

MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Friday, December 1, 2006

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Mark Sholes, Miriam Young, Lance Edwards, Betsy Garlish,  
John Brower, Karen Porter  
Members absent: Paul Conrad, Rod James

Discussion

**Tenure and non-tenure tracks at Montana Tech, continued  
(see minutes of previous Faculty Senate meetings, 10-20-06, 11-03-06, and 11-17-06 for  
earlier discussions)**

Senate members continued the discussion of an “up-or-out” policy for Montana Tech, paralleling the recommended AAUP guidelines. Further points included:

1. Information gained from discussion with President Dennison.
  - a. The University of Montana has a strong basis of departmental control over such things as what constitutes the terminal degree in a field, what is the desirable balance of tenured and non-tenured faculty, and what direction a department sets for itself.
  - b. He accepts whatever decisions departments make about valid terminal degrees, provided there is ample evidence that this decision reflects a standard in the field.
2. Senate President Mark Sholes will ask Susan Patton for an “up-or-out” document.

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, December 15, 2006  
8:00 AM, Mountain Con Room**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Porter, Secretary