

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
April 22, 2008 - 2:00 PM
Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Andersen, Dagdelen, Davis, Eberhart, Figueroa, Ganesh, Jesudason, Martins, Mishra, Mooney, Petr, Vincent, Wu

APOLOGIES:

GUESTS: Tom Boyd – Dean, Graduate Studies, Dan Baker – Representative GSA , Wendy Harrison , Derek Wilson – Director, Computer & Networking

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

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

- A. Wendy Harrison – Harrison thanked the faculty for working on the faculty searches diligently that has resulted in hiring of many new good people. It was mentioned that a joint forum between Academic Affairs and Student Life is being planned to define the roles and responsibilities as well as to get better institutional coordination.

UPDATE: Harrison announced on Aug 18 that such a joint panel has been constituted and that membership of the panel is being decided.

- B. Tom Boyd – A 3600 degree Administrative Staff Evaluation was being considered for selected group of ratees by the President. It was mentioned that this was not a performance evaluation but simply a feedback tool.

UPDATE: The evaluation is being conducted from 9/22-10/4/08 for 12 administrative staff members. Each has selected 8 to 12 raters, including supervisors. The evaluation is being conducted by an independent agency - Reliant.

- C. Dan Baker -Reported that a new President has been elected for GSA.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The Minutes from the April 8, 2008 Faculty Senate Meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. McBride Honors Program: The senate approved unanimously the new guidelines presented by the McBride Honors Program. [[Attachment A](#)].
- B. Review of Admission Standards: Notes from ASFAC attached. ASFAC will continue deliberations on policies pertaining to academic misconduct. Senate voted and approved the new screening and aptitude test being piloted by Chemistry Department as part of CHGN 121. [[Attachment B](#)]
- C. Amendment to faculty Senate By-laws: The senate unanimously approved the presentation of Senate By-law changes to the Faculty for approval on 8/18/08 to reflect the required change in Senate Councils chairmanship. The change was approved for consistency with the actual situation with the Research

Council and to have the same chairmanship rules apply to all the three councils.

UPDATE: The motion for approval by the faculty was withdrawn by the Senate President. The senate views were communicated to the President on the Provost Search by Mishra and Davis.

- D. (+/-) Grading System for Undergraduate Courses: UGC will continue its deliberation on this matter.
- E. The [response](#) from Mr. Tom Spicer, Director Athletics, is attached in response to the Senate's request for extended hours of the Volk Gymnasium.
- F. An update was provided on the Election process being used by the Senate for the Faculty Trustee by Mishra.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Graduation Lists for MSD & PhD candidates were approved, subject to completion of all graduation requirements by the students.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 pm.

ATTACHMENT A
Colorado School of Mines
McBride Honors Program
Standards for Student Performance

Students must perform to the highest levels of writing, reading, and discussion before and during McBride seminars. Participation in class projects and discussions is essential. Students who do not maintain an appropriate level of such participation may be asked to leave the program.

Academic integrity and honesty are expected of the students in the program. Any infractions in these areas will be handled under the rules of CSM and the McBride Procedures Manual and may result in dismissal from the program.

The program demands a high level of achievement not only in honors courses, but in all academic work attempted at CSM. To that end, a student must meet the following requirements:

- A cumulative GPA of 2.9 or higher at the end of the fall semester of the freshman year. Students who meet this GPA requirement at the end of their fall semester in the freshman year will be fully initiated into the Program and allowed to enroll in the freshman seminar the spring of their freshman year. Failure to meet the GPA requirement will result in the voiding of the invitation to join the McBride Honors Program.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in Honors coursework to remain in good academic standing. Students who drop below a cumulative 3.0 in their McBride coursework will be placed on probation for one semester. If the required minimum GPA has not been met at the end of the probationary semester, or in any subsequent semester, the student will be withdrawn from the program.
- If a student's CSM semester GPA falls below 2.9, the student will receive a formal letter from the Principal Tutor and Director noting that his or her semester GPA does not meet McBride standards. The student will be encouraged to meet with members of the McBride Tutorial Committee to review strategies for academic success. While this meeting is not required, the student is strongly encouraged to contact the Principal Tutor and Director.

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.9 in all course work at CSM. Students who drop below a cumulative GPA of 2.9 will be placed on probation for one semester. Those students will receive a formal letter from the Principal Tutor and Director informing them that they are on academic probation, and they will be required to meet with the Principal Tutor and Director. Students must meet with a member of the McBride Tutorial Committee regularly through the semester of academic probation. These regular meetings will be recorded in the student file by the member of the Tutorial Committee who is meeting with the student. If the required minimum GPA has not been met at the end of the probationary semester, or in any subsequent semester, the student will be withdrawn from the program.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.9 and an Honors GPA of 3.0 at the time of graduation in order to receive the "Minor in the McBride Honors Program in Public Affairs." Graduating seniors who fall below these minima will receive a "Minor in Public Affairs" without the honors designation if they choose to complete the Public Affairs minor instead of transferring their credits to LAIS.
- If students wish to appeal their withdrawal from the McBride Honors Program, they must write a letter of appeal to the Principal Tutor and Director, who will review the student's case. The McBride Executive Committee will then meet and decide what action will be taken on the student's appeal. Effective fall 2008

Attachment B
CHGN121 Policy Memo

to: Wendy Harrison

from: Brajendra Mishra

subject: Recommendations for CHEN121 passed by the Faculty Senate

date: 3/17/2009

At the April 22nd, 2008 meeting of the faculty senate, the senate approved a proposal from the academic standards committee to change the enrollment and progress policies for the introductory chemistry course, CHEN121. The approved policy is:

1. The Chemistry Department, in cooperation with Admissions, will administer a chemistry assessment test. Its purpose is to determine whether a student has a fundamental understanding of the structure of the atom, the periodic table, and the mole concept.
2. Those students failing the assessment test will take their first chemistry course in the spring trailer section of CHEN121.
3. CHEN121 will move into the same grade program as MACS111, 112, and PHGN101, where by a C or better is required the first time these courses are taken to move on (as outlined in pages 26-27 in the undergraduate bulletin). The senate requests that the CSM administration give full support for the implementation of this policy for the Fall 2008 semester. In particular, a working group should be formed to coordinate implementation issues, chaired by Mark Eberhart.

Attachment C



Colorado School of Mines Athletics



Baseball ~ Men's & Women's Basketball ~ Men's and Women's Cross Country ~ Football ~ Golf ~ Men's & Women's Soccer
Softball ~ Men's and Women's Swimming ~ Men's & Women's Track & Field ~ Volleyball ~ Wrestling

April 18, 2008

Brajendra Mishra
President, Faculty Senate
Colorado School of Mines
Golden, CO 80401

Dear Brajendra,

In response to the senate resolution I received last week, I offer the following information.

First and foremost this facility is open to meet the needs of all students. We provide instruction to over 1,254 students attending 62 classes throughout each semester. We provide training and instruction to over 400 varsity athletes participating in 18 NCAA sanctioned sports. We also provide access to this facility for club-sports and intramurals throughout the year. We have also hosted numerous academic as well as social events in our facility. Some examples include – Senior Design Competition, Science Olympiads, Bridge Building Competition, Epics 151 programs, MEP Pow-Wow, E-Days Competition and Concert, MESA Jamboree, CSM Graduation and Golden High School Graduation. We also host the Senior Party, activities for students after hours on common test dates and other activities designed to provide a quality experience for our students.

We also provide access to this facility from 6am-5pm Monday through Friday for faculty and staff to utilize for their personal use. They have access to locker rooms as well as the racquetball and handball courts, noon basketball and indoor track. All we ask is that they respect the classes and instruction being conducted!

Really Brajendra, I fail to see why the faculty senate felt the need to pass a resolution that addresses what is already being practiced!

We will continue our operational policy and will consider all requests for use of this facility based on availability and programming.

Sincerely

Tom Spicer
Director of Physical Education and Athletics

Cc: Dr. Bill Scoggins
Dr. Nigel Middleton
Dr. Harold Chevront
Casey Morse, Associated Students of CSM

