

Faculty Senate Minutes

September 22, 2021

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Zoom: Charie Faught (Chair), Peter Lucon (Vice-Chair, Daniel Autenrieth, Lonnie Horn, Ryan Stapley, Sue Schrader, Raja Nagisetty, Rita Freebourn, Douglas Galarus, JoAnna Reeves, Bret Robertson, Tim Kober, Ron White, John Ray, Chris Gammons, Hilary Risser (sub for Atish), Matt Haynes, Courtney Young

Zoom Guests: Michele Hardy, Scott Risser

Quorum @ 9:01 am

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

Approvals for Sept. 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Motion, and seconded. **PASSED.**

Introduction of Faculty Senators and other Attendees

Action Items

- II. Secretary Nominations

Secretary – Nomination for JoAnna Reeves and she accepted the nomination. Motion, and seconded. **PASSED.**

- III. Representative on Faculty Service Committee (see below)

Looking for someone to be on this committee. The nominee is Katie Hailer, Chair of Chemistry Department. Motion, and seconded. **PASSED**

Comment: The Faculty Service Committee doesn't specify faculty but lists Staff. It should be looked into clearly specifying and clarifying the wording.

- IV. Resolution to Faculty Senate (see below)

Motion, and seconded.

More resolution comments from senators.

Amended motion and seconded, **PASSED**, but with three opposed votes. The amendment is that offices and alone spaces, masks are not required.

- V. Online evaluations switch to opt out instead of opt in.

Comments – In person/paper – is the default and we have enough response rates using this method.

Many departments have both and do not have a preference either way. One department was in favor to have it mandatory and if they didn't the student wouldn't get a grade. Nursing department does have that in place.

An additional comment – to make it default to the last time it was taught. Chair will take up an informal discussion with the provost on this topic.

Informational Items

- VI. None at this time

VII. Marvin Speece Emeritus Recommendation (see below)

Will move to action item next meeting. Please talk to your departments.

VIII. OCHE Discussion and BOR

Not discussed.

VI. Live, zoom, or hybrid meetings.

Chair: Keeping it the same and will discuss again next meeting.

VII. Activities/Goals for the academic year:

a. Review of Faculty Staff Handbook

Not discussed.

b. Faculty Satisfaction Survey

Not discussed.

c. Strategic Planning

Not discussed.

VIII. Other Items

None

Motion to adjourn and 2nd @ 10:01 am