

Faculty Senate Minutes
Tuesday, May 2, 2000, Library Conference Room

Called to order: 8:10 AM

Attendee: Butch Gerbrandt, Celia Schahczenski, Bill Macgregor, Henry Gonshak, Mary MacLaughlin, Larry Smith (recorder), Dan Bradley

Old Business

1) *Minutes from Past Meetings*: Minutes from three past meetings have not yet been posted or approved; Bill is responsible for two, Curtis Link is responsible for one.

2) *Proposed addition to handbook regarding student evaluations*: Dan discussed with the Senate the Senate's refusal to accept previously presented draft language specifying how evaluations were to be administered.

- He stated the administering of evaluations is "not an issue of academic freedom."
- He did not see a problem with allowing electronic submission of evaluations, as long as they were sent directly to an administrative assistant.
- The core of the proposal is ensuring that the Faculty member cannot see the evaluations before grades are submitted

It was decided that since a Board of Regents policy is coming, we should wait to see what they actually state before taking action.

3) *Dave Hill Award*: Henry will introduce Paul Sawyer, whom will bestow the award.

4) *Post-Tenure Review*: Joyce Scott has mentioned a need for policy; Dan felt that our current procedures will satisfy Joyce's policies; Celia asked about the lack of specificity in the handbook on what constitutes a remediation plan; Dan said he'd look at the handbook language again and see if it needs more specificity.

Other Business

Bill brought up two points:

a) there is a confusion in wording in Montana Tech Catalog about academic relations between the north and south campuses that appears to be relics of before we were merged; Bill mentioned the need to clarify the issues with Ed Johnson.

B) Students discovered that they are billed \$65 for a "writing center fee" which used to be a computer lab fee; this wording should be clarified, because it is misleading.

New Business

1) *Final Faculty Meeting*: We want to summarize this year's accomplishments in the Senate, which are:

- Completed significant revision of the Faculty/Staff handbook
- Required that the administration provide written responses to Faculty committee recommendations.

- Required committees to meet (discouraging the existence of committees in name only).
- Had repeated communications with our local Regent, Margie Thompson.
- Presented our case in defense of tenure to the Board of Regents.
- Conducted budget forums that increased communication between the administration and the faculty.

2) *May Board Meeting Representation*: Bill will represent Tech if he is free.

Next Meeting: We agreed to try to meet during finals week.

Adjourned: 8:52 AM