

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
October 5, 2004 - 1:30 PM
Coolbaugh House

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

APOLOGIES: Eberhart

GUESTS: Arthur Sacks – Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Joseph Dahdah - Graduate Student Association representative.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

A. Sacks reviewed the agenda for the Board of Trustees retreat that will be held in October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Dan Montez gave a presentation on House Bill 189 to the Graduate Students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 21, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Undergraduate Council – Mehta reported that the Undergraduate Council is discussing priority registration for athletes and how this impacts other students. A few of the Senators thought that the Senate had approved that no classes were to be scheduled from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm for student activities. Jensen will research the Faculty Senate minutes for Senate action taken on this matter and report back to the Senate at the next meeting.

B. Research Council – Parker that the Research Council discussed two items:
1. Research as presented in the Strategic Plan. The information was compiled by Phil Romig, Jr. It does not indicate that CSM will be on the same plane as other tier one or two institutions.
2. The structure of research centers.

C. Evaluation Committee – Davis reported that L. Pang has requested that the committee examine the core questions used on the student evaluation form. LAIS does not feel that they are appropriate.

The Senators requested that this committee look at evaluating administrators.

D. Colorado Faculty Advisory Committee (CFAC) – E. Craig Simmons submitted the following written report:

Report to CSM Faculty Senate from CFAC

September 10, 2004

Because CSM was not represented at the previous two meetings, minutes of those meetings (04/25/2003 & 09/12/2003) are attached. The two other meetings mentioned in the 09/12/2003 minutes -11/14/2003 & 04/23/2004- did not take place. I do not know why the November meeting did not occur; the meeting last April was cancelled because of a snowstorm.

The majority of the meeting focused on the impact of the College Opportunity Fund (COF) - "vouchers". Some specific concerns are briefly described below.

1. *What are the details of the implementation of the COF?*
2. *Student access to the COF. As currently envisioned, it will be a "first come, first serve" system. This means that late-applying students may find that no funds are available. This is of particular concern to 2-year institutions which deal with low- income students, who most often make last minute decisions as to attending school.*
3. *Money issues.*
 - a. *Does the COF place the participating institutions outside of TABOR? No one seemed completely sure about this.*
 - b. *Is the amount of money provided to the students going to be meaningful? The original request was \$4000; the current amount is \$2400 (and falling?).*
 - c. *The group expressed concern that the tuition bills will simply be "rewritten". That is, the total tuition will be increased further by the amount of the voucher, then the amount of the voucher will be subtracted, leaving the student to pay essentially the same amount that would have been paid without the COF.*
 - d. *The group also expressed concern that the access to the COF provided in the bill to the three private colleges (Colorado College, Denver University and Regis University) will further limit the assistance to be provided to students applying to the state-supported institutions (and also the state- supported institutions themselves). See also #2 above.*

An additional item of information that was picked up informally relates to the "Quality for Colorado" program at CU. This program provides for a gradual "downsizing" of successive freshman classes at CU, with an eye toward improving the quality of education provided to the freshman. This was negotiated with the State (which provides additional money to CU).

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Promotion and Tenure Committee Nominees – The Senators present agreed to forward the name of Patrick McCarthy (Chemistry) to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, as a nominee for the Promotion and Tenure Committee.
- B. Committee on Committees – The Senate accepted the committee's recommendation that Cigdem Gurgur (Economics and Business) will serve on the Evaluation Committee from 9/05 to 5/07.
- C. Highest Scholastic Honors – Romberger will write a letter to the Undergraduate Council on behalf of the Senate recommending that to graduate with this honor, a student must complete 100 hours of course work at CSM. If two or more students tie on the grade point average, all students will share this honor.
- D. Understanding the Honor Code and Sequence of Events – The Senators requested that Vice President for Student Affairs Cheuvront be invited to the Senate meeting on November 2, 2004 to discuss the Honor Code.
- E. Academic Advising Co-Ordinator - Romberger stated that this position evolved the student servicing/counseling department. Romberger, at the request of the Senators, will obtain a job description for this position and report back to the Senate on October 19, 2004.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Undergraduate Student Representation on the Undergraduate Council will be discussed at a future Senate meeting.
- B. Ecopass Proposal – Graham will obtain more information and report back to the Senate.

C. International Political Economy Degree – Davis would like the Senate to discuss this degree program. The Senators agreed that this would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be October 19, 2004 at 1:30 in Hill Hall 300.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.