

Faculty Senate Agenda  
1/18/18  
2 p.m.– 4 p.m.  
Kelley / Steward (SUB 113 AB)

I. Welcome and Minutes

- a. Draft Minutes found here: <http://www.mtech.edu/about/facultysenate/minutes/index.htm>

**Informational Items**

II. Affiliated Faculty – presented by Dr. Hartline

III. Course Evaluation Subcommittee – presented by Dr. Southergill

**Discussion Items**

IV. WIRE and Program Prioritization Committee membership

V. Academic Dishonesty (use of cell phone video as evidence)

VI. Appointments of Teaching and Research Community Leadership

VII. Other Items

## II. AFFILIATED FACULTY

- MBMG researchers, those employed in other research centers on campus, faculty at other universities, and researchers in industry, national laboratories, and other research-active institutions are eligible for affiliated faculty appointments with one or more academic departments at Montana Tech.
  - Appointment is subject to application by the prospective affiliated faculty member and approval by the department head, dean, and (if from MBMG or a Montana Tech research center) by the MBMG/Center director.
  - Academic credentials of the affiliated faculty member must be equivalent to those of academic faculty in the department (Ph.D. preferred, M.S. plus experience is appropriate for some departments).
  - Affiliated faculty must be active in research, independent scholarship, and publication.
  - Academic rank of “Affiliated Research Assistant Professor,” “Affiliated Research Associate Professor,” or “Affiliated Research Professor” would match the researcher’s rank in MBMG/Center or employing institution.
  - Affiliated faculty appointments are subject to reapplication and review every 3 years, renewable, and automatically expire if not renewed.
  - Renewal requires an updated application showing continuing strong activity in research, grant seeking, grant management, student research supervision, publication, and engagement with the host department(s). It is subject to the same approvals as the original application.
  
- Responsibilities and privileges of affiliated faculty.
  - Affiliated faculty may serve as the primary thesis/project advisor for graduate students in the department hosting the affiliation, upon approval of the department.
  - Affiliated faculty may be listed with their research interests on the department’s web page.
  - Affiliated faculty may attend department meetings by invitation, but they do not have “voting rights” in departmental decision making.
  - Affiliation has no implications for compensation or benefits, nor do affiliated faculty participate in the review of academic faculty for promotion or tenure.
  - Affiliated faculty may teach occasional courses in an adjunct capacity under the same procedures and approvals as others, who are not part of the academic faculty. The Department Head and Dean must approve the teaching appointment each term. For affiliated faculty associated with MBMG or a Montana Tech Center, the MBMG/Center Director must also approve the assignment, and determine whether it would constitute overload or be included within the person’s responsibilities. Compensation will be provided per the adjunct policies and practices in effect at the time.
  
- To apply for affiliate faculty status, MBMG/Center researchers must submit an application letter through the MBMG/Center director to the applicable department(s), stating interest and briefly summarizing recent (last 3 years) research activity (grants applied for, grants funded, research activities, student research mentoring activities, and publications). A current C.V. must be attached. It is suggested that MBMG/Center researchers discuss their interest with the MBMG/Center director AND the Department head(s) prior to preparing and submitting the application. Prospective affiliated faculty from other institutions must provide an application with the same information to the Head of the department of interest.
  
- Review of the application and decision on affiliate status would typically be completed within less than 1 calendar month. Departments may request contact information for references. Departments should notify the Provost’s Office of Affiliated Faculty appointments and effective dates, so it can maintain a current roster of Affiliated Faculty.

## **VI. Leadership Team Appointments**

### **Teaching Circle Leadership Team**

The Montana Tech Faculty Senate shall establish a community of practice for pedagogical improvement. In the spring of 2018 the Faculty Senate shall appoint a leadership team to plan the structure, content, and schedule for this community. This team shall utilize evidenced-based best practices in higher education as guidance for this planning. Thereafter, the leadership team shall be appointed annually each April by the Faculty Senate from the full time faculty, with special consideration given to Rose and Anna Busch Award recipients and Teaching Merit Award winners. This community will be open to all Montana Tech faculty beginning fall 2018.

*Sample Structure:* Weekly lunch meetings, once a month as a whole, and three times a month in smaller groups.

*Sample Topics:*

- At-risk students and accommodations
- Course planning / time management
- Dishonesty prevention
- Evaluating teaching in vivo
- Formative vs. Summative assessments
- Online / Moodle best practices
- Valid and Reliable assessments

### **Scholars Community Leadership Team**

The Montana Tech Faculty Senate shall establish a group mentorship program for fostering interdisciplinary scholarship and increasing successful research. In the spring of 2018 the Faculty Senate shall appoint mentor leaders to plan the structure, content, and schedule for this community. This team shall utilize evidenced-based best practices in higher education as guidance for this planning. Thereafter, these lead mentors shall be appointed annually each April by the Faculty Senate from the full time faculty, with special consideration given to Distinguished Researcher Award recipients and Research Merit Award winners. This mentorship program will be open to all full-time Montana Tech faculty beginning fall 2018.

*Sample activities and topics:*

- “Cross-pollination” of research groups/individuals (frequent mixing)
- Best practices in mentoring grad students
- Dealing with federal compliance
- Establishing peer-partners for support (peer reviews, check-ins, accountability in deadlines, writing, and progress)
- Five-minute presentations of Research Programs
- Peer-lead Grant education (budgets, applications, finding collaborators)
- Setting up space/labs/lab groups

## Eligible Faculty

Rose & Anna Busch Awards	Merit Awards	Distinguished Researchers
Jack Skinner (GenE) Karen Wesenberg-Ward (Chem) Katie Hailer (Chem) George Williams (Pet) Jim Girard (GeoPE) Bill Ryan (T&T) Brian Kukay (GenE) Julie Hart (SHIH) Linda Granger (BusT)	Jerry Stewart (T&T) Amy Kuenzi (Bio) Marisa Pedulla (Bio) Stella Capoccia (Bio) Douglas Cameron (Chem) Thomas Camm (Min) Matthew Donnelly (EE) Kumar Ganesan (EnvE) Mary North-Abbott (Pet) Glenn Shaw (GeoE) Karen VanDaveer (Nur) Chris Danielson (LS) Christopher Gammons (GeoE) Katie Hailer (Chem) Michael Masters (LS) Hilary Risser (Math) Xiaobing Zhou (GeoPE) Jerry Downey (Met) Bryce Hill (EE) Larry Hunter (GenE) Bruce Madigan (GenE) Sudhakara Vadiraja (Met) Dennis Noel (T&T) John Amtmann (SHIH) Waleed Al-Rawashdeh (Math) Martha Apple (Bio) Theresa Stack (SHIH) Roger Jensen (SHIH) Janet Coe (Nur) Mary MacLaughlin (GeoE) Scott Rosenthal (Min) Jack Skinner (GenE)	Matt Donnelly (EE) Katie Hailer (Chem) Colleen Elliot (MBMG) Dan Trudnowski, (EE) Chris Gammons (GeoE) Jerry Downey (Met) Elyse Lovell (GenS) Katie McDonald (MBMG) Marisa Pedulla (Bio) Courtney Young (Met) Ginette Abdo (MBMG) Waleed Al-Rawashdeh (Math) Jack Skinner (GenE) Susan Vuke, (MBMG) Amy Kuenzi (Bio) Suzan Gazioglu (Stat) Richard Rossi (Stat)