

# COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

January 15, 2002 - 2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

**ATTENDEES:** Curtis, Frost, Harrison, Kee, Kidnay, Lu, Navidi, Nickum, Olson, E. Pang, and Ross

**APOLOGIES:** Dickerhoof and Illangasekare

**VISITORS:** Phil Romig, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, and Jason Goldsmith, CSM Graduate Student Representative

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. President Trefny will present CSM's strategic plan at the Faculty Forum on January 30, 2002 at 4:00 in Metals Hall -Green Center.
- B. Bill Young, Director of Admissions, will address the Senate on February 5, 2002.

## **COMMENTS FROM VPAA, NIGEL MIDDLETON:**

- A. The CSM Board of Trustees approved the revision to the academic calendar that will extend the break between the fall and spring semesters by one week. There will be 75 days in each semester and 14 weeks in the summer. This change will begin with the 2002 fall semester.
- B. CSM is one of six institutions nationwide that has been selected for review and accommodation by Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Foundation representatives will be on campus the week of January 21st conducting interviews and gathering information for a book on engineering education that will highlight CSM and the other five institutions.
- C. Senator Allard met with President Trefny on the energy initiative. Allard will arrange a meeting between President Trefny and Secretary Abraham. CSM, NREL, the Department of Energy and Gail Norton, Secretary of the Interior, are investigating the possibility of co-hosting a regional energy conference later in the year.
- D. Senate Bill 229, the Exemplary Institute Bill, will go CCHE February 1, 2002. If this bill passes, CSM will be able to increase tuition and reduce the capitation used to count full-time equivalent graduate students from 30 to 27.
- E. CSM anticipates that the State will not increase CSM's budget for next year. The current faculty searches will be funded; however, funding these positions will decrease the amount available for adjuncts.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the January 8, 2002 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as amended.

## **OLD BUSINESS - Items from January 8, 2002 Agenda:**

- A. Selection of Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer -Pang has not been able to find any historical information on Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer Selection Committee. The Senators requested that the Executive Committee meet with this committee to discuss the selection and other responsibilities. The Executive Committee will report back to the Senate on February 5, 2002.

- B. Promotion and Tenure Committee -Pang stated that Ed Liberatore, CSM Attorney, gave the following interpretation of the language in the Faculty Handbook:

“Deliberation” means discussion/information leading to voting and does not intend that a Promotion and Tenure Committee member who is from a candidate’s department/division needs to be completely removed from any informational discussion regarding that candidate.”

Therefore, the Promotion and Tenure Committee decided to invite the chair of the candidate’s department/division promotion and tenure committee and the candidate’s department head/division director to attend a meeting and participate in informational discussion regarding their candidate.

Further discussion was discontinued until Illangasekare, chair of this committee, could be present.

- C. Spring Faculty Forum Speakers - President Trefny will discuss CSM’s strategic plan at the Faculty Forum on January 30, 2002.
- D. Using Graduate Students as Faculty - It was moved by Kidnay, seconded by Frost, and passed to remove the following motion from the table January 15, 2002:

“Graduate students will not be placed in responsible charge of undergraduate classes. Responsible charge occurs when the student presents the majority of the instruction during the semester. Exceptions will be made only in very unusual situations, and each case will be reviewed and formally approved by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty. Under no circumstances will the graduate student so employed be given faculty status while teaching.”

After a lengthy discussion, the **motion** was passed.

A committee was appointed to address policy that will address both short-term and long-term issues related to using graduate students as faculty. Those serving on this committee will be Kee, Navidi, Harrison, Frost, Ross, and Pang. Phil Romig and Ruth Streveler will serve as ex-officio members.

- E. Human Resources – It was announced that Debbie Lane, Director of Human Resources will be retiring. A search has begun to find a new director.
- F. Administrative Titles – Pang reported that Rahmat Shoureshi uses the title, Associate Vice President when he is away from CSM; and that Middleton does not use the title of Provost.

Remaining agenda items from today’s meeting will be placed on the February 5, 2002 agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM