

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
September 7, 2004 – 1:30 PM
Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Christiansen, Davis, Dean, Mehta, Mitcham, Parker, Romberger, Santi, Thiry, Voorhees, and Wolden

APOLOGIES: Eberhart and Honeyman

GUESTS: Nigel Middleton – Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty (VPAA) and Arthur Sacks – Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENTS:

- A. VPAA Middleton welcomed the Senators and looks forward to working with the Senate this year.
- B. Sacks requested that the Senate address the issue of early registration for athletes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. President Romberger asked the Senators if the Senate meeting time could be changed from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm so the venue could remain the same. The Senators agreed to this change.
- B. Romberger would like the Senate to be pro-active this year.
- C. Dan Montez is inviting Mark Mauer, State Economist, to present a Faculty Forum on Tabor and Amendment 23.
- D. The Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer is Marv Kay. He will be giving his lecture February 23, 2005.
- E. Romberger would like the general format for Senate meetings to be: (1) dedicate the first meeting of the month to committee reports and if time allows, to agenda items and (2) the second meeting of the month to substantive issues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the April 20, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Bylaw Change – Thiry announced that the faculty voted in favor to add the following statement to Article II, Section E-4 to the Faculty Bylaws:

“In the case that the President of the Senate position will be vacated for more than three months, a replacement, who must meet eligibility requirements of the presidency, must be nominated by a majority of the Senate, and approved in a special election by Academic Faculty, conducted by the Committee on Committees.”

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Committee on Committees – A **motion** was made by Thiry, seconded by Wolden and passed unanimously by the Senate to approve the following appointments for the 2004-05 academic year:

Senate Committees

- Officers of the Academic Faculty – Secretary – Christiansen

- Academic Standards and Policies, Chair – Honeyman
- Committee on Committees, Chair - Thiry
- Sports and Athletics, Senate Representative – Santi
 - Faculty Representatives:
 - Bob Knecht to replace Santi whose term expires 5-06
 - Jennifer Miskimins to replace Wendlandt while he is on sabbatical
- Executive Committee of the Senate
 - Senior Senator – Voorhees
 - Senator – Santi
- Faculty Affairs Committee, Chair – Dean
- Graduate Council, Senate Representative – Wolden
- Research Council, Senate Representative – Parker
- Undergraduate Council, Senate Representative - Mehta
- Readmission Committee, Senate Representative – Thiry
- Committee on Evaluation, Chair – Davis

Liaisons

- Athletics – Santi
- Geophysics – Christiansen
- Metallurgical and Materials Engineering – Voorhees
- Mining – Parker
- Physics – Wolden

PERA Representative – Bob Sorgenfrei

University Committees – nominations to be forwarded to President Trefny by Romberger
 Budget Committee – Honeyman
 Handbook Committee – Dennis Readey

B. Future Agenda Items

1. Highest scholastic honors designation for all students graduating with a 4.0 GPA – A **motion** was made by Mitcham and seconded by Voorhees that all students who graduate with a 4.0 GPA graduate with highest scholastic honors. After discussion, Mitcham moved to table this motion. Voorhees agreed to table the motion. Vote for tabling the motion was unanimous.
2. Faculty Bylaw change to add Advising Coordinator as a non-voting member of the Undergraduate Council.
3. Faculty Senate's role on implementing Strategic Plan.
4. Restructuring administration on campus
5. Core curriculum
6. Contract wording on research assistantships
7. Understanding how the honor code and the students' honor court functions
8. Recruiting goals
9. Report on the implementation of the strategic plan
10. Extra compensation during the academic year
11. Do all departments receive same compensation for continuing education courses, summer athletic camps
12. Interdisciplinary programs – task not completed from last year
13. Council chairs should be chaired by Senator not an administrator
14. Faculty in crisis including attrition of faculty
15. Robert's model of managed research

16. Update of facilities plan
17. Lack of concern for health of CSM employees
18. Students in crisis

The next meeting will be September 21, 2004 at 1:30.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25.