

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
March 7, 2006 – 2:00 PM
Hill Hall Room 300

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

APOLOGIES: Romberger

GUESTS: Nigel Middleton -Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Arthur Sacks -Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tom Boyd -Associate Dean of Academic Programs, and Robert Applegate - President, CSM Graduate Student Association

Honeyman called the meeting to order.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

- A. Nigel Middleton reported that the recommendations from the Promotion and Tenure Committee would go the BOT on March 31, 2006.
- B. Arthur Sacks stated that the Post-Tenure Review Bill would require a review every three or five years and a peer review. This would not be a major change for CSM as reviews are done annually. At the February BOT meeting, Dr. Tim Killeen, Director of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) and his colleagues made a presentation about NCAR and its efforts to provide high-end computing resources. NCAR has undertaken an intensive process to develop next-generation computing capabilities. Because this effort will be very power-intensive, a new facility will need to be developed in the Front Range. The BOT moved unanimously to support this project.
- C. Tom Boyd announced that the Budget Committee would discuss implementing a similar policy that the University of Colorado has adopted for graduate students. Their policy permits non-supported graduate students to pay resident tuition. Next year, the credit hours needed for full-time students will go from ten to nine and full-time reduced go from four to three.
- D. Rob Applegate reported that Graduate Student Association (GSA) has 20 abstracts for the Research Fair. GSA will be giving cash awards to students and their advisors. The best PhD and MS presentation will be announced at the graduation ceremony.

APPROVALS:

- A. The minutes of the February 21, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting were approved. The Senators would like the first names of visitors stated in the minutes.

BOT MEETING REPORT:

Tyrone represented the Faculty Senate at the February CSM Board of Trustees meeting. He stated that: 1) the BOT is concerned about the increasing enrollment and its impact on the facilities and faculty; 2) a decision on the Facility Use Policy was deferred; and 3) sabbaticals were approved

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Plus/Minus Grading System- Wolden reported that the Graduate Council approved the adoption of a +/- grading system for all 500 and 600 level courses. A **motion** by Wolden, seconded by Christiansen was passed by a vote of 10 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

A **motion** by Voorhees, seconded by Davis to accept "A" as the top grade was passed by a vote of 7 in favor, 2 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

Honeyman will notify Academic Affairs and communicate to the faculty the Senate's actions.

Boyd will draft language for the Bulletin, as this was not included in the proposal.

- B. Banner Advisory Committee Representative - Honeyman will notify Kirsten Volpi - Associate Vice President for Finance and Operations and Controller that Mishra volunteered to serve as an ad-hoc member of this committee.
- C. Updating Faculty Bylaws - The Senators agreed that the chairperson of each Senate Committee would update their section. Davis volunteered to update the Preamble. The Senators will bring their revisions to the April 4, 2006 Senate meeting.
- D. Proposed Changes to Student Evaluation of Faculty -March Faculty Forum -Davis and Ron Miller will facilitate this forum and bring feedback to the Senate for their consideration.
- E. Undergraduate Council proposed changes were deferred to the April 18th meeting.
- F. Senate Elections and Committee Appointments - Andersen announced that the Guidelines for Nominating Petitions for CSM Faculty Senate, the nominating petitions, and committee interest forms would be distributed to the faculty next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Senate Administrative Support - The Senate unanimously resolved that Alice Jensen be retained as the Senate's Administrative Assistant and Web Master for the Academic Year 2006-07.
- B. Academic Standards and Policies Committee requested Senate action on the following:
 - 1. "The current practice of assignment of 'PRG' grades in MACS 111, MACS 112 and PHGN 100 courses to those students who received a grade of 'D' does not reflect the fact that the student did actually complete the work for the appropriate credit hours for these courses during the semester."

"It is recommended that the assignment of a 'PRG' grade signifies completion of appropriate credit hours by the students who took these courses and the CSM grade assignment recording procedure should only be modified to make this distinction. The current procedure will remain the same for the accounting of 'PRG' grades received in these courses in calculation of students grade point average."

A **motion** by Santi seconded by Mishra, and passed unanimously that a "PRG" grade does not count towards a student's GPA and that a "PRG" grade does not count towards a student's graduation requirement and does count towards completed but not earned credit hours and subject to implementation by the Registrar.

- 2. "The second issue involved the clarification of CSM policy related to an undergraduate student who started at CSM under the 1987 Catalog in Chemical and Refining Engineering Department (CEPR). This student dropped out for a few years and now wants to come back to finish his degree. The question was whether he can continue his studies under the current 2005 CSM catalog and whether he can use all the courses he took under the 1987 catalog for CEPR defined in the 2005 catalog."

"The current rule requires that this student needs to apply for readmission to CSM. No action needs to be taken."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Faculty Forum - "Revision to the Student Evaluation of Faculty" - March 29 at 4:00 in Metals Hall
- B. Next Senate Meeting - April 4, 2006 - BS - Manufacturing Engineering and Vice President for Research Poate

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM.