

President's Report

April 15, 2008

The Faculty Senate will meet at 1:30 p.m. on April 17, 2008 in Room 204 McNutt Hall. Since there was no meeting in March, the April meeting will feature a number of reports from Standing and Ad Hoc Committees. In addition to its normal report for approval of DC/CC/BC forms, the Curriculum Committee will be making recommendations on Discipline Specific Curriculum Committees, and Special Programs for the Residential College and the new Global Studies minor. Public Occasions will be reporting on some additions to the calendar. Budgetary Affairs will report on salary raise distributions in recent years. The Ad Hoc Committee on SB-389 will ask approval for the questions to be asked on the student survey, as required by law. The Ad Hoc Conflict of Interest Committee will be reporting on the Conflict of Interest Policy and also a form describing disclosure of potential conflict of interest. Finally, the Intellectual Property Ad Hoc Committee will be asking for endorsement of establishing a Standing Committee on Intellectual Property. (Most of these items are on the Faculty Senate web site at: <http://facultysenate.mst.edu/FSMeetingAgenda.html>. This is the location of the current meeting agenda.)

A new referral has been made to the Graduate Faculty who will convene a committee to look at graduate students' stipends relative to fee payments.

Many of the Senators from the Faculty Senate attended the breakfast for the Board of Curators. At this meeting, were also members of the Board of Trustees as well as other UM and S&T officials. The breakfast featured slides of numerous S&T faculty accomplishments as well as presentations from the human-powered vehicle team and mucking teams. I felt the breakfast was a success. The Curators always seem to be impressed when they see the quality of the activities on our campus.

The Faculty Senate will not meet in May. The next meeting will be in June when we anticipate the completion of a number of items that have been sent down as referrals.

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