

Faculty Senate Minutes 1/18/02

The 1/18/02 meeting of the Montana Tech Faculty Senate was called to order at 12:10 P.M.. In attendance were J. Handley, M. MacLaughlin, D. Carter, D. Hobbs, R. Appleman, K. Miller, and R. Donovan.

The first topic of discussion concerned the question of whether the Senate should respond to the resignation of Coach Dessing. After a brief discussion, it was determined that no action would be taken.

J. Handley reported on the progress of the search to replace the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. To date, the primary focus of the search was to fill out the search committee and it was reported that the committee had been formed and was scheduled to meet soon. There was considerable discussion surrounding the speed of the search. The discussion centered on concerns that the delay will increase the likelihood that the applicant pool will be small.

In order to enhance faculty participation, it was decided that the Senate will meet the first and third Friday of every month. This will allow the faculty at large to effectively schedule their time in order to meet with the Senate on matters that may concern them. The next meeting of the Senate is scheduled to be Feb. 1.

D. Carter moved to have J. Handley represent the faculty Senate on the Salary Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

R. Appleman reported on some discussions that occurred at the last Board of Regents meeting concerning how appeals are handled throughout the Montana University System. This led to a discussion concerning the review process that has recently been put in place to evaluate the performance of department heads and deans. Subsequent discussions centered on the form of faculty governance at Montana Tech. It was decided to invite Chancellor Gilmore to the Feb. 15 meeting of the Senate for a discussion of general faculty governance.

The meeting was ajourned at 12:50.

Respectively submitted by Richard Donovan