COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 2, 2001 -2:00 PM
Stratton Hall Room 102

ATTENDEES: Curtis, Dickerhoof, Frost, Harrison, Illangasekare, Kee, Kidnay, Lu, Navidi, Nickum, E. Pang, and Ross

APOLOGIES: Olson

VISITORS: Robert Moore, Vice President for Finance and Operations

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 18, 2001 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

PRESENTATION:
A. Processes Used to Develop CSM's Budget (Robert Moore): Moore distributed a handout compiled on ideas presented in a book entitled, Fiscal Responsibilities of Governing Boards by William S. Reed. This book explains factors that may influence the budgeting process at CSM.

Moore will obtain a copy of this publication for anyone who wants one.

Moore stated that “CSM uses an incremental budgeting approach. This is ‘often referred to as ‘cost plus’ budgeting because it is merely the process of increasing last year's budget by the rate of inflation or another factor.”

OLD BUSINESS
A. Senate liaisons to departments: The following Senators agreed to be liaisons to those departments/divisions that are not represented on the Faculty Senate:
   1. Economics and Business -Frost
   2. Geophysics - Harrison
   3. Mining Engineering - Lu
   4. Petroleum Engineering -Curtis
   5. Physics -Navidi
   6. Physical Education and Athletics -Ross

B. CSM Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer name change: Kidnay reported that Dendy Sloan remembered that the CSM Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer was to be a representative of the entire CSM community. A motion was made by Ross and seconded by Lu to invite Ken Larner, chair of the Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer Nomination Committee, to the October 16, 2001 Faculty Senate meeting to explain the reason for this request. The motion passed.

C. Teaching Evaluations: A motion made by Ross and seconded by Kidnay to invite Ruth Streveler, Director of Academic Services, to the next Senate meeting to discuss teaching evaluations passed. Pang will invite her to the October 16, 2001 Senate meeting.

D. Possible Issues for Senate consideration:
   1. Lack of communication between administration and faculty, such as the research building. Illangasek are will prepare a report for the next Senate meeting.
   2. Budgeting process - real input from the Budget Committee or faculty on important
3. Faculty level of confidence in the BOT - Senate requested Pang to inquire if there is a possibility to have a faculty member serve on the board of trustees similar to the student BOT member.

4. Academic dishonesty on CSM campus - Pang will ask Vice President Cheuvront and the ASCSM President for an update on the ASCSM honor code that was presented to the Senate last year.

NEW BUSINESS:
A. Employing graduate students in faculty positions - Kidnay distributed guidelines for employing graduate students as faculty. The Senate will examine this issue further.

B. School thrust areas that were identified at a recent BOT meeting will be discussed at a future meeting.

C. The School’s strategic plan was discussed. At the recent BOT retreat, SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) was presented as it related to the strategic plan. The Senators requested Pang invite Nigel Middleton, Vice President of Academic Affairs, to the next meeting to update them on CSM’s strategic plan.

D. The library faculty would like the Library Advisory Committee to be a Senate committee.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.