

**COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES  
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES  
September 25, 2007 – 2:00 PM  
Hill Hall Room 300**

**ATTENDEES:** Andersen, Dagdelen, Davis, Eberhart, Figueroa, Ganesh, Martins, Vincent, and Wu

**APOLOGIES:** Jesudason, Mishra, Mooney, and Petr

**GUESTS:** Tom Boyd - Dean, Graduate Studies, Ryan Ford -Undergraduate Student Representative, ASCSM, Derek Wilson -Director, Academic Computer & Networking, Ed Zucker - Manager, Academic Department Support Group

Vincent, Senate President pro tem, called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

**ADDITION TO AGENDA:**

Eberhart requested that the following items be added to this meeting's agenda:

- A. A discussion of Research Council's recommendation for a Distinguished Research Lectureship Award with a monetary award of \$10,000.
- B. A discussion of the Research Council's role in light of the newly created Research Management Cabinet. This meeting opened with brief introductions as several new attendees were present.

**COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:**

- A. Tom Boyd - Boyd apologized on Nigel Middleton's behalf for not being able to attend the senate meeting. Boyd had nothing to report.
- B. Ryan Ford - Reported that ASCSM was not concerned if metal diplomas are not given out during graduation.
- C. Derek Wilson and Ed Zucker gave a presentation and Q&A on AC&N support to academic units.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The August 28, 2007 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. The Faculty Forum on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 will be held on Research Compliance. ORA Director, Ralph Brown, will speak.
- B. The following Faculty Forum on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 will involve a Q&A with CSM President Bill Scoggins. Mishra has already talked to Scoggins and he seemed open to it and will be officially invited to speak. The Q&A will likely be open, but will begin by concentrating on the upcoming restructuring announcement.
- C. The Faculty Forum on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 does not yet have a topic or speaker identified.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Vincent opened discussion on the strategic planning recalibration update by saying it might be appropriate for the Senate to take over. Suggested to take the plan vs. data by measuring and then recalibrating. Eberhart moved and Martins seconded the formation of an ad-hoc committee to look at strategic plan objectives, i.e. financial, educational, academic standards, etc. and see if they have been met. The committee will be made up of 2 senators, 2-3 outside faculty, and administrators, with exact composition decided upon by the Senate representatives. The motion passed unanimously. Mishra will inform President Scoggins of the Senate's decision and ask for input. Members still need to be appointed to the committee and it was noted that Eberhart, Kent Voorhees, and Bill Navidi would be good candidates. A chair is also needed.
- B. Davis brought up the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 and its requirement of colleges to make voter registration forms available prior to the national presidential election. It was noted that the form is already available for all graduate students, but this information will be sent on to the undergraduate council to ensure compliance.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Senate Committees
  1. Committee on Committees -Andersen handed out a list of committees and asked for any corrections. She also submitted the following report:

### **Committee-on-Committees Report**

Patricia Andersen; September 25, 2007 Promotion and Tenure Committee has one vacancy and EVPAA office needs 3-5 names of qualified academic faculty.

Senate needs to appoint a senate representative to the Assessment Committee.

### ***Representatives to the Senate Committees***

Academic Standards and Faculty Affairs Tyrone Vincent Committee-on-Committees Patricia Andersen Faculty Oversight on Sports and Athletics Linda Figueroa Graduate Council Gerard Martins Research Council Mark Eberhart Undergraduate Council James Jesudason Readmissions Committee Mahadevan Ganesh Faculty rep to PERA Pam Blome Colorado Faculty Advisory Council (CFAC) rep Craig Simmons Athletics Representative Ric Wendlandt

### ***University Committees***

Budget Committee Michael Mooney Faculty Handbook Committee Graham Davis Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee Gerard Martins Calendar Committee Vilem Petr Assessment Committee: Needs a rep.

Board of Student Publications, Safety, Scholastic Awards, Promotion & Tenure, Technology Fee and Sustainability Committees do not require a senate representative.

Andersen then announced that the Assessment Committee still requires at least one Senate representative and could use two. She also informed the Senate that only the Research Council is incomplete and that nominations for academic affairs need to be in by the next Senate meeting. Dagdelen requested to be placed on the Promotion and Tenure Committee.

2. Sports and Athletics - Wu had no new business to report.
3. Executive Committee of the Senate - Vincent At the meeting two weeks prior they set the agenda items for this meeting.
4. Academic Standards & Faculty Affairs Committee - Vincent had no new business to report.

#### B. Senate Councils

- 1 Graduate Council -Martins Martins had two topics to discuss: the 598/698 Special Topics courses and the increased enrollment at the graduate level. The graduate council was urged by the Dean to examine why the 598/698 courses make up 50% of all graduate courses offered. Boyd added that these courses aren't regulated and syllabi need to exist and be submitted to registrar. This needs to be implemented in a fairly non-invasive manner. Further investigations into a solution are underway. Martins reported that graduate level enrollment is up and looks good. They are making sure that all departments can handle an increased enrollment of 15%. Boyd added that there are currently 854 graduate students, 88 more than last year. Also 295 of this total are new students where there were only 270 last year.
- 2 Research Council - Eberhart Eberhart submitted the minutes of the September 19, 2007 Research Council Meeting for the Senate's information ([Attachment A](#)) Eberhart also informed the Senate that the Research Council will recommend the adoption at CSM of a Distinguished Research Lectureship Award on the scale of \$10,000. He'd like approval to set exact qualifications and other details. Graham moved and Wu seconded to grant Eberhart approval. The motion passed unanimously. It was decided that the Senate can give the award and the recipient can lecture at a Faculty Forum. It was also clarified that the Lecturer will shift general interest towards research, similar to teaching awards. Eberhart also questioned the exact role of the Research Council since the Research Management Cabinet now performs many of their duties. One member of the Reserach Council is allowed to join the Cabinet, typically Mishra, but Eberhart goes in his stead when necessary. The Cabinet is made up of Department Heads, but not all departments get representation. The Cabinet is also currently able to make all research decisions with no faculty representation. Eberhart stated that the strategic plan is not good with many freshmen entering that are not qualified to be here. There has been a gutting of the Senate's power to make decisions.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

#### **ATTACHMENT A**

Research Council Minutes

Date: 09-19-07

Subject: Research Council Minutes - September

M. Eberhart -Chair

Attendees: M. Dykstra, P. Martin, D. Meskill, J. Ranville, J. Spear, P. Romig, R. Brown, C. Taylor

Minutes of the April 2007 were approved

Agenda/Action Items:

1. Research Council will make a recommendation that \$10,000 be awarded to the recipient of the Distinguished Research Lectureship Award. This was agreed to be a reasonable amount as other institutions are known to give \$10,000-\$12,000 for this type of award.
2. Center Status for C2B2 A review of the Center proposal for C2B2 was tabled because the written document was not

presented at least one week in advance of the meeting because the document did not describe CSM's specific role in the project. Council members were reminded that a decision on the Center status of C2B2 will set precedence as two additional requests will likely be presented in the coming months.

3. There was some discussion about the approved cluster faculty searches in the area of Applied Biosciences. Specifically, what is the purpose of a cluster search and how will it be organized across campus as several departments have faculty involved in Bio-related teaching and research. Phil Romig stated that allocations of spots for hiring will be based upon cluster strategy and departmental needs.

4. The official name of the RMC is Research Management Cabinet. The intent is to give the RMC ultimate decision making authority.

The RMC will hear a proposal to cap IDC returns going into the general fund and possibly freeze the 4.8 million dollars currently in the general fund. The purpose of the proposal is to generate money for research development. Research Management Cabinet will also act on a backlog of recommendations that Research Council made in past years. By mid-November, RMC will also begin evaluating Centers specifically those Centers which cross departmental boundaries.

Items for agenda of next meeting:

Status of Research Council (once addressed to senate)

Dorgan's presentation of Center R2B2