

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES

FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

May 5, 2015 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Stratton Hall Room 104

ATTENDEES: 2014-2015 Senators: Dan Knauss (President), Joel Bach (ME), Jurgen Brune (MN), Lincoln Carr (PH), Jason Ganley (CBE), Dinesh Mehta (EECS), Ken Osgood (MB), Natalie Van Tyne (EPICS)

APOLOGIES: Corby Anderson (MME), Graham Davis (EB), Kamini Singha (HY), Thomas Monecke (GE)

ATTENDEES: 2015-2016 Senators: John Berger (ME), Tina Gianquitto (LAIS), Chuck Stone (PH)

APOLOGIES: Paul Martin (AMS), Roel Snieder (GP)

1. Introductions

Knauss welcomed new members and thanked them for running for office.

2. Approval of past minutes

2.1. **Motion to approve minutes from April 28, 2015 meeting: Brune, second: Ganley. Vote to approve: No objections, minutes approved by acclamation.**

3. Other Business

Outgoing (2014-15) and incoming (2015-16) senators discussed Senate actions during the 14/15 academic year and mechanisms for sharing documents, reports, and activities of the outgoing Senate with the incoming Senate.

Academic Program Changes - Items approved on May 6 at Undergraduate Council and Graduate Council meetings that need Faculty Senate approval will be presented on-line to 2014-2015 senators for vote. **(Results of online vote May 8: Vote to approve below program changes: Yes: 11, Abstain: 1. Program changes therefore approved.)**

Graduate Programs:

MPMEMSPHE-GE Geology & Geological Engineering MP, ME, MS & PhD Programs

MSPHD-MECH: MS & PhD – Mechanical Engineering

MPM SPHD-CH: MP, MS, & PhD – Chemistry

Undergraduate Programs:

MT Program Change

BS-GPE: BE in Geophysical Engineering

Current senators met with Mines presidential candidate Paul Johnson during his campus visit last week. Senators felt the meeting was positive. The document outlining senate accomplishments was given to Dr. Johnson and posted on the Senate webpage.

4. Election and Nominations

- 4.1. Faculty Senate President - New senators begin their term at the start of the academic year in August, however, the 2015-2016 senators are charged with electing the next senate president at this meeting. Candidate for president: **Osgood was nominated to run for the position; no other candidates were nominated. Gianquitto seconded the nomination for Osgood. Vote to elect: Unanimous.**

- 4.2. Other positions - Bach opened the discussion of appointments to other positions. Osgood nominated Singha for senate secretary. Secretary is an elected position, the bylaws state the election will take place at the start of the next academic year. Other positions were filled by appointment, some at the May 5 meeting, others subsequently during the summer:
 - Parliamentarian: Davis
 - Leadership Nomination Committee: Martin
 - Undergraduate Council chair: Ganley
 - Graduate Council chair: Brune
 - Research council: Berger
 - Handbook Committee: Davis, Senate rep; Gianquitto recommended to president as continuing faculty rep, but appointment needs to be confirmed
 - Academic Standards and Faculty Affairs Committee: Mehta
 - Budget Committee: Mehta
 - Faculty Oversight Committee on Sports and Athletics: Stone
 - Readmissions: Martin, Senate representative; Davis, Stone

Note: The Leadership Nomination Committee chair is responsible for sending out an email to faculty seeking interest in committee service.

Future meetings:

Osgood asked senators to consider the best way to structure future meetings and suggested holding every other meeting as a regular business meeting, then allowing alternate meetings to serve as time for meaningful discussion of major topics. The plan is to set an agenda for the year which will allow senators a timeline for completing work on various topics. Senators support the proposal to split the meetings between routine senate business and the work on issues. Osgood will set the agenda and will distribute it to all faculty on Fridays before each senate meeting. Gianquitto raised the idea of moving the regular senate meeting time to 3:00-5:00 rather than 2:00-4:00 as it has been in the past because the 2:00 start time causes the meeting to overlap into two class time periods. Senators discussed the pros and cons of moving the meeting time; it was determined there would be too many conflicts (such as regularly scheduled department meetings) if the meeting time were changed. The meeting time is established in the Senate Bylaws.

Osgood asked new senators to share ideas of initiatives they would like to work on next year to improve the campus environment and suggested scheduling an informal brainstorming meeting prior to the academic year. Mehta indicated a willingness in doing senate work over the summer. Stone asked about sharing senate meeting reports with departments, Osgood said senators are encouraged to share senate meeting reports with their departments.