

Montana Tech Faculty Senate Meeting
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
7-8am, Bob & Pauline Poore Room (URC 202)

Call to Order (7:00): Chad Okrusch
Roll Call: Katie Hailer

Senate Members Present:

Chad Okrusch, Katie Hailer, Chris Danielson, Glen Shaw, Celia Schahczenski, Vicki Petritz, Rick Rossi, James Rose, Sue Schrader, Bill Gleason, Bill Drury, Rita Spear, Rhonda Coguille, Julie Hart, John Nugent, Scott Rosenthal, Larry Hunter

Senate Members Absent:

Tim Kober, Gretchen Geller, Bill Ryan, Miriam Young,

Guests:

Doug Abbott (Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, VCAA)

Vacant Seats:

Biological Sciences, Library Faculty, Geophysical Engineering, Electrical Engineering

I. Welcome & Introductions (7:00-7:10)

II. Joe McClafferty & Michael Barth (7:10-7:20)

- No show

III. Administrative Housekeeping (7:20-7:30)

a. Current Senate roster & terms

- Identified vacant seats. We will continue to solicit from those departments
 - b. Surveymonkey account
 - c. Web site updates
- Officers will meet outside of meeting time to complete tasks b.) and c.)

IV. Continuing Business (7:30-7:40)

a. Faculty Satisfaction Survey 3.0

- Chad Okrusch met with Chancellor Blackketter and Provost Abbott over the summer. The administration would like specific examples to illustrate comments within the faculty survey. The senate will work to develop another version of the satisfaction survey to present to the faculty.

b. Student Evaluation Revisions (w/ASMT)

- The senate will continue to work with ASMT to develop a evaluation system that is good for both faculty and students.

c. Academic Calendar

- The senate will be asked to weigh in on the next academic calendar before it goes to press.

V. New Business (7:40-7:50)

a. Academic Integrity

- An ad-hoc committee will be created to more adequately define our academic integrity policy, culture of collegiality, setting high standards within our institution, realizing that integrity is not always cheating issues; During the course of the 2014-2015 year, Chad would like this to be a focus of the senate.
- Example of academic integrity issue that is not a cheating issue: Bob Green scheduled a tournament during finals week. This is not allowed according to our academic integrity by-laws. Final exams are supposed to be strictly upheld and students shouldn't be traveling during that time. *This issue has been resolved but was used as an illustration of the variety of integrity issues that can arise on a college campus.

b. Strategic Planning ad-hoc committee

- Chancellor Blacketter has asked for 6-10 senate members to meet with him for several hours to discuss strategic planning as it impacts the faculty senate. We need representation from all areas of campus on this ad-hoc committee
- Members of senate strategic planning meeting: Sue Schrader, John Nugent, Vicki Petritz, Larry Hunter, Chris Danielson, Katie Hailer, Chad Okrusch

VII. Other business (7:50-7:55)

- Rhonda Coguill (CAMP), New STEM program 5th-8th grades (GEMS) Girls excelling in math and science, meeting in the ELC, any faculty or staff with girls in that age group are encouraged to attend, clubs are welcome to volunteer/mentor the girls in this program, need faculty that are interested in setting up experiments or participating.
- The Butte school district is willing to participate and is excited to see this happen. Working to dispel science and engineering myths and change attitudes towards science and engineering.
- Sue Schrader- honors seminar focus is on diversifying STEM fields and Rhonda was invited to present to them on the GEMS program.

VIII. Next meeting (7:55-8:00)

- When is the best time for the next meeting?
- Hard to find a common time for everyone
- Next meeting 2nd Thursday of the month, October 9, 2014, 7am Pintlar room of the SUB

Adjourned at 7:45 am