

**Colorado School of Mines**  
**Faculty Senate Agenda**  
**February 28, 2017 2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**Hill Hall 300**

**ATTENDEES:** Dinesh Mehta (President), Jürgen Brune (MN), Tzahi Cath (CEE), Paul Martin (AMS), Mark Seger (CH), Chuck Stone (PH), Jon Leydens (LAIS), Neal Sullivan (ME), Reed Maxwell (GE), Michael Heeley (EB), Linda Battalora (PE), Heather Lammers (GSG), Madison Northrup (USG)

**APOLOGIES:** Jeff King (MME), Jason Ganley (CBE), Terri Hogue (BOT Representative),

**GUESTS:** Tom Boyd (Interim Provost), Kirsten Volpi (VP Finance), Lisa Nickum (Library), Carol Smith (Library), Lane Boyd, Gary Bowersock (Operations), Chris Cocallas (CPD)

1. Approvals

1.1 The February 14 minutes were not ready for approval.

2. Visitors

2.1 Kirsten Volpi, Gary Bowersock, Chris Cocallas — Parking structure site comparisons and update. Analysis of the parking capacity and the lack of parking on campus.

**Project Goals:**

- Provide a minimum 600 additional parking spaces to replace lost spaces due to ongoing and future construction on campus.
- Accommodate cars no longer able to park in Golden. The City of Golden changed their parking rules in January, requiring paid parking on most city streets.
- Support event parking demand and future growth.
- Limit neighborhood impacts

- Project to be open and fully functional for Fall semester 2019.
- Compatible with campus architecture.
- Proximity to campus resources and destinations.
- Easy vehicular access.

Mines is focusing on two locations on campus to build a parking garage with the net 600 new spaces. Site A at Maple and west Campus, is close to the center of campus, but will create more traffic traversing neighborhood streets. It is close to the athletic fields for event parking. Site B is on the Ford lot south of 19<sup>th</sup> near the roundabout at Elm. It is farther away from campus, events and athletics facilities. There will be vehicular and pedestrian traffic issues with both sites that must be managed. The Mines traffic engineer is evaluating traffic counts for both options and will meet with the City of Golden traffic engineers. Volpi asked Senate for feedback.

The office thinks the parking rate increase would be somewhere between 7.5% and 35%. These numbers are still being worked on and are not finalized yet.

## 2.2. Kirsten Volpi — Child care

Mines conducted a study on child care demand and made cost projections. In October 2016 Mines hired Bright Horizons to do a feasibility study for a childcare center on campus.

These were some of the key findings in the study: Approximately 40% of faculty, staff and graduate students would consider a different job due to childcare difficulties. Denver metro area is an expensive area for child care. A licensed contractor would run the facility on Mines' behalf and shoulder the liability. The proposed facility would be an 8000 square feet building, a 6000 square foot playground, and a parking lot. If there were a 90% steady state enrollment, the initial estimate would require a \$150,000 per year contribution from the university. The facility cost is estimated to be \$2.6 million. In the second phase Mines is considering to interview people and gauge the specific interest on campus.

Back-up care is another option where the university would pay the bulk of the premium. Employees would pay a co-pay when they use the service. The service could have someone on site within two hours. It can also be used for elderly care. This may be a more affordable option.

Volpi said with the current financial situation, a child care facility is not a priority. Mines hopes to have the back-up option available for the next fiscal year.

2.3 Kirsten Volpi --- Mines has hired an outside consulting company to assist with two projects: a faculty compensation assessment and an assessment of business processes and re-engineering shared services at the university. AA will hold mini town halls in March to present initial findings to the faculty. Senate was asked to spread the word and attend the town hall meetings.

2.4 Lane Boyd —Graduate student fees. Boyd is a PHD student who represents GE in GSG. Griffith is an Electrical Engineering student here on behalf of HASS and Music. GSG and USG have been asked to approve an increase of the athletic fee \$17.00 to offset a budget deficit. GSG constituents would like to use some of this increase for the organizations that support Athletics such as band, dance and cheer. The programs are growing so much that they are not sustainable with current funding. Additional money would be used towards instrument rental, instrument repair and for travel to tournament games. Does a budget plan exist that shows how the increase in fees will solve the budgetary shortfall?

Students, particularly graduate students asked for financial support for the auxiliary organizations. The students did not have sufficient information behind the financial planning behind the increase. Will the Athletics office ask for another increase next year? Move to add this as an informational item to discuss with the Academic Affairs office.

3. Mehta—Emeritus Faculty Memo. Sent out an updated version of the memo with suggestions included. Emeritus Faculty does not know what their rights and responsibilities are, and some would like to give back on a voluntary basis. It would be beneficial for Mines to have the Emeritus Faculty continue to support the university. Battalora added that this should also include teaching faculty. The

Faculty Handbook does not discuss this subject. **Move that we put forward this draft of the Emeritus Faculty Memo: Seger, second; Maxwell. Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

4. Mehta—Meeting discussed with President Johnson having more engagement between the Faculty and the BOT. President Johnson said that when they have an official BOT meeting, they can stay an extra half hour to meet with the Faculty. Mehta would like to have some structure for this meeting. Brune said we want to make sure Senate represents the interests of the entire Faculty. Mehta said he will reserved the time at the next BOT meeting.

5. Mehta—Senate Distinguished Lecturer. Five nominations and the Committee recommended two finalists. Craig Taylor and Graham Davis are the two finalists. The Senate would like more background information on the committee’s decision before voting.

6. Brune—Concussions Received by Athletes

A letter goes out to the Faculty teaching a course to make them aware that a student has a concussion and may need special accommodations. Brune is concerned by serious injuries seemingly being accepted as routine and unavoidable. Is Mines doing better or worse than our peer institutions with athletes and injuries? Is there a concise strategy and plan in the Athletic Department to reduce injuries in athletes? The Senate will express our concern to the Athletic Department and ask the Athletic Director to report back. Brune and Stone will follow up with Athletics.

7. Mehta/Osgood—Immigration Memo. Mehta said we Senate should make the point now. A statement to our students that we value them. The language of the memo was discussed, and the following sentence was added: “It is important to note that immigrants play crucial roles in both the U.S. economy and in particular in adding value and innovative contributions to science, technology, engineering, and math disciplines and fields.” The memo will be added to the Senate website. **Motion to accept the Immigration Memo with the additional sentence: Seger, second; Maxwell. Vote to approve: Yes: 9, No: 0, Abstain: 1.**

## 7. Updates.

### 7. 1. Cath—Research Task Force 2.0/Research Council.

RTF 2.0 on the future of the Research Office. The Task Force wants this office to include: Research Vision, Research Education and Research Administration. The campus wants a strong VP of Research, and wants not only an internal search, but also an external search. See Cath with questions or suggestions to add to the document. The goal is to bring more research money to Mines.

7.2. Seger—Survey committee. Putting together an executive summary. Will get together with Mehta and Battalora to complete. Goal to finalize by BOT meeting.

7.3. Productivity committee (Martin)—Not discussed.

7.4. Teaching faculty enhancement committee (Stone)—Not discussed.

7.5. Sustainability committee (Maxwell)—Not discussed.

7.6. Undergraduate Council (Ganley)—Not discussed.

7.7 Graduate Council (Brune) – no report.

## 8. Executive Committee.

**Next meeting March 14, 2017, 2-4 pm, Hill Hall 300**