

**COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES**  
**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
April 28, 2009 - 2:00pm  
Hill Hall 300

**ATTENDEES:** Collins, Davis, Dorgan, Ganesh, Hitzman, McKinnon, Steele

**APOLOGIES:** Drewes, Jesudason, Martins, Petr, Sacks, Voorhees

**GUESTS:** Wendy Harrison – Associate Provost  
Rambert Nahm – Representative, ASCSM  
Prakash Periasamy – Representative, GSA

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

**COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:**

- A. Harrison – Harrison reported that Nigel Middleton would be given a special Distinguished Service award sometime next year in light of his service as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty. It was recommended that this take place during next fall's graduation commencement ceremony.
- B. Nahm – Nahm thanked the Senate for the opportunity to attend meetings and give comments on issues involving undergraduate students.
- C. Periasamy – Periasamy reported that the recent Graduate Student Association Research Fair was a success with over fifty students presenting. He asked that the judging practice be reviewed in an attempt to increase fairness. The Research Council will look into this issue. It was also mentioned that it might be helpful for students to submit two abstracts with the second being more general and more easily understood by the entire audience. It was also noted that the Research Fair could be good for public relations and that a press release should be sent out for future fairs. Periasamy also thanked the Senate for the opportunity to attend meetings and comment on issues affecting graduate students.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

McKinnon reported that the Senate is still within their budget.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the March 24, 2009, April 14, 2009, and April 28, 2009 were approved pending review by the Senators. They will be approved unless corrections are submitted by Friday, May 1, 2009.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Steinhauer Field House After-hours Access - Davis presented Tom Spicer's response to the Senate's request for the official policy regarding after-hours access to Steinhauer Field House and Volk Gymnasium. The Senate felt that the response was confusing and inadequate. Harrison will meet with Anne Walker to discuss options. Harrison will report back to the Senate when she knows the available options for resolution of this issue.
- B. Absenteeism Policy – The wording for CSM's official absenteeism policy has been finalized and approved. It will be included in future bulletins.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Election Status – McKinnon reported that there are currently thirteen candidates running for the six open Senator positions. Ballots will be distributed this week to all faculty members.

- B. Resolutions for Bylaw Changes – Resolutions to amend the Senate bylaws regarding the Officers of the Senate and Course Relief for the Senate President were approved ([ATTACHMENTS A](#) and [B](#)). These resolutions will be submitted for approval by the faculty at next fall's Faculty Conference on August 24, 2009. Resolutions to amend the Senate bylaws regarding the Voting and Non-voting Membership on Graduate Council, Research Council, and Undergraduate Council were approved (ATTACHMENTS [C](#), [D](#), and E).
- C. Ad hoc Committee on Senate Structural Changes – Davis reported that the Committee has not yet met.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The next Senate meeting will take place on September 22, 2009 in Hill Hall room 300.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

**ATTACHMENT A**

*Resolution to Amend the Senate Bylaws*

**Officers of the Senate**

In order to provide more continuity of the leadership of the Faculty Senate, we propose the following changes to the makeup of the Executive Committee and their method of selection. The revisions will take place immediately upon approval by the Academic Faculty.

C. Officers of the Senate

1. The Vice President of the Senate shall be elected by the Senators at the second meeting of the academic year. At the time of election, the Vice President must have at least six months of service on the Senate. The Vice President will serve for one year.
2. ~~The President of the Senate shall be a Senior Senator, with at least one year of service on the Senate, be elected by the Academic Faculty, and may serve no more than thirty two consecutive months as President.~~ At the last meeting of the academic year, the Vice President will assume the role of President and will serve for one year.
3. The Executive Committee of the Senate shall be the President of the Senate, ~~one Senior Senator and one Senator, to be elected for one year terms by the Faculty Senate at its first meeting of each academic year.~~ the Vice President of the Senate, and the immediate past President of the Senate.
4. ~~The Secretary of the Senate shall be elected by the Senate from its membership at its first meeting of the academic year and shall serve a one year term.~~ The Recording Secretary of the Senate shall be appointed by the President of the Senate and need not be a Senator or member of the Academic Faculty.
5. The President of the Senate ~~shall~~ may appoint a member of the Senate to serve as the Parliamentarian.
6. In the event that any of the Officers of the Senate cannot continue their services, the Senate will vote for a replacement from their ranks.

Endorsed by the Faculty Senate on April 28, 2009 to be submitted to the Academic Faculty for approval at the Faculty Conference, August 24, 2009.

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### *Resolution to Amend the Senate Bylaws*

#### **Course Relief for the Senate President**

In order to provide for the Senate President to devote sufficient effort to the office, the Faculty Senate proposes that course relief be provided. The revisions will take place immediately upon approval by the Academic Faculty.

#### C. Officers of the Senate

7. The Faculty Senate President will be provided course relief and shall not be required to teach more than three credit hours per academic year.

Endorsed by the Faculty Senate on April 28, 2009 to be submitted to the Academic Faculty for approval at the Faculty Conference, August 24, 2009.

## **ATTACHMENT C**

### **Appendix 5. Graduate Council**

MEMBERSHIP: The Dean of Graduate Studies as chair, a Senator appointed by the Senate for a one-year term, and a representative from each of the following departments, divisions or programs: Chemical Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Chemistry and Geochemistry, Economics and Business, Engineering, Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Geochemistry, Geology and Geological Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Geophysics, Liberal Arts and International Studies<sup>\*</sup>, Mathematical and Computer Sciences<sup>\*</sup>, Materials Science, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Mining Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Petroleum Engineering, Physics, Hydrologic Science and Engineering Program, and Nuclear Engineering Program<sup>\*</sup>. Nonvoting members shall be the Director of Special Programs and Continuing Education and representatives from Academic Computing and Networking, Library, and Graduate Student Association. All voting representatives shall be elected by the respective departments, divisions or programs and shall serve two-year terms.

## **ATTACHMENT D**

### **6. Research Council**

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer as chair, a Senator appointed by the Senate for a one-year term, and a representative from each of the following departments, divisions or programs: Chemical Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Chemistry and Geochemistry, Economics and Business, Engineering, Environmental Science and Engineering, Geochemistry, Geology and Geological Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Geophysics, Liberal Arts and International Studies<sup>\*</sup>, Mathematical and Computer Sciences<sup>\*</sup>, Materials Science, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Mining Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Petroleum Engineering, Physics, Hydrological Science and Engineering, and Nuclear Engineering. The Director of Environmental Health and Safety and representatives from Academic Computing and Networking, Library, Office of Research Services, Office of Research Development, Graduate Student Association, and Associated Students of CSM are included as nonvoting members. All voting representatives shall be elected by the respective departments, divisions or programs and shall serve two-year terms.

## **ATTACHMENT E**

### **Appendix 7. Undergraduate Council**

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Associate Vice President for Academic and Faculty Affairs as chair, a Senator appointed by the Senate for a one-year term, and a representative of each of the following departments, divisions or programs: Chemical Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Chemistry and Geochemistry, Economics and Business, Engineering, Environmental Science and Engineering, Geology and Geological Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Geophysics, Liberal Arts and International Studies<sup>\*</sup>, Mathematical and Computer Sciences<sup>\*</sup>, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Mining Engineering<sup>\*</sup>, Petroleum Engineering, and Physics. Nonvoting members shall be the Registrar and the representatives from Academic Computing and Networking, Library, EPICS, McBride Honors Program in Public Affairs for Engineers, Military Science, Physical Education and Athletics, and Associated Students of CSM. All voting representatives shall be elected by the respective departments, divisions or programs and shall serve two-year terms.