

Montana Tech Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes

April 11th, 2025 • Mill 201 • 12:00 p.m.

Senators Present: Scott Risser, Dave Gilkey, Chris Roos, Alan English, Scott Juskiewicz, Doug Galarus, Sebastian Perduss, Janet Cornish, Gary Wyss, Matt Egloff, Brahma Pramanik, Charie Faight, Chris Gammons, Courtney Young and Atish Mitra

- I. Welcome and Minutes – The meeting was called to order and Scott Risser, Chair welcomed new Senators, Chris Roos and Alan English.
- II. CRC Recommendations – Following a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendations of the CRC, subject to review by Montana Tech’s Graduate Program. The motion passed.
- III. Senate Officer Elections – S. Risser provided information regarding the responsibilities of each of the officers of the Faculty Senate. The following candidates were nominated: Janet Cornish for Secretary, Scott Juskiewicz for Vice-Chair and Scott Risser for Chair. There were no other nominations made. All were elected and will serve a term of one year.
- IV. Feedback on Policy: Honorary and Posthumous Degrees – The Senate discussed the proposed process by which degrees would be awarded. All of the Tech’s deans would be involved in the process for Posthumous Degrees; however, the Dean of Highland College would not be part of the Honorary Degree candidate selection. The Leadership of the Faculty Senate would act regarding the Honorary Degrees in a closed-door session. The Senate discussed the policy, particularly with respect to timing. A motion was made and seconded to endorse the policy, but with the condition that the Senate meeting to consider Honorary Degree awards be held no later than the final week of the fall semester preceding the spring commencement where the degrees would be awarded. The motion passed.
- V. Proposed Change to Course Evaluations – S. Risser and C. Young presented various alternatives for revamping the current course evaluation forms. C. Young noted that a group, which included representatives from the Employee Relations Committee and the Associated Students of Montana Tech had developed a proposed eight-question form that would be tied to specific class outcomes. The questions are derived from the existing form and an extensive analysis was conducted to show that results would not be significantly altered if the eight-question format were adopted. A motion was made and seconded to continue the conversation about course evaluations at both the upcoming full faculty meeting and the next Faculty Senate Meeting
- VI. Reserved for Provost and Montana Tech Administration – Nothing was brought forward.
- VII. Adjournment – 1:15 p.m.