

MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: David Armstrong, Betsy Garlish, Suzan Gazioglu, Jerry Downey, Rod James (Chair), Hal Millegan, John Nugent, Bill Ryan, Kirk Waren

Members absent: Traci O'Neill

Attending without vote: Doug Abbott, Jon Chesbro, Doug Coe, Frank Gilmore, David Ottolino, and Chip Todd

- **Business**

The December 1, 2009 meeting minutes were approved. There was apparently a December 10th Faculty Senate meeting, but I did not attend and there are no minutes available.

- **Tobacco Policy**

The draft tobacco policy was discussed briefly. Bill Ryan moved to approve the draft policy, Betsy Garlish seconded, and the motion passed.

- **Syllabus Policy**

Doug Abbott noted that the syllabus policy issue had been discussed previously by the Faculty Senate, and been approved in concept with some modifications (see also the minutes of the December 1st meeting). This policy was discussed, and there was some disagreement about whether the policy should mandate the minimum syllabus elements or simply present them as suggestions. Doug Abbott discussed the history of the issue and why he, the Dean's Council, and many faculty members support the idea of minimum requirements for syllabi. The policy will be brought to a future faculty meeting for a vote.

- **Unit Standards for Tenure and Promotion**

The Unit Standards issue is now in the hands of the Departments. Doug Coe felt that hopefully some decisions would be implemented by the Fall of 2010.

- **Dean's Council Discussion on Master's Prepared Faculty – Doug Abbott**

Ideally, the college would like to develop a consistent approach to promotion possibilities for Master's Prepared Faculty, and get this approach stated in Letters of Appointment.

- **Final Exam Schedule – Rod James**

Rod noted that in the past, final exam schedules were rotated, but now schedules have stayed the same, so that certain classes automatically get finals scheduled on Friday. This is problematic for large, core classes. Doug Abbott noted he would bring this issue up with Tony and see if the rotating schedule could be re-established.

- **MUS Reinvention Update – Hal Millegan**

Hal noted there has not been much movement or action on this front lately.

- **Campus Budget (OTO) Committee Report – Betsy Garlish**

Betsy passed around the list of One-Time-Only (OTO) projects submitted. 13 projects were recommended for approval, out of 144 proposals. The money is being distributed to the Departments that submitted the successful proposals, allowing them the freedom to determine the exact spread of available funds to the successful projects.

- **Space and Personnel Policies**

Not discussed.

- **UM President Search Process**

Frank Gilmore noted that Sheila Stearns has indicated an outline of a proposed process for the search for a UM President is underway, and it will end up going to press in the near future.

The Senate group adjourned at approximately 5:00 pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

1. A special meeting of available Faculty Senate members with President Dennison is scheduled for 2 PM, Tuesday, December 9th in the Pintlar Room.
2. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 4 PM, Wednesday, December 10th.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Waren
Secretary