

Faculty Senate Agenda

4/25/2019

9-10 a.m.

Mill 201

- I. Welcome and Minutes (<https://www.mtech.edu/facultystaff/facultysenate/minutes/index.html>)

Action Items

- II. CRC Recommendations (see attached)
III. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Revisions to Accreditation Standards Comments

Informational Items

- IV. Full Faculty Meeting Update
V. Committee updates:
a. Teaching Community
b. Research Mentors
c. Budget
d. Campus Committee Assessment

Discussion Items

- VI. Meetings for next academic year (and potentially one more this year)
VII. Activities for next year
VIII. Other Items

III. Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Revisions to Accreditation Standards Comments

<http://www.nwccu.org/accreditation/standards-review/>

From an e-mail received on April 1, 2019:

Over the last couple of weeks we have received emails regarding NWCCU's draft, revised Standards from AAUP affiliates and faculty senate chairs, and provosts of a few institutions. (Those individuals are copied on this email.)

Additionally, we have received input during conversations with some individuals.

Based on the recent input received, we've made a decision to incorporate appropriate language in our draft Standards for Academic Freedom and Governance, along with revisions on other matters suggested by others.

We've extended the deadline for submission of additional comments for revisions through April 15, 2019.

The draft will be revised and sent out for further comments in May. The draft will be revised based on this round of comments.

After the Commission has provided additional comments on the near final draft, it'll be revised as needed. Then it'll be sent out for a vote by NWCCU's family of institutions to approve the proposed Standards in late Summer 2019.

As I have noted previously, this is an iterative process and we appreciate the input, which continues strengthen the Standards.

Our hope is that, once approved, the new Standards will be deployed starting in January 2020.

If not already done, please connect with your relevant faculty organizations on your campuses, such as faculty senate chairs, and exhort them and other faculty to provide input regarding the draft Standards.

They may submit their comments on the current version of revised Standards available at (<http://www.nwccu.org/accreditation/standards-review/>) either via this link (<https://www.tfaforms.com/4719938>) or via email (standards@nwccu.org).

Thanks for your help.

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IV. Faculty Senate Elections (bylaw changes- see attached)

Verbiage to the change in bylaws:

- 1) For department term turn overs: Individual departments will vote in new members no later than the 2nd to last meeting of the spring semester. New faculty senators should plan to attend the last two meetings of the year and participate in electing new officers.
- 2) Officer elections must take place with the faculty senators who represent the up-coming academic year and must take place no later than the last meeting of the spring semester
- 3) Elections of officers can take place electronically.
- 4) A Faculty Satisfaction Survey is part of the duties of the Faculty Senate and should be disseminated at least once per year. This survey must be anonymous and must be managed by at least one officer

Resolution to amend the Faculty Senate Bylaws to include:

"The rules contained in the current edition of ***Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*** shall govern the Faculty Senate of Montana Technological University in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Faculty Senate of Montana Technological University may adopt."