

# **COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE**

**February 15, 2005 – 1:30 PM**

**Hill Hall Room 300**

**ATTENDEES:** Christiansen, Davis, Dean, Mehta, Parker, Romberger, Santi and Voorhees

**APOLOGIES:** Eberhart, Honeyman, Mitcham, Thiry and Wolden

**GUESTS:** Nigel Middleton – Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lara Medley – Registrar and Joseph Dahdah – Graduate Student Association representative

## **COMMENTS FROM GUEST:**

- A. Lara Medley, CSM Registrar, addressed the Senate on the reporting of grades and the exam schedule.
  
- B. Nigel Middleton, Vice President for Academic Affairs
  - 1. At the last department/division heads meeting, J. Higgins, D. Readey and C. Van Tyne presented the changes that have been made at ABET. ABET is scheduled to visit CSM in 2006.
  - 2. Copies of the Journal of Engineering Education have been sent to each department. This is a special issue on engineering education research.
  - 3. The budget committee has been discussing tuition models for resident and non-resident undergraduate and graduates. The committee has prepared a proposal on how undergraduate tuition will be modified in the next four years. This proposal was required as part of CSM's exemplary institution agreement.
  - 4. CCHE
    - a. Middleton will present the international political economy resources degree to CCHE.
    - b. The 120-credit hour issue has not been resolved.
    - c. The hydrology degree will be presented to CCHE at a future date.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS:**

- A. The Faculty Distinguished Lecture will be presented on February 23, 2005 at 4:00 pm. Marvin Kay, Emeritus Professor of Athletics, will present the lecture entitled, "Mines Athletics and Academics, Then and Now – and How!"

## **APPROVALS:**

- A. The minutes of the February 1, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

## **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Executive Committee – Romberger reported the committee discussed the exam schedule, graduate tuition models, and the 120-credit hour limit. It was announced that the number of incoming freshmen will be 800-825 not 850 as stated in the strategic plan. The number of non-resident applications is down this year. The department heads will discuss moving academic advising to Academic Affairs.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Committee on Committees recommends the following be appointed to serve on the Readmission Committee:
  - Candy Ammerman (Engineering) - term expires May 2006
  - Toni Lefton (LAIS) - term expires May 2007

Craig Simmons (Chemistry and Geochemistry) -term expires May 2008

Chris Thiry (Library) - term expires May 2009

Dave Flammer (Physics) -term expires May 2009

Chris Debrunner (Engineering) -term expires May 2009

A **motion** by Mehta and seconded by Santi to accept the recommendation of the Committee on Committees passed unanimously.

- B. Request for Graduate Student Funding Audit – Romberger stated Tom Boyd will conduct the audit and report back to the Senate.
- C. Appoint Fred Fraikor (Acting Director of Technology Transfer) an ex-officio member of Research Council – The Senators requested Romberger pursue the relevance of this appointment and other ex-officio members on committees and report back to the Senate.
- D. Advisor Coordinator – Romberger reported Student Affairs developed this position and wants to keep it in Student Affairs. A discussion ensued on defining boundaries between academic affairs and student affairs and on assigning grades.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. The Faculty Oversight Committee on Sports and Athletics requested the membership of this committee be increased by one faculty member. Jennifer Miskimins, Petroleum Engineering, has agreed to serve as the new member. The Senators unanimously approved this request and the appointment of Miskimins.
- B. Evaluation Committee – Davis requested the graduate student council have representation on this committee. This representative would be a voting member. The Senators unanimously approved this request. The Faculty Evaluation Committee proposed the revised faculty evaluation questions be the topic of the March Faculty Forum. This will be an agenda item for the March 1, 2005 Senate meeting

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- A. General Procedures – Exceptions and Appeals (2004-05 Graduate Bulletin, pp. 28-29).

The next meeting will be March 1, 2005 at 1:30 PM in Hill Hall 300.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.