Faculty Senate Minutes
02/08/2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Zoom: Charie Faught (Chair), Peter Lucon (Vice-Chair), Tim Kober, John Ray, Matt Egloff (fill in for Bret Robertson), Jessica Andriolo (Adjunct Faculty Rep), Chris Gammons, Sue Schrader, Linda Granger, Raja Nagisetty, Ron White, Douglas Galarus, Courtney Young, Shamim Akhtar, Hilary Risser, Jackie Timmer, Daniel Autenrieth, and Ryan Stapley

Zoom Guests: Angela Lueking (Dean Graduate School), Scott Risser and Michele Hardy (Dean College of Letters Sciences Prof Studies)

Quorum @ 1:05pm

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

Approvals for Jan 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Motion, and seconded. **PASSED.**

Action Items

II.   CRC Items
         None at this time.

III.   Secretary Nominations

    No volunteers…One potential nominee graciously declined because he is currently very heavily loaded. Tim Kober was nominated and Tim has accepted. Motion, and seconded. All for and zero opposed.

Informational Items

IV.   Metal Hopes Survey and Workshops – See Attached.
         The Chair gave an overview of this program and gave updates on this.
V.   Follow up from last meeting Re: finance Discussion
         The Chair gave an update on this and will have the new finance guy and Chancellor Cook to our next meeting it was open. Faculty senate representatives are to invite all to attend.

Discussion Items

IV.   UM Affiliation

         Chair: Based on Advancing Tech forum and other meetings that we are now going back under the UM and President Bodnar. We as faculty are still worried about this. We as the faculty have questions on what does this mean? What are the pros and cons of being an affiliate vs. standalone. What is the shared resources vs. vision. We will have questions with Chancellor Cook next week.

V.   Faculty Satisfaction Survey

         We have three volunteers. Ryan Stapley, Sue Schrader, and Jackie Timmer all have volunteered. They home to get the work started.

VI.   Communication at Tech (new app, weekly updates).

Chair: More complaints after the meeting. IT is having a hard time getting the app to work as intended. The long email is easy to overlook and the old email way was much easier. Quick reminders or other forms of communication.

Faculty Member Comments: It was recommended that someone draft language to IT or the Chancellor. Sue Schrader has volunteered to draft up a draft for review at the next meeting. Concerns were brought up with if the school requires us to have hardware (cell phones or the like) then the University should provide it with the services.

VII. Changes to Moodle and other online tools:

Chair: These changes are to be implanted by Fall of 2025. So, it will be a three-year transition. By fall of this year, we hopefully will identify a vendor. This semester the work will be a needs analysis and request for information. It was mentioned that they are considering all costs, sunken costs and developments as well as just the yearly maintenance and software costs.

VIII. NWCCU Program Accreditation
Sue Schrader and Charie Faught are on this and they will be reporting to this group. We as faculty will be participating more greatly. More to be reported at future dates.

IX. Faculty Representation on Search Committees
Do we want representation on the larger searches? One Senator said that we would want to have more representation. It was agreed that we need more faculty representatives by multiple faculty senate representatives. The chair also agrees with having representation. We can only do more to have more engagement. Charie will bring up this topic with the Chancellor.

X. Items of Interest for Alumni Board
Courtney is on the Alumni Board and will report next time.

XI. Other Items

None

Motion to adjourn and 2nd @ 2:01 pm