

**COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES**  
**FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**  
**January 9, 2007 – 2:00 PM**  
**Hill Hall Room 253**

**ATTENDEES:** Andersen, Collins, Ganesh, Jesudason, Martins, Mishra, Mooney, Petr, Romberger, and Vincent

**APOLOGIES:** Dagdelen, McKinnon, and Walls

**GUESTS:** Robert Applegate - President, CSM Graduate Student Association (GSA)

Vincent, Senate President pro tem, called the meeting to order and welcomed the guest. Senate President Mishra was present for part of the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The December 12, 2006 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Scholastic Honors - The Senators recommended that this item be taken to the Undergraduate Council.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

A. Senate Committees

1. Academic Standards and Policies - Mooney stated the final exam policy will be addressed by this committee
2. Committee on Committees - Andersen reported Sanaa Abdel-Azim has agreed to serve on the Readmissions committee. Her term will end May 2010. One more person is still needed to serve on the Readmissions Committee.
3. Executive Committee of the Senate - Mishra reported applications are up for the 2007-08 academic year but there are no plans to increase the enrollment. Mishra reported to the Board of Trustees that the Faculty has not seen the bio science white paper.
4. Readmissions Committee - Romberger reported this committee is meeting for three full days. The committee is divided into three groups - junior/senior readmissions, freshmen/sophomores readmissions, and double F appeals.
5. Scholastic Awards Committee - The membership for this committee has not been completed.

B. Senate Councils

1. Research Council - Collins reported the Council covered three topics. 1) Proposed nuclear engineering program by Lusk, Olson and McNeil. The membership was asked to go back to their respective departments/divisions and get their feedback on this proposed program. 2) Involving graduate students in research that has restrictions on publications. 3) Key issues with the office of research administration and contracts.
2. Undergraduate Council - Jesudason next month they should have a report on the grading issue. The Bio Science and Bio Chemical Engineering degree was revisited. Metallurgy and Materials Engineering proposed two new minors - explosive engineering and explosive processing of materials.

C. University Committees

1. Budget - Mooney said the main issue is the proposed executive budget committee. Senators suggested that the budget committee should become an oversight committee and then the proposed executive budget committee report to the budget committee. Mooney will take this suggestion to the Budget Committee.
2. Calendar - Petr reported that there is one more day that the students can have off during the spring semester. The students are voting on which day they would like this to be. Petr will keep the Senate informed.

The Senators suggested that the Calendar Committee consider increasing dead day from one day to two days. Petr will take this suggestion back to the committee.

3. Handbook - Ganesh reported this committee is focusing on two issues: 1) hiring and promotion process for research faculty and 2) outside activities.
- D. Senate Ad-Hoc Committees - The following is an addition to the Senate Ad-Hoc Committee reports submitted at the December 12, 2006 Faculty Senate meeting.
  6. *Increase the # of nominations for faculty awards. Collins*  
*The new two step process (brief nominations which are reviewed to invite full dossiers) which Arthur Sacks introduced resulted in more nominations than last year. It would still be nice to see an even greater number of nominations.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. The next Senate meeting will be January 23, 2007 in Hill Hall room 300. Ralph Brown, Director of Office of Research Administration and David Lee, Chair - Banner Steering Committee will make presentations.
- B. Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecture - January 31, 2007 - Metals Hall, Green Center - 4:00

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.