

Faculty Senate Meeting
9/10/98
Butte Highlands, 10am

Present: Doug Cameron, Steve Luft, Mary MacLaughlin, Celia Schahczenski, Don Stierle, Curtis Link
Recorder: Celia Schahczenski

Minutes of the 7/14/98 and 8/24/98 meetings were approved.

Old Business

VCAAR Search

At the last meeting it was brought up that a number of faculty questioned how the Interim VCAAR was chosen and what the plans were for a future search. The senate chair met with Chancellor Gilmore. Chancellor Gilmore explained that he feels that interim positions are service and should not be rolled over from year to year. He never sees having someone in an interim position for more than one year. Within the next couple of weeks Chancellor Gilmore intends to begin the process of forming a new search committee.

Chancellor Advisory Board

The makeup of this board was discussed. It is felt that the members of this board should be different than the members of the Chancellors Cabinet. The following makeup is proposed:

- One non-dean member of each college (this includes the COT) - 5
- Athletics - 1
- Bureau - 1
- Physical plant - 1
- Senate representative - 1
- Student - 1
- Student services - 1
- Staff - 1

Faculty Senate representation on faculty committees

- John Evans has agreed to take Marilyn Tobin's place on the Athletics Committee
- Don Stierle has agreed to take Denise Solko's place on the MUSFAC (Montana University System Faculty Advisory Council) and the Student Union Building/Bookstore Advisory Board
- Celia Schahczenski will serve as the Faculty Senate representative on the WEB Site Committee

Campus Chapel

The Faculty Senate wants to know more about the status of the proposed campus chapel. We continue to look forward to a presentation at a future meeting.

Meeting time

The best time continues to be Friday at 2pm.

New Business

Budget

A budget has been proposed for the Faculty Senate:

- Release time for Chairperson ----- \$4800
- Travel ----- 400
- Other ----- 500

Faculty Handbook

All faculty should have received updates to the Faculty Handbook and therefore should have updated versions. It was found that several members do not have the updates. Don agreed to furnish each Faculty Senate member with an updated copy.

It was pointed out that the COT has its own Faculty Handbook. This is necessary because the COT is unionized. The Montana Tech Handbook needs to mention that it does not apply to COT faculty.

Pay Periods

The memo from President Dennison dated Sept. 4th concerning limiting pay period options provides another example where Montana Tech's input was not taken.

Board of Regents Meeting

The Board of Regents will hold its next meeting at Montana Tech next Thursday and Friday, Sept. 16 & 17. Don Stierle will attend the relevant sessions. Many of the sessions are open to the public.

Mission Statement

Steve Luft reported on the meeting of the "Mission Statement Review Committee" of the "Steering Committee for Northwest Accreditation". This subcommittee has created a first draft of an updated mission statement for Montana Tech. They will meet again to finalize this draft before presenting it to the general faculty for input.

Montana Tech and Western Montana College meeting

The Senate discussed the Sept. 8 memo from Chancellor Gilmore suggesting that faculty from the Dillon and Butte campuses meet. It was wondered why only some of the campuses were chosen to meet. Since the meetings have already been decided upon, the Senate wants to be involved.

Email Policy

It has been suggested that Montana Tech needs a written policy about ownership of email. At the BOR meeting Don Stierle will ask other campus representative what is happening on their campus. Curtis Link will also bring this issue up at the next Computer Advisory Board meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25, at 2pm. Senators should read over their Faculty Handbooks and come prepared to prioritize those tasks which the senate wants to accomplish this year.

Meeting adjourned at 11am.