

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

December 12, 2006 – 2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Andersen, Collins, Jesudason, Martins, McKinnon, Mishra, Mooney, Romberger, and Vincent

APOLOGIES: Dagdelen, Ganesh, Petr, and Walls

GUESTS: Nigel Middleton - Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty; Tom Boyd - Dean of Graduate Studies; Jim Ely - Chemical Engineering; John Humphrey - Geology and Geological Engineering; Dave Marr -Chemical Engineering; Jim McNeil -Physics; and Robert Applegate -President, CSM Graduate Student Association (GSA)

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

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

A. Nigel Middleton

1. Differential tuition will be implemented fall 2007. Non-resident international students will be affected the most. The broad intent of differential tuition is to aid in improving the overall quality of the graduate programs and help them to be more competitive with peer institutions. This will be presented to the BOT as an information item at their December 2006 meeting. The President has already approved the differential tuition plan.
2. Budget Committee met this morning. Three major items were discussed. 1) As CSM moves to an all funds budget, the Budget Committee needs to have representation from all entities and thus, needs to widen its membership. 2) The President wants to form an executive budget committee composed of the president and the vice presidents. This would remove the vice presidents from the existing Budget Committee and would allow room for the proposed expansion. 3) Continue to revise the budget process.

B. Tom Boyd - Graduate Council will meet December 13, 2006. There are four items on the agenda - 1) presentation on the proposed nuclear science and engineering program at CSM; 2) the proposal to alter requirements for a graduate degree; 3) elimination of a minor required for a PhD degree coupled with a requirement for a minimum number of classes for a PhD; and 4) differential tuition proposal.

C. Brajendra Mishra reported for Arthur Sacks on the Reorganization Task Force. The Task Force will submit their report to the President on December 21, 2006. The report will offer three or four options to the President and the President will make the decision on movements or how he will reorganize the administration.

D. Robert Applegate stated GSA hosted a free breakfast for all graduate students this morning.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Nuclear Science and Engineering at CSM - Jim McNeil made a presentation on Nuclear Science and Engineering at CSM.

B. Bioscience and Bioengineering Department - John Humphrey presented a white paper on a proposed Bioscience and Bioengineering Department.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The November 21, 2006 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Final Exam Policy will be discussed at the January 9, 2007 Senate meeting.
- B. Approval of an undergraduate for December convocation -A motion made by Vincent and seconded by Collins, that based on successful completion of all requirements for the BS degree, Terra Ann Williamson, EGEV, is approved to receive a Bachelor of

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Scholastic Honors -The Senators recommended that this item be taken to the Undergraduate Council.
- B. Issues for BOT report - Mishra stated that the report would highlight Senate meeting minutes to the BOT. The Senators did not have any additional items for the Senate's BOT report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Senate Ad-Hoc Committees - McKinnon submitted the following written summary of the Ad-Hoc committees:

1. **Return the Senate to a position of authority.** *McKinnon The Faculty News was mailed out to all academic and administrative faculty on Dec 08. We will produce this document on a monthly basis.*
2. **Reduce the tuition for non-resident RAs and TAs.** *Martins This committee has not met.*
3. **Status of research faculty, lecturers, and instructors.** *Greivel*

Due to scheduling constraints, this group never met as a whole. However, based on input from the members of the committee, I believe we have identified the following areas of concern for the constituencies represented by the committee:

Instructors, Lecturers and Senior Lecturers (Lecturers): For this group the principle concerns fall under the heading of recognition. It has been noted that the undergraduate curriculum at CSM, particularly the core, is delivered in large part by lecturers and instructors. These faculty have dedicated themselves professionally to the educational mission of the institution.

Research Faculty: For this group, it was also suggested that membership on the Faculty Senate be considered. Additionally, there was some concern about the manner in which research is valued, particularly for research leading to publication in respectable journals, but perhaps without some threshold level of funding. It was suggested that the Senate consider introducing a means by which research is valued using a balanced approach that weighs quality, original "high-risk" research activities against the raw dollar amounts generated.

4. **"Annoyance" subcommittee.** *Collins The Annoyance website is live at www.annoyance.mines.edu. Annoyances can be sent to annoyance@mines.edu. We have four submitted so far.*
5. **Distinguished Lecturer.** *Romberger, Jesudason*
The committee is looking for the original documents that give the guidelines for the distinguished lecturer.

6. **Increase the number of nominations for faculty awards.** Collins

Nothing to report.

7. **Tenure and sabbatical leave for librarians.** Andersen

1st meeting of the ad hoc committee held November 21, 2006

Present: Laura Guy, library; Lisa Dunn, library; Paul Bartos, Museum; Patricia Andersen, library.

Many questions were raised at this meeting and it was decided to poll all library faculty to gather more information.

The library faculty met on November 29 to get individual input on the following:

1. *Tenure options available:*

- *"Up or Out" Tenure track for all librarians.*
- *"Two-tier" system. Tenure-track and non-tenure track to be decided when starting employment.*
- *No Tenure for librarians.*

2. *Sabbaticals*

3. *Multi-year contracts.*

As a result of the meeting with library faculty it was clear that the current library faculty would like sabbaticals and multi-year contracts to be the focus for this committee.

- B. Banner Steering Committee -Mishra reported Banner has made changes to Trailhead and E-prints. Banner should be fully functional in May. Mishra requested that the Senators bring issues to him so he can take them to the committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The next Senate meeting will be January 9, 2007 in Hill Hall room 300.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.