

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

August 19, 2003 - 2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Christiansen, Dean, Harrison, Kee, Mehta, Mitcham, Readey, Ross, Santi, Thiry, Voorhees, and Wolden

APOLOGIES: Eberhart

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the May 6, 2003 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as amended.

MUST DO ITEMS:

- A. Committees/Representatives and Chairs (Harrison) – The following committee appointments were made for the 2003-04 academic years:
1. Faculty Senate Secretary – Harrison
 2. Academic Standards and Policies – Eberhart, Chair
 3. Committee on Committees – Thiry, Chair
 4. Sports and Athletics – Ross, Senate Representative
 5. Executive Committee of the Senate – Readey, Senate President; Voorhees, Senior Senator; and Santi, Senator
 6. Faculty Affairs – Dean, Chair
 7. Graduate Council – Kee, Senate Representative
 8. Research Council – Christiansen, Senate Representative
 9. Undergraduate Council – Eberhart, Senate Representative
 10. Readmissions – Thiry, Senate Representative
 11. Committee on Evaluation – Readey, Chair
 12. Handbook Committee – Ross, Senate Representative
- B. The following were appointed as liaisons to those departments/divisions not represented on the Senate:
1. Athletics – Ross
 2. Economics and Business – Mehta
 3. Geophysics – Christianson
 4. Mining – Harrison
 5. Physics – Wolden

Harrison will check with Academic Affairs as to the status of the Diversity Committee and report back to the Senate at their next meeting.

ISSUES FOR SENATE CONSIDERATION THIS YEAR:

- A. Communicate to faculty copying copyright regulations and laws.
- B. Salaries - A **motion** made by Voorhees and seconded by Christiansen that the Faculty Senate request a list of all salary increases and additional compensations for all academic and administrative faculty for the purpose of informing department/divisions of these salaries was passed unanimously. The Faculty Affairs Committee was charged to gather this data and report back to the Senate.
- C. Student behavior – in particular cheating and stealing of equipment
- D. Overhead – where does it go, how is it spent; invite R. Moore and P. Romig to address this separately.

- E. Expanding the Faculty Senate so every department/division is represented.
- F. Rotating department/division chairpersons
- G. Status of athletic faculty

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. CSM Strategic Plan – The Senate passed the following resolution regarding the strategic plan:

The Faculty Senate is very concerned about several aspects of the provisional Strategic Plan as outlined by Eva Klein and the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) administration at the August 18, 2003 Faculty Conference.

The Senate strongly disagrees with the tentative decision to increase undergraduate and non-research graduate enrollment without commensurate growth of graduate research because:

- graduate research is critical to achieving the long-term vision of Mines
- a strong undergraduate program focused on emerging technologies involving the environment, energy, and engineering materials cannot be nurtured independent of a strong graduate research program in these areas
- the value of non-research degrees derives from the reputation and recognition of the research program and its degrees
- the de-emphasis of graduate research in the proposed growth of CSM will have a significant negative impact on retaining and hiring the quality faculty members that CSM now enjoys.

Therefore, the Faculty senate maintains that academic and research faculty must be more intimately involved in the development of the Strategic Plan and that the September 24, 2003 Faculty Forum (or Mines Summit) be dedicated to the discussion of the role of graduate research in the future of CSM.

It was **moved** by Wolden, seconded by Ross that the President of the Faculty Senate present this resolution to the CSM Administration and at his discretion forward this resolution to the entire CSM faculty. The motion was passed with one abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.