

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 7, 2006 – 2:00 PM

Green Center Room 270

ATTENDEES: Andersen, Collins, Ganesh, Jesudason, McKinnon, Martins, Mooney, Petr, Vincent, and Walls

APOLOGIES: Dagdelen, Martins, and Mishra

GUESTS: Arthur Sacks - Associate Vice President for Academic and Faculty Affairs, Tom Boyd - Dean of Graduate Studies, Mike Dougherty -Director Human Resources, Graham Davis -Professor of Economics and Business, and Lindsay Rothfelder - Undergraduate Student Representative

Vincent, President Pro Tem, called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

A. Arthur Sacks

Committee updates

1. Reorganization Task Force has met with all vice presidents or associate vice presidents. The Task Force web site is up on Trailhead. Sacks has requested input from information technology personnel as to how that might be organized. Task Force liaisons are interacting with the CSM community.
2. Sustainability Committee is considering the Faculty Senate's request for three faculty representatives on this committee. Possible activities for this committee include: 1) how CSM can incorporate sustainability across the curriculum; 2) having a sustainability laboratory on campus; 3) sponsoring a senior speaker series; 4) created an office of sustainability; and 5) have a CSM action/climate sustainability day.
3. Calendar Committee is considering reorganizing the first day of the academic year.
4. Curriculum Committee is looking at activity credits. They are finalizing the design of the core curriculum.
5. Handbook Committee is discussing 1) the status and nature of research faculty; 2) consulting and extra work provisions and 3) the viability of background checks on all CSM personnel.

Linn Havelick and others have expressed an interest in planning for a pandemic.

A white paper on bio sciences and bio science engineering is being prepared.

A high performance computer group is being led by Mark Lusk.

- ### **B. Tom Boyd reported that Mark Lusk presented an update on the proposed nuclear engineering program to the Graduate Council.**

Action items for the December meeting of the Graduate Council include 1) differential tuition plan that will be in place by the end of January 2007; 2) a decrease in the minimum requirements for MS and PhD degrees and eliminate the double counting of credits; 3) establish a minimum number of credit requirements for a PhD degree and/or a minor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The October 24, 2006 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Faculty Evaluations - Graham Davis, the previous chair of the Faculty Evaluation Committee, presented a summary of the committee's work over the last several years to revise the student evaluation of teaching forms. A discussion ensued. A motion by Romberger, seconded by McKinnon and passed unanimously by the Senate to adopt the final version of the questions as presented by the Senate Committee on Evaluation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Committee Appointments
 - 1. Calendar Committee - Petr volunteered to be the Senate representative on this University Committee. Petr's nomination will be forwarded to the President Scoggins.
 - 2. Academic Standards and Policies Committee - As Dagdelen is not able to chair this committee, it was the consensus of the Senate to ask Mooney to serve as chair of this Committee for the 2006-07 academic year. Mooney agreed to serve in this capacity.
 - 3. Committee on Committees - The Senate accepted the recommendation of the Committee on Committees to appoint P. Plink-Bjorklund, Geology and Geological Engineering, to a 4-year term on this committee.
 - 4. Faculty Oversight Committee on Sports and Athletics - The Senate accepted the recommendation of the Committee on Committees to appoint Ric Wendlandt, Geology and Geological Engineering, to a 3-year term on this committee.
 - 5. Senator Dagdelen - The Senators requested Petr to communicate with Dagdelen if he would be able to serve on the Senate during the 2006-07 session as he is on sabbatical during this time. Petr will report Dagdelen's decision to the Senate.
- B. November Faculty Forum - The Senators asked Arthur Sacks to address the faculty on the Reorganization Task Force at the Faculty Forum on November 29, 2006. Sacks requested questions to help the Task Force develop their presentation for the Faculty Forum.
- C. November 21, 2006 Senate Meeting - The Senate accepted President Scoggins' invitation to meet with him at a luncheon meeting on November 21, 2006 at noon in the Board Room in Guggenheim.
- D. LAIS Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology Policy - Jesudason presented background information on the proposed LAIS Graduate Certificate in Science and Technology Policy. The Senate will make a decision at their next meeting.

PRESENTATION: Mike Dougherty gave a presentation on the Colorado Higher Education Insurance Benefits Alliance Trust (CHEIBA) to the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The next Senate meeting will be November 21, 2006 in the Guggenheim Board Room from 12:00am to 2:00 pm. The Senate will meet with President Scoggins. Lunch will be served.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.