

SPRING 2022 ALL FACULTY MEETING

MONTANA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY



AGENDA

- Action Item: Graduation Approval
- Chancellor Cook Discussion/Strategic Enrollment
- Faculty Senate Overview
- Accomplishments and Challenges
- Current and Future Work
- Closed discussion of faculty confidence in the Montana Tech Leadership and the Budget Process

APPROVAL OF SPRING 2022 GRADUATES

- Motion to approve Spring 2022 graduates (pending department review and completion of required courses)

CHANCELLOR COOK/STRATEGIC ENROLLMENT



FACULTY SENATE OVERVIEW

- You can find past work, minutes, bylaws, etc. on the links to our webpage (note that most recent may not be available due to staffing issues):
- <https://mtech.edu/facultystaff/facultysenate/index.html>
- 2021-2022 Roster
- 2022-2023 Roster
- Thanks to everyone who is serving and will be serving- it makes a difference!

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- Resolution on Mask Mandate
- Land Acknowledgement Resolution
- Resolution on Montana Tech Budget
- Faculty Emeritus Recommendations
- Strategic Planning
- Faculty Senate Representation on Budget Committee

RESOLUTION ON MASK MANDATE (09/22/2021)

1. Extend the mask mandate to all indoor areas of Tech.

2. Ensure strong enforcement of the mandate for instructional areas.

3. Vigorously promote and make readily available vaccinations.

4. Stop promoting super-spreader events.

5. Improve the reporting system on campus.

6. Reintroduce and require social distancing

7. Promote and pursue contact tracing

Provide full, public disclosure of Covid statistics pertaining to the Tech Community--numbers of cases on campus and infection trends on campus.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (4/19/2022)

- The Faculty Senate endorses, refers to Executive Committee and other appropriate governance bodies, and requests the American Indian Achievement Team continually consider proposed revisions as needed or appropriate to the following Land Acknowledgement Statement.
- “The lands on which Montana Technological University stand are a part of the ancient homeland and traditional territory of many Indigenous tribes, as places of hunting, travel, trade, and healing. We collectively acknowledge the Niimiipuu (Nez Perce), Piikani (Blackfeet), Seliš (Salish), and Agai-deka (Shoshone) peoples as original stewards. We pay respect and honor to the Nations and Peoples, as well as the land. By offering this Acknowledgement, we affirm Indigenous sovereignty and commit to serving the needs of American Indian and Indigenous peoples today and into the future.”
- Thanks to the American Indian Achievement Team for their work!

RESOLUTION ON MONTANA TECH BUDGET (4/05/2022)

[A resolution to ask] administration of Montana Technological University to provide (1) a *detailed plan to balance our budget if (when) increases in enrollment do not materialize*. That plan would also (2) provide information as to how the administration would prioritize *academic programs for our students in the face of this multi-million-dollar cliff, and not use non-strategic ubiquitous cuts*. Professor Risser goes on to say: *It is evident that there are structural problems with our current budget and staffing model, and leadership must openly identify and immediately work to remedy them*. Part of the administration plan for coping with this financial crisis that would be submitted would be (3) providing a clear action, work plan for addressing the budget crisis and remedying the current structural problems associated with the present budget and staffing model.

FACULTY EMERITUS

- Matthew Donnelly
- Henry Gonshak
- Rick Rossi
- Cecilia Schahczenski
- Marvin Speece
- Michele Van Dyne

CURRENT AND FUTURE WORK

- Faculty and Staff Satisfaction Survey
 - Opens April 25, closes May 6
- NWCCU Faculty Engagement (Program Review)
- Completing Faculty Staff Handbook Updates for Approval
- Your suggestions and input in others would be appreciated!

THANK YOU!

- Thanks to faculty who have worked tirelessly this year under difficult conditions to provide a great educational experience, conduct research, and work to make our institution better!

CLOSED DISCUSSION OF FACULTY CONFIDENCE IN THE MONTANA TECH LEADERSHIP AND THE BUDGET PROCESS

