

# COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 15, 2005 – 2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

**ATTENDEES:** Andersen, Christiansen, Davis, Honeyman, Mehta, Parker, Romberger, Santi, Vincent, and Wolden

**APOLOGIES:** Dagdelen, Mishra, and Voorhees who is on sabbatical Fall 2005

**GUESTS:** Arthur Sacks -Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tom Boyd - Associate Dean of Academic Programs, Kyle Fitzpatrick - Undergraduate Representative ASCSM, and Robert Applegate - President, CSM Graduate Student Association

Honeyman, Senate President, called the meeting to order.

## **COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:**

A. Sacks -Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, asked the Senators if "goal setting" was being done as part of their annual evaluations. The Senators responded that it was not.

## **APPROVALS:**

A. The minutes of the November 1, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

## **SENATE BOT REPORT:**

The Senators requested that the written report to the Board of Trustees should include the following: 1) status of athletic faculty, 2) admission standards and increased enrollment concerns, and 3) research activities on campus and how research dollars support the local economy. Honeyman will write and present this report to the BOT at their December meeting.

## **SENATE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. Committee on Committees - Andersen asked the Senate for a nomination to the Handbook Committee to replace Jerry Higgins. The Senators nominated Vaughn Griffiths to fill this unexpired term that expires 5/08. Honeyman will forward this nomination to President Trefny.

B. Executive Committee of the Senate -Honeyman reported FERPA was discussed.

C. Graduate Council - Wolden submitted the following written report:

*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*

*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 2 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 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*

C. Research Council -Parker reported the council discussed 1) summer tuition and where it goes; 2) documented outreach for NSF grants; and 3) Poate chairing this council.

D. Undergraduate Council -Mehta submitted the following report:

*UGC met on 11/09/2005. The MME proposal for a B.S. program in Manufacturing Sciences and Engineering was presented by J. Moore. His presentation amplified on an earlier version of the proposal presented by MME at a previous UGC meeting. This will require some more discussion and clarification. The 1cr PAGN 201 (Personal Wellness) addition was unanimously approved.*

*New items introduced include the addition of EGGN 486 (Practical Design of Small Renewable Energy Systems), LIMU 198 (Jazz Ensemble/Pep Band) and LIMU 298 (Jazz Lab) and a change to GEOL 315 (Sedimentology and Stratigraphy).*

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Athletic Faculty - Honeyman reported that there has not been a response from the athletic faculty.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Handbook Committee - Romberger stated that this committee is having trouble getting a quorum. Sacks will contact the members of this committee querying why the attendance

problem.

B. Approval of Commencement Lists

- 1 Undergraduate - A **motion** made by Romberger and seconded by Christiansen that based on successful completion of all requirements for the BS degree, those undergraduates listed are approved to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the Colorado School of Mines was passed unanimously.

2. Graduate - A **motion** made by Wolden and seconded by Vincent that based on successful completion of all requirements for the respective degree, those graduates listed are approved to receive the degree from the Colorado School of Mines was passed by a vote of five in favor and 4 abstentions.

C. Office of Admissions and the CSM Admission Policy - It was the consensus of the Senate that admissions and readmissions should be under Academic Affairs and not Student Life.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEM:**

A. IIG Degree

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.