

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 18, 2005 – 2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Andersen, Christiansen, Davis, Honeyman, Mehta, Mishra, Parker, Vincent and Wolden

APOLOGIES: Dagdelen, Romberger, Santi, and Voorhees who is on sabbatical Fall 2005

GUESTS: Paul Jagodzinski - Department Head Representative, CSM Board of Trustees members - Roger Hutson and Terrance Tschatschula, Susan Potter -Staff for Presidential Search, Robert Applegate -President, CSM Graduate Student Association, and Kyle Fitzpatrick - Undergraduate Student Representative ASCSM.

Honeyman, Senate President, called the meeting to order.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

- A. CSM Board of Trustees members - Roger Hutson and Terrance Tschatschula - updated the Senate on the CSM Presidential search. Sixteen nominations have been received. They would like the Senate's input on criteria for the new president. Review of applicants will begin the week of November 22nd.
- B. Fitzpatrick invited the Senate to the ASCSM meeting on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. He will e-mail the Senate with the location. Referendums C and D and the Presidential Search will be discussed.

APPROVALS

- A. The minutes of the October 4, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Honeyman attended the following meetings:

- CSM Assistants meeting on October 20, 2005. He addressed the assistants on the Faculty's perspective of the Presidential Search.
- Alumni meeting.
- Executive Senate Committee meeting. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) was discussed. Sacks asked the Senate to decide what should be included in the Senate's Committees reports.
- Ad-hoc Curriculum Committee. Mehta, who is the Senate's representative to the Undergraduate Council, agreed to be a member on this committee.

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Committee on Committees - Andersen will contact Richard Burczyk (Engineering) to serve on the Undergraduate Student Affairs committee. This is an University Committee.

The current membership list of the University Committees was distributed.

- B. Graduate Council -The following written report was submitted by Woldin:

Grad Council Report to Senate -10/15/05 (CAW)

Action Item: *The council requests a Senate response (affirmation or request a*

revision) on the Administrative action taken over the summer to approve the revised Materials Science Program.

History: At the end of the last academic year the Senate did not approve the revised Materials Science program, citing the following concerns:

- *The necessity of an MS degree for admission into the PhD program*
- *Justification for the lack of the minor*
- *No specifics with respect to the qualifier process or selection of focus areas*

In May the Senate President, EVPAA, and Graduate Dean met with Professors Olson and Moore and after discussion approved the revised Materials Science program and it appears in the current Bulletin. With respect to the 3 concerns above the response was:

- *Admission criteria are at the pleasure of the program*
- *The lack of minor was approved by the Senate when the degree was created*
- *The qualifying process and focus areas are described in the Materials Science Student Handbook*

Options for Senate:

- *Formally approve/accept the administrative actions*
- *Request Grad Council to reconsider*

It was the consensus of the Senate to find out what transpired with Romberger and the Administration over the summer and then, if necessary, consider if the proposal needs to be resubmitted to the Graduate Council for approval.

Information Items that are under consideration

- *The graduate council is considering the removal the residency requirements for the PhD program, which had stated that PhD students must spend at least two semesters physically on campus and be registered full time. In general, council believes that the policy is out of date, not really enforceable, and penalized part-time and distance learning students. Will make formal proposal at next meeting.*

The Senate requested that they be kept updated on residency requirements for the PhD program.

- *The council is discussing the possibility of changing the full time registration requirement for TA/RA support. Motivations: more part-time students get more TAs for same TA budget; give departments greater flexibility in how they spend their TA budget.*
- *The council is discussing modifications to Academic dishonesty cases with respect grad students*
 - *At present they go through the student judicial process. This is an UG device, an may not be appropriate for issues involving research misconduct or PhD qualifying/comprehensive exams that occur with graduate students*
 - *Grad students are also explicitly called out in the Faculty Handbook with respect to research integrity issues*
 - *Goal is to more clearly identify how grad students should be treated in these cases*

The Senate would like to know if the International Political Economy of Resources degree exists, and if it does what is the name of the degree.

- C. Research Council -Parker reported the Council met with Vice President for Research candidate, John Poate, and forwarded their comments to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Council also considered the name change for the Center for Commercial Applications of Combustion in Space (CCACS) to Center for Space Resources. This would be compliant with changes in NASA.
- D. Undergraduate Council -Mehta submitted the following report:

UGC met on 10/12/2005.

A request to modify process for final approval of transfer work (originating from the registrar's office) passed unanimously. A proposal from Mining Engineering requesting a change in minor programs did not receive a second and did not pass. Addition of PAGN 201 was discussed.

There still appears to be some confusion about the roles of the Senate representative on the UGC and the Assoc VPAA with respect to communications between the UGC and the Senate. According to the by-laws, it appears that the A VPAA is to communicate with the Senate on academic matters, while the Senate rep is to communicate with the Senate on administrative matters. This is not the current practice.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Budget Committee - Davis reported that Robert Moore presented the KPMG financial status evaluation report.
- C. Handbook Committee - Mishra said the committee will meet every Wednesday and that the Senate will be kept abreast of their discussions.

SENATE REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Colorado Faculty Advisory Council (CFAC) -Reports from the April 22, 2005 and September 23, 2005 CFAC meetings were distributed. CSM representative to CFAC, E. Craig Simmons, compiled these reports.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Presidential Search - A discussion ensued. No actions were taken.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. October Faculty Forum - At the request of the Senators, Honeyman will contact Hille Dias to give a presentation on CSM finances and the implications of Referendums C and D.
- B. Promotion and Tenure Committee -Honeyman will forward the following nominees to the Promotion and Tenure Committee to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs: Tony Dean, Stephen Liu, Kent Voorhees, Lisa Dunn and Gary Olhoeft.
- C. Athletic Faculty Representation on the Faculty Senate -Honeyman will contact Alexandra Newman, Kent Voorhees and Paul Santi to make a presentation covering all sides on this issue to the Senate.

Due to time constraints, the role of the Faculty Senate as a bridge to different groups within the CSM community and the Office of Admissions and CSM Admission Policy will be discussed at a future Senate meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A. Revise Senate By-laws

B. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.