MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Monday, October 25, 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Jerry Downey (Vice-Chair), Suzan Gazioglu, Rod James, Hal Millegan (Chair), John Nugent, Celia Schahczenski, Heather Shearer, Kirk Waren

Members absent: Traci O'Neill, Bill Ryan

Attending without vote: Doug Abbott, Scott Juskiewicz, Matt Egloff

Business

The October 11th meeting minutes were approved.

• Article II Section 2 h – To advise the State Board of Regents in selection of a Chancellor when a vacancy exists

Hal noted the recommendations from the Faculty Senate for representatives on the Chancellor's Search Committee:

- 1. Hal Millegan School of Mines and Engineering & Faculty Senate Chair.
- 2. Faculty Member College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies & Union Member.
- 3. Faculty Member College of Technology & union neutral.
- 4. Bureau of Mines and Geology represented as their own entity.

Academic Committee Reports / Issue of Cheating

Scott Juskiewicz presented on the activities of the Instructional Improvement Committee. They are working on the issue of cheating this year, and are developing an aggressive schedule to try to make sure it gets addressed. This was a priority identified this year by the Faculty Senate.

• Issues of Space and Academic quality

This item was tabled by the senate at Hal's recommendation.

• BOR Strategic Plan

A variety of ideas were discussed for Hal to take to the BOR Strategic Planning meeting scheduled in November. Emphasis was on how to make sure the areas of success that Montana Tech has achieved will be reflected in any sort of academic success evaluation processes that are developed.

• Academic Schedule

The academic schedule is developed by the Dean's Council. The Dean's counsel provides a recommendation to the Chancellor who has the final say in the academic calendar.

Post-meeting note: This topic is briefly addressed in the Faculty Handbook, Section 311: Academic Year, where it states that "Academic Deans will administer this policy."

The Senate group adjourned at approximately 4:45 pm.

NEXT MEETINGS:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 3 PM, Monday, November 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Waren Secretary