

Montana Tech All Faculty

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 4/17/27- 2:00-3:00pm

Location: Library Auditorium

Attendance

Senators: No attendance taken at the all-faculty meeting. Individuals attended in person and remotely

Meeting Agenda

- I. **Welcome** – Senate Chair, Bryce Hill welcomed all in attendance. He reminded everyone this is a forum for faculty to participate in shared governance on campus.
- II. **Approval of Graduates** – The list of graduates for spring 2026 were presented to the faculty for review. There were no questions, those in attendance were informed the Faculty Senate approved the graduates at their last meeting on Wednesday April 8, 2026.
- III. **Faculty Staff Handbook Changes** – Two changes to the Faculty and Staff Handbook were presented. The first change was with wording to the “Non-Union Merit Award” section of the handbook. The changes to the wording were presented to the faculty, it was noted the words in red were not being voted on and were an editing mistake. A motion was made and seconded. During discussion it was asked if the red words could be removed, the answer was yes. An amendment to the motion was made to Bullet 3 to include the phrase “committee consisting of the department heads” The amendment was accepted and seconded. The motion carried.

The second change to the Handbook was from the Employee Relations and Confidence Committee. The committee asked if the words “and Confidence” could be removed from the committee’s name as it presented a negative connotation for the committee. A motion was made and seconded and the motion carried.

- IV. **Academic Year Emeriti Nominations** – The applications for Ron White and Doug Abbott were presented to the faculty for informational purposes. Those in attendance were notified the Faculty Senate voted to approve the application for Doug Abbott at their meeting on 4/8/26 and a vote of approval for Ron White would take place at the next Faculty Senate meeting on 4/22/26. Additionally, the Faculty were informed Emeriti applications for Courtney Young and Kumar Ganesan were approved by the Faculty Senate in the fall of 2026.

- V. **Reserved for Provost and Montana Tech Administration** – Provost Tim Elgren provided the faculty with an update on the search for the Dean of CLSPS. Team’s interviews have been completed and the search committee is finalizing the candidates they would like to invite to campus.

The Provost then provided an update on Montana Tech’s A.I. Working Group and the work they have been focusing on. MT Tech will be hosting workshops in May and August with the authors of the book “Teaching with A.I. The workshop in May will be remote and the workshop in August will be in person. Everyone is encouraged to attend. In preparation for these workshops everyone can receive a free copy of the book which will be distributed by the library. In addition, the MUS will be releasing a closed A.I. tool that is systemwide in May. The A.I. Working Group is also developing a website for campus that will be available in the fall of 2026.

- VI. **Faculty Climate Survey**- The faculty climate survey will be distributed next week. This is an important survey, please complete the survey. Additionally, this survey is used for accreditation purposes with NWCCU.

- VII. **For the Good of the Order** – Chair Hill asked those in attendance to think about how should the Senate affect campus and what should the goals of the Senate be for next year. A suggestion to discuss faculty work load was offered. Another suggestion of What is MT Tech and where are we going as an institution was presented. One last suggestion was for all faculty to familiarize themselves with the Faculty and Staff Handbook and for the Faculty Senate to provide more information to the faculty was offered.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.