

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
February 21, 2006 – 2:00 PM
Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Andersen, Christiansen, Dagdelen, Davis, Mehta, Mishra, Parker, Romberger, Santi, Vincent, Voorhees, and Wolden

APOLOGIES: Honeyman

GUESTS: Nigel Middleton -Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Arthur Sacks -Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tom Boyd -Associate Dean of Academic Programs, Hille Dais -Vice President for Finance and Operations, Kirsten Volpi - Associate Vice President for Finance and Operations and Controller, Kristin O'Connell - Associate Project Manager and Training and Campus Communications for Banner, Dan Lewis - Athletic Department Observer, Lara Medley - Registrar, Kyle Fitzpatrick - Undergraduate Student Representative ASCSM, and Robert Applegate - President, CSM Graduate Student Association

Christiansen, Senate Secretary, called the meeting to order.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

- A. Nigel Middleton
1. ABET preparations are moving along. ABET visitors will be here in the fall.
 2. CSM's Carnegie classification was changed several years ago to a specialized engineering institution to support CSM as an exemplary institution. However, this classification removed CSM from recognition for our graduate programs and research. CSM is now reversing its classification to reflect that it is a doctoral granting institution. This will be advantageous, as CSM will be recognized as a research and graduate degree granting institution.
 3. CSM is in the process of preparing a template for an all-funds budget as requested by the BOT last fall.
 4. National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) proposal is being prepared in Academic Affairs Office.
- B. Arthur Sacks announced that a NCAR representative would make a presentation at the BOT meeting this Friday.
- C. Robert Applegate announced that GSA has developed a fund of \$10K to assist graduate students with childcare expenses. GSA contributed \$5K and Student Life and Graduate Studies each contributed \$2500. The Graduate Student Research Fair will be April 5th.
- D. Kyle Fitzpatrick stated that ASCSM passed a resolution not supporting the plus/minus grading system for either graduate or undergraduate classes.

APPROVALS

- A. The minutes of the February 7, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

PRESENTATION

- A. Banner Presentation -Kristin O'Connell, Hille Dias, Kirsten Volpi, and Lara Medley gave an update on Banner Student System Project and answered questions from the Senators.

O'Connell asked if the Senate would like to have a representative on the Banner Advisory Committee. The Senate will decide at their next meeting

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Academic Standard and Policies - Dagdelen reported the committee discussed if PRG grades should be counted as attempted semester hours but not calculated in a student's GPA. The committee will bring a recommendation to the Senate.

The Committee decided that a 1987 CEPR student, who wants to return to CSM, would need to reapply for

admission to CSM. The current policy states that without a leave of absence, a student must reapply for admission after an absence of one year.

- B. Committee on Committees -Andersen queried about a graduate student being a member of the Evaluation Committee. Davis and Jensen will research this issue and report back to the Senate. Editorial changes to the Faculty By-laws can be made without a vote of the CSM Faculty.

Nomination petitions for those wishing to run for a Senate position and committee interest survey will be distributed in March.

- C. Sports and Athletics -Santi asked the Senators to announce to their departments/division that faculty advisors are still needed for several teams. If anyone is interested, they should contact a member of the Sports and Athletics Committee.
- D. Executive Committee of the Senate - Christiansen stated that enrollment and an enrollment management committee were discussed at the last meeting.
- E. Faculty Affairs -Vincent reported that three grade appeals are being resolved and there will be one more to come before the committee this semester.
- F. Readmissions - Romberger reported this committee met in January. This year 40+ students with a 1.5 GPA below appeared before the committee. The majority had problems with chemistry and mathematics. The Senate would like to know if this is a larger percentage than in previous years.
- G. Evaluation - Davis requested a special Faculty Forum be held on March 29, 2006 to discuss proposed changes to student evaluation of faculty. The Evaluation Committee will host this forum. This request was moved by Voorhees, seconded by Parker and passed unanimously by the Senate.

COUNCILS

- A. Graduate -Wolden reported that all 500 and 600 courses be graded on the "+/-" system. This will be forwarded to the Academic Standards Committee.
- B. Research -Parker reported VPR Poate views the purpose of the Research Council as a communication vehicle that goes both ways. The Council has heard presentations on the proposed NSF supercomputing center that may be sited at CSM and Colorado Energy Research Institute. A review of the 39 research centers, both non-return and return centers, will begin this week. This review will see who is in these centers and their productivity. Some centers will be closed and some maybe combined with others.
 1. The tuition structure for graduate students, especially non-resident graduate students who cannot transition to resident status within one year is being discussed.
 2. The Senators requested Poate be invited to the March 7, 2006 Senate meeting.
- C. Undergraduate -Mehta submitted the following written report:

UGC met on 2/8/2006. Updated language to the (previously approved) Energy Engineering minor was approved unanimously. Several changes to the UG bulletin (that originated from the registrar/LAIS) were approved unanimously. These changes pertain to the minor/ASI text currently in the bulletin and are intended to clarify rather than change current policies. They include

 1. *"No more than half of the required courses for the minor or ASI may be completed through transfer credit, including AP, IB and CLEP."*
 2. *"No more than three of the total credits may be at the 100- or 200-level, with the exception of the McBride Honors Minor." (pertains to minor)*
 3. *"A passing grade or better is required in all minor and ASI courses. Some minor/ASI programs may require higher minimum grades. Please see the appropriate program for specifics."*

4. *"All attempts at required minor/ASI courses are counted in the minor/ASI GPA."*
5. *"To be awarded a Minor/ASI, CSM requires a minimum Minor/ASI GPA of 2.0. Some programs, however, may specify a higher Minor/ASI GPA requirement. In these cases, the program-specified GPA is used to determine eligibility for Minor/ASI award. Please refer to the appropriate section of the Undergraduate Bulletin to see if a program- specific GPA requirement exists for the Minor/ASI*

New items introduced include changes to MNGN 322 and 408, changes to the Mining Engineering curriculum, EGGN 407 course change, EBGN 390 and 402 course changes, EB proposal for addition to LAIS restricted electives, EB proposal for clusters policy change, and LAIS 220 and 322 course additions.

The Senate will vote March 7, 2006 on these changes.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

- A. Budget -Davis reported Boyd presented a proposal to increase graduate student funding.
- B. Handbook - Romberger stated Section 10 - Facility Use Policy will be presented to the BOT this Friday. In Section 5, parental leave has been revised to include male faculty. Section 6 - Faculty Responsibility and Duty was revised including the addition of the oath of affirmation and allegiance. In Section 11 - Contracts, all transitional faculty contracts were deleted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Boyd reminded the Senators that all Bulletin changes need to go to either the Undergraduate or Graduate Council for approval.
- B. Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecture will be February 22, 2006 at 4:00 pm, with a reception at 3:45 pm in Metals Hall, Green Center. Craig Van Kirk will give the lecture.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.