV. Faculty advertisement of publications, conferences, and events – Hosted by the Montana Tech Library
   a. Scott Juskiewicz of the Montana Tech Library forwarded a proposed web-form, hosted by the Library, for faculty to input their accomplishments. These requested items are publications, conference talks, patents, etc. The senate recommended that they would prefer to see a once-a-month list of faculty accomplishments rather than individualized e-mails or Press Releases. Depending on volume, these group announcements may need to become more or less frequent.
   b. It was recommended that when faculty submit this information it should be sent to Carmen Nelson (BOR announcements), Scott Juskiewicz (Library Database and Digital Commons), and Amanda Badovinac (Press Releases).
c. It was recommended that campus consider product like Interfolio (https://www.interfolio.com/), which would not only manage faculty publications but also promotion/tenure portfolios and communications.

**Discussion Items**

V. Curriculum Review Process – “Do all curriculum changes need to go through the CRC?” – Invited Guests: Leslie Dickerson & Theresa Stack

_Because professor Stack was unavailable, this topic was introduced briefly._

VI. Diversity Resolution (Found in agenda section)
   a. Vice-Chair Southergill introduced a motion to adopt a Resolution on Acceptance and Nondiscrimination; it was not seconded. Discussion ensued concerning the breadth of the language, and to obtain feedback from represented departments for future possible Senate Action.

 Resolution will appear on January 2017 agenda.

VII. Strategic Plan Review (Found in agenda section)
   a. No comments were made concerning the SP. Senators will be bringing the current draft to their departments for review.

 Feedback will appear on January 2017 agenda.

VIII. Other Items
   a. It was proposed that the senate could facilitate a discussion of increasing the number of viable (non-engineering) minors for engineering students.