

Faculty Senate Agenda

2/28/2019

9-10 a.m.

Mill 201

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

Action Items

- II. CRC Recommendations
 - a. Course changes for Geophysics, Computer Science
 - b. Curriculum changes for minor in Occupational Safety and Health
 - c. Creation of new course in Literature

Informational Items

- III. Committee updates:
 - a. Teaching Community
 - b. Research Mentors
 - c. Budget
 - d. Campus Committee Assessment
 - e. Chancellor Search Advisory Committee

- IV. Commencement Speaker

Discussion Items

- V. Workload Comments
- VI. Senator Elections
- VII. BoR meeting – Topics for Regent breakfast
- VIII. Other Items

V. Discussion from faculty member:

For next Faculty Senate, I would like to codify:

1. No teaching outside area of expertise.
2. Release time and mentoring requirements on department for new faculty.
3. Release time allowed for faculty to develop new or new to them courses.
4. Provide a "formula" for #2 and #3.
5. Simple means to develop a balanced "per year and per semester" teaching load for faculty, and to account for overload.
6. Have faculty submit a list of courses that they have taught, and others that should be able to teach with prep. Also rank preferences by comfort, proficiency, etc. Deans and Department heads can develop reasonable plans to expand a faculty member's diversity of courses that can be taught over time.
7. Departments and schools may push back, but I think those who teach the service courses best, should be the ones teaching them. The foundation is the most important.

VI. Senator elections (bylaws below)

Article IV. Elections

(Article IV, Section 1 replaced by following according to faculty action 10/21/2011.)

SECTION 1:

Membership in the Faculty Senate shall be determined by annual elections held in March at the department level. Only persons holding faculty rank are eligible to vote, except in the case of Adjunct Faculty. Members shall be elected to two-year or three-year terms at the option of their respective departments. Vacancies created by unexpired terms shall be filled by special election.

Article V. Organization

SECTION 1: Officers

The officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Secretary. These officers shall be elected from the total membership of the Faculty Senate at the initial meeting after its annual election.

SECTION 2: Duties of Officers

The Chairperson shall be the principal executive officer and shall have such powers as are appropriate to the office. The Chairperson shall appoint committees and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

The Vice-Chairperson shall fulfill the duties of the Chairperson in the Chairperson's absence and shall, otherwise, serve as an assistant to the Chairperson.

The Secretary is responsible for the usual functions of the office, such as:

1. Keeping the minutes of all regular meetings of the Faculty Senate and making available copies to the entire professional staff and the Chancellor.
2. Maintaining archives of important papers of the Faculty Senate.
3. Furnishing notification of all Faculty Senate meetings to all faculty members.
4. Carrying on pertinent correspondence relative to the Faculty Senate and its activities.