

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
December 11, 2007 – 2:00 PM
Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Andersen, Eberhart, Martins, Mishra, Mooney, Petr, Vincent, and Wu

APOLOGIES: Dagdelen, Davis, Figueroa, Ganesh, and Jesudason

GUESTS: Tom Boyd – Dean, Graduate Studies Dan Baker – Representative, GSA John Dorgan – Professor, Chemical Engineering

Mishra, Senate President, called the meeting to order and welcomed the guests.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Action on Statutory Amendment Recommendation – The Senate met for an hour last weekend and discussed this topic. There was no vote.
- B. Future strategy for BOT representation – An ex officio position will be available on the Board of Trustees for a faculty member to be elected before March 2008. Eberhart moved and Martins seconded to defer a decision until the January Senate meeting. It was decided to have three Senators meet with the governor's representatives to discuss their plans and feelings. There will be two new BoT members appointed next year and they will be invited to a welcome meeting in mid-January. Data will also be collected from other state colleges to find the details of voting faculty members on their BOTs in the past. Mishra will inform the President of the Senate's decision.
- C. Faculty Evaluation – Mishra suggested to form a small ad-hoc committee with Graham as chair, Wu, an undergraduate student, and a graduate student to decide this issue by March.
- D. Resolution of student's academic matters through Academic Affairs – Currently, the Student Judicial Panel makes decisions on undergraduate issues, but faculty members are not always in agreement with the decisions. Similarly, graduate student infractions are handled by Student Life which may not make decisions acceptable to faculty. There are also a variety of policies located in different places which need to be reviewed and consolidated. These academic matters will be the responsibility of the Academic Standards & Faculty Affairs Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Eberhart stated that roughly 10% of the latest incoming freshman class had no high school chemistry and that many have had no lab science at all. Some of these students are on scholarships and how these scholarships are being awarded should be looked into.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Senate Committees
 1. Committee on Committees – Andersen had no new business to report.
 2. Academic Standards & Faculty Affairs Committee – Vincent had no new business to report.
- B. Senate Councils
 1. Graduate Council – Martins stated that the Council is still looking at a limit on the number of years a Masters or PhD candidate can work on the same degree.

2. Research Council – Eberhart submitted the RMC Action Item ‘IDC Return Policy and Practices’ ([Attachment A](#)) for the Senate’s information. Boyd stated that there is an issue with T.A. registration during the summer. Currently, the number of registration exemptions are causing administration problems and therefore researchers will begin registering only for research. Also, many research students have difficulty with laboratory, gymnasium, and library access and so registration should be moved up to May.

C. University Committees

1. Budget Committee – Mooney reported that the Budget Committee met on Thursday and that the minutes will be available in January. The meeting was positive with last year’s budget being balanced, projected revenue is up, especially at the non-resident and graduate levels, and the differential tuition program is doing well. There is not likely going to be any more funding from the state and it is recommended to look for new funding groups. There are also plans on making next year’s budget process more accountable and transparent.
2. Compensation Committee – Mishra stated that the next meeting will be in January.
3. Strategic Planning Committee– Mishra informed the Senate that the Committee was given a presentation on the background of the current plan and that they are trying to decide on the best path forward. There is a lot of data to review and the President would like the recalibration completed by March or April, but the Committee believes they can complete it.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.

ATTACHMENT A

RMC Action Item 20 November 2007

IDC Return Policy and Practices

Based on RMC discussions on August 15, September 18, and October 16, and the Research Council discussion on November 14, we propose that:

1. For the period 1 July 2007 through 31 December 2007, IDC return will be distributed to pre-existing (as of 30 Jun 2007) centers and institutes on the same basis as in previous years.
2. Effective 1 January 2008, CSM will calculate IDC return on the basis of all fully-overheaded research (both centers and individual PIs) as a rate which would have resulted in the same total IDC return in FY06-07. The IDC return rate for the remainder of FY07-08 will be 19.2% of IDC paid and will be distributed as follows:
 - a. Return on center/institute accounts will be distributed to the center or institute.
 - b. Return on non-center/institute accounts will be distributed:
 - 50% to the PI
 - 25% to the PI’s and DHDD
 - 25% to the VPRTT
3. For FY07-08 and future years, the portion of the IDC that is allocated to the CSM general fund will be fixed at the amount contained in the FY07-08 budget, subject to a cost-of-living adjustment after FY07-08.
2. Beginning January 2008, IDC collected in excess of that committed to the general fund and to IDC return will be available to the VPRTT and RMDC for research-related expenditures.
3. In FY07-08, IDC return must be used for operational and/or administrative support of centers or research projects which were the basis for the return. No later than 20 August 2008, all centers and PIs receiving IDC return during FY07-08 must report to their DHDDs on their use of the IDC return, and DHDDs must submit summary reports to the VPRTT no later than 31 August, 2008.

In future years, it is the intent of this proposal that:

- 1 IDC return and additional IDC generated by growth in fully-overheaded research should be invested in research infrastructure and research development under guidelines developed by the VPRTT and RMC.
- 2 DHDDs should be given greater management responsibility and authority over research conducted in their departments/divisions by both individuals and centers.

- 3 The distribution formula should provide both incentives and rewards to faculty and DHDDs for increasing fully-overheaded research.

To fulfill that intent:

- 1 The VPRTT and RMC will review and change the center reporting structure as appropriate by the end of the current semester.
- 2 By the end of February, the VPRTT and RMC will develop guidelines and formulae for distribution of IDC