

**COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**January 20, 2004 - 2:00 PM**  
**Hill Hall Room 300**

**ATTENDEES:** Eberhart, Honeyman, Harrison, Mehta, Ross, Santi, Thiry, Voorhees

**APOLOGIES:** Christiansen, Dean, Mitcham (on sabbatical until 3/04) and Wolden (on sabbatical spring semester 2004)

**VISITORS:** Dan Lewis - Athletic Department Observer and Ronnie Hoffman – CSM Graduate Student Association Representative

Harrison called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The January 6, 2004 Faculty Senate Meeting minutes were approved.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Executive Committee – Harrison reported that the reclassification of faculty within the Faculty Handbook for the purpose of benefit administration into three groups - regular faculty, emeritus faculty and auxiliary faculty was discussed.

The removal of the systems courses (201, 202 and 203) from the core curriculum was discussed. The question was raised on what the Colorado Revised Statutes state regarding the BOT's responsibilities on curriculum.

There was an inquiry from Jim Ely regarding the Denver Post 1/8/04 news article on higher education class size and the omission of CSM from this article. As a millennium institution, CSM is not required to keep these statistics. However, the Senate would still like to know how CSM compares with the other state institutions. Harrison will request this information from VPAA Middleton.

Athletic faculty representation on the Faculty Senate was also discussed.

- B. Board of Trustees Meeting – Harrison will present the following Faculty Senate report at the BOT meeting January 23, 2004. Harrison and Voorhees will be attending the BOT meeting.

*TO: Board of Trustees*

*FROM: Wendy J. Harrison, President, Faculty Senate*

*DATE: January 15, 2004*

*RE: Faculty Senate Report to the Board*

*Since the last report to the BOT, the Senate has held one regular meeting on Tuesday January 6, 2004.*

*At this meeting, Vice President Middleton provided an overview of the recently published National Survey of Student*

*Engagement and indicated that this material would be made available for the faculty to review, once it has been*

*synthesized by Academic Affairs. Phillip Romig Jr., the Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, provided an overview of the Strategic Plan for Graduate Studies and Research being prepared for the Faculty Forum on January 28, 2004. The Senate also heard a presentation by Mr. Dan Lewis, Associate Athletics Director. The Athletics faculty has been proactive in their desire to be represented in some way by the Faculty Senate and Dan Lewis attends Senate meetings as an observer. Ensuing discussion by the Senators revealed the complexity of some of the issues raised by Dan Lewis, notably that the athletics faculty are administrative faculty, and it was resolved that Harrison would discuss these further with Academic Affairs.*

*Updates were provided by Senators on intended modifications to the Faculty Handbook (Ross) as well as progress that have been made regarding the Goal 3 wording of Draft 5 of the Strategic Plan (Honeyman).*

- C. Undergraduate Council – Eberhart moved that the Humanitarian Studies and Technology and Humanitarian Engineering Minors and the LAIS cluster revisions be approved as recommended by the Undergraduate Council. The **motion** was seconded by Santi and passed unanimously by the Senate. Harrison will notify Arthur Sacks, Associate Vice President for Academic and Faculty Affairs, of the Senate's action.
- D. Handbook Committee – Ross reported that it would be several meetings before the Handbook Committee will have the revision of classification of faculty ready to present to the Senate for their approval.

The Senators requested Harrison to invite Mike Dougherty, Human Resources Director, to the next Senate Meeting to address the possibility of medical insurance waivers for research faculty and post docs, fringe benefit payments for faculty paid on summer research contracts, and rehiring the same adjunct for many semesters without benefits.

- E. Strategic Planning Committee – Honeyman reported that Phil Romig, Jr. made a presentation on the strategic plan on graduate studies and research.
- F. Evaluation Committee – Santi reported that at the committee's December 17, 2003 meeting, only three members were present. Thiry, chair of Committee on Committees, will find personnel to fully staff this committee.

As charged by the Faculty Senate, the committee discussed the evaluation of administrators. They are looking at (1) ways to increase the number of responses, (2) how to maintain anonymity, and (3) verify how are the results being used.

Revising the course evaluation questions was also discussed.

- G. Faculty By-Laws – Harrison has received a request from Nigel Middleton, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, to present the Senate's opinion on administrative faculty issuing letter grades for CSM 101 and athletic faculty for physical education courses. The Senate tabled this issue until the next Senate meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Committee on Committees – A **motion** was made by Ross and seconded by Voorhees to appoint Dendy Sloan to membership on the Evaluation Committee from January 1, 2004 to May 31, 2006. The motion was passed unanimously.

B. Appropriate Dress for Commencement – Santi introduced a concern regarding the appropriate dress by faculty at commencement ceremonies. A related issue is the condition of our academic apparel, which is a problem.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.