

MONTANA TECH FACULTY SENATE

Friday, January 25, 2008

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Members present: Jerry Downey, Lance Edwards, Gretchen Geller, Mark Sholes (Chair),
Kirk Waren

Members absent: Betsy Garlish, Rod James, John Nugent, Rich McNearny, Miriam Young

Attending without vote: None

Business

- We discussed the protocol of approving meeting minutes. I will be more diligent in trying to get the previous meetings minutes approved at future meetings so that the approved Senate Faculty Minutes can be posted to the appropriate public folder. Next meeting, perhaps the minutes of the October 19th, November 2nd, November 16th, and this meeting (January 25th) can be discussed.

Old Business

1. **November 30th Faculty Senate Meeting**

- There was a brief November 30, 2007 Faculty Senate meeting, however no minutes were taken and it was of limited attendance. The recommendation from Montana Tech's Honorary Doctorate Committee for Mr. A. Dan Rovig to be the 2008 Montana Tech Honorary Doctorate recipient was approved at the November 30th meeting.

2. **Timing of registration of students vs. availability of term grades to determine eligibility.**

- We discussed some highlights of this problem again.
- We need to know more about how the registration process works and the capabilities of the software or system. Therefore, Mark Sholes (Chair) will extend an invitation to the Doug Abbott and Chancellor Frank Gilmore to bring someone from the registrar's office to an upcoming meeting so they can present their perspective, educate us on the system's capabilities and limitations, and discuss what actions might be workable.

3. **Miriam Young's continued membership on the faculty senate.**

- The faculty has elected to continue Miriam Young's membership on the faculty senate.

4. **The faculty senate representatives for other committees:**

- Bookstore Advisory Board – Gretchen Geller has agreed to be the faculty senate representative on the Bookstore Advisory Board. She will be contacting Jenny

who is on the committee to find out their schedule and begin participating in the committee.

- Space Committee – Kirk Waren was notified of a Space Committee meeting on January 31 by Karen Monaghan. Karen noted that Karen Porter was previously assigned to the committee as a Faculty Senate Representative, so she placed me on the committee in her stead. This was discussed and the Faculty Senate approved my taking this committee spot.

6. **Potential honorary doctorate degree**

- See Item 1 above.

New Business

None

The Senate adjourned at 1:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2008 @ 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirk Waren
Secretary