Spring Faculty Meeting

April 24th, 2017 3:30 p.m. Library Auditorium

Agenda

- Welcome and Advertisement
- II. Proposed Academic Honesty Policy
- III. Proposed Changes to the Senate Bylaws
- IV. Approval of 2017 Graduates
- V. Appreciation of Campus Members
- VI. Senate Activities
- VII. Faculty Satisfaction Survey
- VIII. Course Evaluation
- IX. Campus Emergency Procedures
- X. Future Items for Senate Consideration

Senate Webpages

You can find information concerning Senate Activities here (Maintained by C. Cote):

Main Page: http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/

Agenda: http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/agendas.htm

Minutes: http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/minutes/index.htm

Senators: http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/senators.htm

Proposed Academic Honesty Policy

The Process

- 1. There is suspicion of academic dishonesty
- The instructor of record/an academic staff member submits an Academic Dishonesty Violation online referral form and includes all evidence, conclusion, and actions
- 3. The decision maker chooses a "Decision Option"
- 4. The Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs meets with the student

Legend

ASC- Academic Standards Committee SJB- Student Judicial Board

*Two things constitute grounds: new information being made available and a feeling that the sanction imposed was not consistent with the severity of the violation. An explanation of why sanction(s) are disproportionate to the violation(s) must be included. Mere dislike or disagreement with the sanction(s) or the impact of the sanction(s) is not grounds for an appeal.

Academic Dishonesty Flow Chart

No finding that academic dishonesty has occurred

Decision Option 1

A determination of academic dishonesty is accepted by the student (the student does not submit an appeal)

Decision Option 2

The student receives the finding and sanction as decided by the decision maker

Decision Option 3

A determination of academic dishonesty is not accepted by the student

The student may initiate an appeal to ASC within 10 business days

An ASC hearing is held

ASC DECISION OPTION 1

An appeal is granted – no further action needs to be taken

ASC DECISION OPTION 2

An appeal is denied

The student may initiate an appeal to the Student Judicial Board within 10 business days (on specific grounds*)

If the student appeals the ASC's decision, the next level is the Student Judicial Board (subject to having grounds* for appeal).

Provided grounds exist, a SJB hearing is held.

SJB DECISION OPTION 1

An appeal is granted

SJB DECISION OPTION 2

An appeal is denied – the student can appeal to the Chancellor

An appeal is granted

An appeal is denied – this decision is final and is not appealable

Proposed Changes to the Senate Bylaws

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

"As needed, the size and composition of the Faculty Senate shall be re-evaluated to account for changes in faculty and department structure of the College."

SECTION 1:

The Faculty Senate shall consist of 25 members composed of	as follows:
School of Mines and Engineering Faculty	Senators
College of Letters, Science, and Prof. Studies Faculty	Senators
Highlands College Faculty	3 4 Senators
Research & Library Faculty	3 Senators
Adjunct Faculty	1 Senator

Highlands College

- 1. Business Technology
- 2. Trades and Technology
- 3. All Other Programs Health Programs
- 4. General Studies

Approval of 2017 Graduates

Commencement 2017 and approval of graduates.

Campus Appreciations

Thank you to the campus groups who assisted with our NWCCU Accreditation process. In particular, a special thank you to:

- Melissa Kump,
- Scott Juskiewicz
- Doug Abbott
- Chip Todd

Thank you to the campus groups who assisted with our ABET Accreditation process.

Thank you to the faculty, students, staff and administration who helped with last summer's large course and test proctoring. In particular, a special thank you to:
Darlene Voss, Nick Smith, Chance Sparrow, Amanda Jager, Donna Conrad, Shelley Reed, Prince Sarfo, Clay Thomas, Nathan Sutton, BreAnna Wright, Brian Kukay, Mat Egloff, Nathan Huft, Maggie Peterson, Carlos Martinez, Anthony Ottolini, Scott Coguill, and Bruce Madigan.

Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

a. Committees:

- i. / Academic Honesty Workgroup Organized by Doctors Vath and Thomas
- ii. Senate Representation Sub-Committee Chaired by Secretary Cote
- iii. Course Evaluation Sub-Committee Chaired by Dr. Southergill
- iv. Workgroup for Institutional Realignment for Excellence Chaired by Doctors Smith Risser and Trudnowski

Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

b. Curriculum Changes:

- Courses Added CSCI 124, HCI 440, LIT 373, PHL 112, PSCI 250, PTC 412, M105, M 5XX, MT 295/395/495, WRIT 326
- ii. Modify Courses HSTR 201/202, M 411, MIN 456
- iii. Program Changes Aerospace Welding Certificate, Computational Science, Computer Science, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, Mining Engineering, Nursing, Occupational Safety and Health, Precision Machining Technology, Software Engineering, Technical Communication,
- iv. New General Education Courses CJUS 121

Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

- c. Considered the following topics:
 - i. Advertising faculty publications, presentations, and patents (http://www.mtech.edu/library/publication-submission/index.htm)
 - ii. December Graduation
 - iii. Synchronizing Clocks on Campus
 - iv. Review of the Montana Tech Strategic Plan
 - v. Prior Learning Assessments (input on forms)
 - vi. Therapy and Companion Animal Companion Animal Accommodations
 - vii. Changes to the Faculty/Staff Handbook
 - viii. Tuition initiative for survivors of domestic violence (BOR 940.1)
 - ix. Online Learning Questionnaire (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/11YHE96nP1i2WIPZrtoS8ZyotPf5iTBipHFCcr 172 X8/viewform?edit_requested=true)
 - x. Limited English Proficiency Students

Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

d. Diversity Resolution:

"That the Faculty Senate of Montana Tech of the University of Montana stand united for the ideals of diversity, acceptance, and inclusion at our university. We welcome all students to learn to the best of their abilities on our campus in an environment free from racism, sexism, bigotry, harassment, and oppression. We uphold these ideals ourselves, and strongly encourage our colleagues across the university both to uphold these ideals, and to teach them when appropriate to our students as a way to move human society forward."

Your Senators have considered the following issues over the last few months:

e. Appointment of Miriam Young to the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:

"The committee considers appeals by faculty of administrative decisions that impair the faculty member's academic freedom or violate the procedures for obtaining tenure. The committee attempts to resolve disputes in an informal manner, but formal hearings may also be held. Ordinarily, the committee will not offer judgments on the merits of a faculty member to qualify for tenure, but will only attempt to determine if the faculty member has had fair and due process in all proceedings. The committee may offer its judgments in matters concerning academic freedom. The committee submits a written report of its findings to the appealing faculty member and the administration. "

Future Senate Activities

- VII. Faculty Satisfaction Survey
 - a. Message will come from Dr. Faught (CFaught@mtech.edu)
 - b. Incentive
- VIII. Course Evaluations Background, Current Status, and Future Semesters (committee phair, Dr. Southergill, <u>GSouthergill@mtech.edu</u>)
- M. The Staff Senate is interested in soliciting faculty feedback and evaluation of our emergency procedures. Those interested in this process can contact Taryn Quayle (<u>TQuayle@mtech.edu</u>) for details.
- X. Future Items for Senate Consideration?