

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 13, 2010 - 2:00pm

Hill Hall 300

ATTENDEES: Dorgan, Drewes, Davis, Eberhart, Greivel, Martins, Miller, Scales, Steele

APOLOGIES: Griffiths, Hitzman, Sacks, Voorhees

GUESTS: Alice Jensen – Faculty Senate, Lara Medley – Registrar, Diana Anglin – Assistant Registrar, Rambert Nahm – ASCSM Representative, Jesse Earle – ASCSM Representative

Eberhart, Senate President, called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

APPROVALS:

- A. The minutes from the March 9, 2010 Senate meeting were approved.
- B. A **motion** made by Scales and seconded by Greivel that based on successful completion of all requirements for the BS degree, those undergraduates listed by the Registrar's Office receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the Colorado School of Mines was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Dead Day – Dead Week Policy – Greivel will email the Senators the Dead Week and Dead Day Policy that is being discussed by the Undergraduate Council. The Senate will vote on this policy at their next meeting.
- B. BOT and Academic Freedom Issue – Eberhart reported if the Senate submits updated language on academic freedom to President Scoggins before the beginning of the fall term, he has agreed to fast track a vote of the BOT instead of waiting for the usual spring vote.
- C. Academic Faculty Bylaws – Eberhart requested the Senators to send him their input on the Academic Faculty Bylaws before the next Senate meeting as there are conflicting statements in the bylaws such as the election of Senators. Eberhart would like to take the updated version to the August Faculty Conference for their approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Excused absences from class by Dean of Students – Davis pointed out that the wording as it appears in the 2009-2010 Undergraduate Bulletin was approved by the Senate last year. The Faculty Oversight Committee on Sports and Athletics has guidelines in place to resolve issues related to athletic absences.
- B. Adjunct Faculty – Rambert Nahm, ASCSM Representative to the Faculty Senate, presented concerns students have with adjunct faculty. Due to time constraints, this will be discussed at the next Senate meeting.
- C. Grade Appeal – Eberhart requested Dorgan to convene the Academic Standards and Faculty Affairs Committee to address a grade appeal from Cory D. Jensen. Eberhart also suggested that the Senate needs to reconsider how grade appeals are handled. He feels many are not legitimate and a more efficient way of handling them should be developed before they go to the committee.

The Senators met with representatives from the American Federation of Teachers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Eberhart requested the Senators to look the proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook and email him any concerns by Tuesday, April 20.
- B. The next Senate meeting will be on April 27, 2010 at 2:00 pm in Hill Hall room 300.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.