

MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Friday, April 18, 2008

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Jerry Downey, Betsy Garlish, Rich McNearny,
Mark Sholes (Chair), Kirk Waren

Members absent: Lance Edwards, Gretchen Geller, Rod James, John Nugent, Miriam Young

Attending without vote: None

Business

- The minutes of the February 8, 2008 meeting were approved.

Old Business

1. Items from the February 8, 2008 Meeting for consideration in the future

- The following topics listed as old or new business in the February minutes are unresolved, and may be considered in the future (refer to the Feb 8 minutes):
 - Timing of registration of students vs. availability of term grades to determine eligibility
 - Union Activities
 - Non-Cash Benefits Update
 - Conflict of Interest forms and implications

2. Faculty Senate purpose and representation

- The purpose and representation of the Faculty Senate is set forth in Appendix D of the Montana Tech of The University of Montana Faculty and Staff Handbook.

New Business

1. Student Travel Policy

- Mark Sholes (Chair) distributed copies of Draft 3, April 2008, Student Travel Policy. The policy is one page with the purpose and organizational responsibilities stated, followed by a Student Travel Itinerary form and an Emergency Contact List form.

Rich McNearny had numerous questions about the policy, and felt there is a need for clarification. Particularly problematic are the details of students taking personal vehicles for various reasons, and unpredictable changes in attendance and occupancy of particular vehicles that tend to occur during various outings. Rich suggests we have someone from Administration attend the next Faculty Senate meeting to answer questions on how this travel policy will work.

2. Faculty Senate representation renewal

- The following individuals will complete their two-year terms on the Faculty Senate:

- Mark Sholes (Chair)
- Lance Edwards (Vice Chair)
- Betsy Garlish
- John Nugent

Mark Sholes noted that it was found difficult in the past to fulfill the one representative of “North Campus, part-time, non-tenure track, instructional faculty.” He suggests we offer to let John Nugent continue to fill this position if he is willing to do that. Other new members must be selected from the “North Campus faculty at large holding faculty rank.” We intend to nominate new members at the next Faculty Senate meeting, to provide as suggestions for the Faculty to vote on during their next meeting.

The Senate adjourned at 12:55 PM.

NEXT MEETING: April 25, 2008 @ 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Waren
Secretary