

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
January 23, 2007 – 2:00 PM
Hill Hall Room 300

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

APOLOGIES: Dagdelen, McKinnon, and Vincent

GUESTS: Arthur Sacks - Associate Vice President for Academic and Faculty Affairs, Tom Boyd - Dean of Graduate Studies, Ralph Brown - Director of Research Services, David Lee - Banner Project Manager, Sandy Tureson - Banner Project Administrative Assistant, Robert Applegate - President, CSM Graduate Student Association (GSA), and Regina Hutchings - ASCSM Undergraduate Student Representative

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

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

A. Arthur Sacks stated Senate President Mishra will be the liaison between the Senate and the Reorganization Task Force. The President has asked the Task Force to look at the possibility of restructuring departments/divisions and rotating department chairs/division directors.

John Poate - Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer has announced a retreat on research management with department heads/division directors and select faculty. Date and venue will be announced.

B. Tom Boyd stated the Reorganization Task Force is using the comments/results on restructuring from the survey taken last Fall.

C. Rob Applegate informed the Senate the GSA research fair will be the Wednesday before E-Days. The Senators suggested the GSA research fair be held in the evening and the public be invited. Rob will take this suggestion back to GSA for their consideration. Travel grants applications are due the end of February. Family assistance grants applications are due the end of January.

D. Regina Hutchings announced ASCSM has reorganized on a trail basis. Club meetings will be separate from actual student government meetings. Last semester, everyone met together. This did not work.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Dave Lee gave the Senate an overview on the implementation of Banner.

B. Ralph Brown presented information on the mission of the Office of Research Administration (ORA) and the plan to fulfill this mission to the Senate.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The January 9, 2007 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

A. Senate Councils

1. Undergraduate Council - Jesudason provided the following written report:

Undergraduate Council Report for Jan. 23 Senate meeting
1. Course Grade Count and Student's GPA

Jan 10 meeting:

1. *The UGC voted unanimously to have a course grade count only once towards a student's GPA. The last grade the student obtains will be the one counted. However, all grades will appear in the transcript. This rule will take effect in Fall 2007 for all students taking undergraduate courses. L. Medley noted that the new rule would only take effect for classes taken in Fall 2007 (it would not be retroactive).*

Graduate Council (GC) needs to consider if this rule will apply to graduate students taking undergraduate courses.

The Senate requested Jesudason take this issue back to the Undergraduate Council. The Senators would like the UGC to consider a uniform policy for all undergraduate classes including chemistry and calculus.

2. *Grade Appeals Process:
The Council approved unanimously the changes proposed by the FAC regarding the Grade appeals process. T. Boyd will work with the Senate to get a proposal for GC.*
3. *Special topics:
Special Topics (x98 and x99) courses:

A. Sacks suggested that a rule be set that they are offered "2 or fewer times" before going to Council for approval. There will be an official proposal for a vote at the next meeting.
T. Boyd noted that Graduate Council (GC) has the same view and he will forward A. Sacks' proposal to them for a vote.*
4. *Please see attached files regarding the discussion by the Curriculum Committee over the Core Curriculum and proposals to make the grading of Activities Credit as CREDIT/NONCREDIT.*
5. *I have put the Latin Version of the Honors Awards for discussion at the next meeting. We might want to reflect on whether we want a strict GPA cut-off or a percentage -based method to determine the type of Honors award. The latter has been enforced by some universities to fight against grade inflation*

On-going issues:

6. *New Degree in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering.*

The UGC passed a motion on Dec. 13 to "approve in principle a degree within the CE department entitled 'Chemical and Biochemical Engineering.' Some pending issues communicated to me by J. Ely are:

1. *being able to replace SYGN 101 with General Biology (this is a question contingent on Core curricula reform).*
2. *Content and who delivers the physical chemistry courses*
3. *prerequisite requirements for Biochemistry.*

Jim Ely would like an endorsement from the full Senate so that the proposal can be taken to the BOT. The issue for us is whether we want to vote immediately for an "in principle approval" or wait for a clean vote by UGC.

Previous Items;

7. *Common Exam Scheduling:*

In October, The UGC voted to make official an old memo dating back to 1997 specifying procedures regarding the common exam schedule. This vote endorses the practice since 1993 that the lower division course number takes precedence if there is a conflict in times.

- A. Sacks noted that he would like this practice formalized and put in the Bulletin under*
2. Research Council - Collins reported the Research Council has recommended that the development of the Nuclear Engineering program continue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The next Senate meeting will be February 6, 2007 in Hill Hall room 300.
- B. Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecture - January 31, 2007 - Metals Hall, Green Center - 4:00

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.