

# Faculty Senate Minutes

March 10, 2023

In attendance:

Charie Faught (Nursing), Jessica Andriolo (Adjunct Faculty), John Kirtley (Chemistry), Tim Kober (Business), Chris Gammons (Geological Engineering), Matt Egloff (Civil Engineering), Rick LaDouceur, (Mechanical Engineering), Doug Galarus (Computer Science), Dan Autenrieth (Safety, Health and Industrial Hygiene), John Ray (Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences), Scott Rosenthal (Mining Engineering), Luke Buckley (Research Faculty (MBMG)), Gary Wyss (Research Faculty (CAMP)), Raja Nagisetty (Environmental Engineering), Bryce Hill (Electrical Engineering), Courtney Young (Metallurgical and Materials Engineering), David Reihhardt (Petroleum Engineering), Linda Granger (Business and Industry), Hillary Risser (Mathematical Science)

## Welcome (12:01 p.m.)

Chairperson Charie Faught opened the meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the February 17, 2023 meeting. The motion was seconded. Discussion stated that the acronym used for the Associated Students of Montana Tech be changed from AMST to ASMT. The motion passed with the change.

## Action Items:

- I. February CRC Items (attached to Outlook invitation)

A motion was made to accept the CRC items as presented. The motion was seconded and passed without discussion.

## Informational Items:

- II. Chancellor Cook- Communication of Enrollment and other Pertinent Information

The Chancellor presented slides related to enrollment including headcount and full time equivalent students (attached to the minutes). Other items presented included:

1. The total applications received for Fall 2023 are similar to last year. In-state applications are up approximately 100 while out-of-state applications are down about 100
2. Discussion included a strategic plan for enrollment that included counting “touches” and an effort to get interested students to visit the campus.

3. Discussion regarding the budget should enrollment decline: No cuts are anticipated for the next AY. It is anticipated that Tech will go forward with the Montana State pay plan.
4. The potential for \$43 million for the full renovation of Main Hall and Engineering Hall is currently before the State legislature. Currently there is no provision requiring matching funds on these potential monies.
5. Discussion regarding Tech's specific plan to address enrollment issues. Tech is looking for input from the Deans/Department heads/and Faculty to promote opportunities. The idea of "academic thrusts" or cross discipline efforts was also discussed.
6. Discussion included Tech's efforts on retention and if it was considered to to be an issue equal to recruiting.
7. It was mentioned that the faculty would like to know there is a plan related to potential future decreases in enrollment and if so they would like such a plan to be communicated.

The Chancellor also stated there were four finalists for the Provost position with on campus interviews starting the week after spring break.

### III. Chair/Vice Chair Reports

#### a. Updating Senate Roster/Future Elections

It is believed that the terms of five Senators will expire this Spring. The Chair will work with these Senators in an effort to update the Senate roster in anticipation of Senate elections in April

### IV. Confidence and Professionalism Recovery Plan Recommendations

Glen Southergill presented a draft of the Confidence and Professionalism Recovery Task Force (included with the minutes) as a progress report. A course of action will be left to the Senate.

### V. Developmental Education at Montana Tech Community of Practice

Information related to this proposal was included in the agenda. The hope is to form an interdisciplinary Ad Hoc Committee, as allowed in the Faculty Staff Handbook, to promote discussion toward Developmental Education.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded.

The next meeting of the Senate will occur on Friday, March 31.

**Items on the Agenda that were not addressed at this meeting:**

- I. Old Business (from previous meetings)
  - a. Adjunct Faculty Pay (from 9/28/22 meeting)- see below
  - b. Filling administrative roles- see below
  - c. Issue with parking on campus- see below
  
- II. New Business-
  - a. Change to Faculty Staff Handbook under Chancellor's Duties- see below
  - b. Update Information on Student Evaluations- see below and attached

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectively Submitted:

Tim Kober, Secretary