

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 a 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.