

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 20, 2005 – 2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Andersen, Christiansen, Dagdelen, Mehta, Mishra, Parker, Romberger, Vincent and Wolden

APOLOGIES: Davis, Honeyman, Santi, and Voorhees who is on sabbatical Fall 2005

GUESTS: Arthur Sacks - Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs (AVPAA), Paul Jagodzinski - Department Head Representative, and Kyle Fitzpatrick - Undergraduate Student Representative ASCSM.

Richard Christiansen, Senate President Pro Tem, called the meeting to order.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

A. AVPAA Sacks - The Ad-Hoc Curriculum Committee has been charged to look at the undergraduate core courses and their relationship to the biosciences. This committee would like to have a Senate representative on it.

APPROVALS

A. The minutes of the September 6, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as amended.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Committees -Andersen reported that a Senator was needed to serve on the Calendar Committee. Christiansen will notify President Trefny that Dagdelen will be the Senate representative to this committee.
- B. Research Council - Parker reported the Research Council met (ad hoc) and recommended four Vice President for Research (VPR) candidates from the campus community to the administration. They discussed CSM and the VPR position in the context of Graduate Students, Research, Tech Transfer, and Administration. Parker also reported the Research Council met a second time over the summer (ad hoc) and agrees with the Board of Trustees that an outstanding leader is needed to move CSM forward. However, the Council strongly disagrees with the process that the BOT has established to select the next President. They request (1) the search committee be reconstituted to formally include students, faculty and alumni and (2) the desired qualifications for the next president be published and available to the entire CSM community and alumni.
- C. Undergraduate Council -Mehta submitted the following report:

UGC met on 9/14/2005.

Mining Engineering suggested a change to the definition of the minor program. The thrust of the change is to make it possible for a student to obtain a minor in the same department that he/she is majoring in. Chemical Engineering also raised this issue in the context of the BELS minor.

The Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering presented a whitepaper proposing a new B.S. degree program in manufacturing sciences and engineering. UGC members raised several issues that were communicated to the MME representative.

There was also discussion on a statute of limitations on how long credit in a course is valid, which becomes an issue if a student returns to Mines after an extended absence (say 5-10 years). Should the student be required to follow the new bulletin? Currently, the student could follow the bulletin in effect, even if it is outdated. This matter will be referred to the Academic Standards Committee. A similar question arises regarding transfer of credit; i.e., from how far back is a student entitled to transfer of credit from another university. State law specifies that the statute of limitations for this is ten years.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Athletic Faculty - A motion made by Wolden and seconded by Mehta to remove from the table the motion to give Athletic faculty representation on the Faculty Senate as academic faculty was defeated - 0 in favor, 4 against and 2 abstentions.
- B. Readmissions Committee - In a September 6, 2005 e-mail from Thiry, the committee withdrew their proposed changes that were presented to the Faculty Senate on May 3, 2005.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. September Faculty Forum - It was the consensus of the Senate that the topic of this forum will be the CSM presidential search. The Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees will be invited to present their perspectives. Honeyman will represent the Faculty Senate.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. The Office of Admissions and the CSM Admission Policy

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.