

Montana Tech Faculty Senate Meeting
Sept. 14, 1999

Attendees: Danette Melvin, Larry Smith, Celia Schahczenski, Henry Gonshak, Mary MacGregor, Curt Link, Bill MacGregor

Visitors: Dan Bradley, Joe Figuiera

Minutes not approved, as they were not yet available for reading.

Faculty Misconduct Policy. Joe Figuiera presented the Univ of Miss. Policy (see handout). Scientific vs academic misconduct is an issue. We could broaden the scientific to academic with trivial changes to the U of Miss policy. National Science Foundation (NSF) requires a policy to be in place. NSF has approved the U of Miss policy. Research Advisory Council will review policies from a research viewpoint. A research policy needs to be in place by April 2.

Larry Smith moved to recommend a draft Research and Scholarly Misconduct Policy be prepared by the Research Advisory Council. The Senate will review the draft and pass it on to the Faculty with any needed changes.

Faculty Forums on Handbook

Dates for Faculty forums on the changes to the Faculty Handbook were set:

9/20 4:30

9/28 3:30

To follow up, the Faculty Senate will meet on October 1 at 4:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. assess the forums.

Format for Forums:

L. Smith – bullet format of substantive changes, preceded by an e-mail of the entire handbook to the faculty.

Henry to e-mail a forum announcement to Celia. Celia will append the Handbook and send them out to the faculty. Mary's synopsis of the major changes will be included. Faculty will be notified that a copy of the document with changes highlighted will be placed in the shared folders.

Henry will ask Don Stierle to prepare the bullet presentation and present the changes. H. Gonshak to moderate the forum.

The whole document will be presented at each forum. D. Bradley will be asked (by Henry) to provide a secretary to record minutes.

Issues to be discussed:

1. Definition of Faculty: Senate recommends a broader definition than that presented in Don's document.
2. Senate wants to work on the issue of Part-Time instructors. May not be able to complete this before the NW accreditation visit.
3. Further issues will be left to the Forum, with emphasis on Mary's synopsis of changes.

Faculty Evaluations Workshop.

D. Bradley: Met with Deans, who are very supportive of a workshop on Faculty Evaluations. Celia moved that the Faculty Senate endorse and attend the workshop. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Faculty Senate needs to have representatives on several campus committees:

Academic Standards – Henry Gonshak

Scholarship and Financial Aide Committee – Danette Melvin

Students and Disciplinary Appeals Committee – Danette Melvin

Telecommunications Committee – Bill MacGregor

Salary Committee – Henry will ask Butch to serve.

Senators will meet with Dick Crofts, etc. on Sept. 21 at 2:30 or 3:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 6pm. The senate will next meet Oct. 1st at 4pm.