COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
January 4, 2000 - 2:00 PM 
Coolbaugh House

ATTENDEES: Ely, Griffiths, Klusman, Nickum, Ohno, Readey, Romberger, Underwood, and Wendlandt

APOLOGIES: Lu, Kidnay, E. Pang and VanTyne

VISITOR: John Trefny, VPAA

COMMENTS FROM GUEST:
A. Trefny
   1. CSM is rated favorable in nine of the ten CCHE Performance Indicators. The performance indicator that is not favorable is the graduation rate.

   2. The report is due December 1, 1999 and the BOT response is due January 30, 2000. But no report yet.

   3. The diversity plan needs to be completed by January 15, 2000.

   4. The academic plan has been given to the BOT. CSM’s academic plan report was due to CCHE January 1, 2000. Both plans will be available to anyone who wants one. Contact the Academic Planning Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
A. Volunteers are needed to be judges for the Science and Engineering Fair on April 13-15, 2000. Interested persons should contact Romberger.

B. Terry Young is back to head Geophysics.

C. The January Faculty Forum will focus on international efforts at CSM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
A. Executive Committee (Romberger) – This committee has not met.

B. BOT Meeting, December 16, 1999 (Ely) - No report.

C. Councils of the Senate
   1. Graduate Council (Underwood) - Klusman will replace Underwood. There was discussion about chairing the committee. The proposal of having a graduate student member was not discussed. The January meeting will discuss Dean Romig’s graduate student tuition proposal. There was some discussion about the budget impact if this tuition plan is implemented.

   2. Undergraduate Council (Nickum provided this written report) –The Council received a handout from the Board of Student Publications recommending the Oredigger and Prospector classes remain in LAIS and the courses be enhanced by a 3-credit journalism course. L. Pang indicated that she would take this back to LAIS and have a response at the next UG Council meeting.
Middleton distributed a memo on graduation requirements during the transition from the old to new curriculums. Some students are experiencing difficulties due to the changing number of credit hours in the new curriculum. The Council endorsed the memo and it will be presented to the Board.

Middleton distributed another memo on the course description format for the ABET visit. All courses will need to be put in this format for electronic transfer into the ABET reports.

The meeting ended early to allow for members to attend the last portion of the Senate Distinguished Lecturer presentation.

3. Research Council (Ohno) – The issues being discussed are 1) a student member for this Council, 2) clarifying the duties of the Council and 3) a Center for Engineering Education.

D. Faculty Senate Committees
   1. Committees on Committees (VanTyne) - No report.
   2. Faculty Affairs (Griffiths) – No report.
   3. Academic Standards and Policies (Kidnay) – No report.
   4. Evaluation (VanTyne) – No report.
   5. Sports and Athletics (Wendlandt) – The Committee has completed the interviewing of student athletes.

E. University Committees
   1. Budget (Romberger) – Tuition income is down. However, graduate tuition has increased and non-resident undergraduate has decreased.

F. Ad Hoc Committee
   1. Academic Salary Advisory Committee (Griffiths) – The Committee is still gathering data.

G. December 20, 1999 CUFLA Meeting with Tim Foster Romberger) - No report.

OLD BUSINESS
A. Revised Graduation List – The revised graduation list was approved. There was again discussion regarding about grade changes without the instructor’s approval.

B. Calendar Committee – It was the consensus that VanTyne should nominate members. Their tenure would be for 1.5 years.

   Issues that the Senators would like to have the Calendar Committee address include: 1) students would like to have day before Thanksgiving off and tests not given the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; 2) why exams cannot be given during dead week if agreed to by students and instructor; 3) scheduling of exams, etc. at other then class hours; and 4) scheduling 1 ¼ hour classes on Monday/Wednesday or Wednesday/Friday.

C. Proposed Tuition Structure for Graduate Students – This item is being addressed by the Graduate Council.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Health Insurance Plans (Employer/Employee Contributions) – A copy of a presentation
given by Robert Moore, Vice President for Business Affairs, to the Board of Trustees was distributed. Romberger will invite Robert Moore to a future Senate meeting to discuss this report.

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 PM