

# **COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

**February 3, 2004 - 2:00 PM**

**Hill Hall Room 300**

**ATTENDEES:** Christiansen, Dean, Eberhart, Honeyman, Harrison, Kee, Mehta, Ross, Santi, Thiry, and Voorhees

**APOLOGIES:** Mitcham (on sabbatical until 3/04) and Wolden (on sabbatical spring semester 2004)

**VISITORS:** Nigel Middleton – Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, Arthur Sacks – Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, Mike Dougherty – Director Human Resources, Dan Lewis - Athletic Department Observer and Ronnie Hoffman – CSM Graduate Student Association Representative

Harrison called the meeting to order.

## **COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:**

- A. VPAA Middleton - The Strategic Planning Committee wanted to look at the analytical issues relating to the implementation of the direction of the Strategic Plan. Thus, the Curriculum Committee, chaired by Arthur Sacks, has been looking at growth of the undergraduate enrollment and determining the number of sections and staffing that would be needed to deliver the core curriculum. This information will be presented to the President and the Board of Trustees to inform them of the impact that the Strategic Plan will have on next year's budget. A related issue of scheduling and space for these activities is being investigated by a taskforce headed by Paul Leaf. Dave Munoz and John Moore have been assigned the task of balancing among units once the students complete the core and begin pursuing their options.

Middleton has drafted a document that contains seven areas that need to work together in harmony: (1) become a distinguished research institution, (2) undergraduate programs, (3) graduate programs, (4) geographic, demographic and problematic mix of students, (5) niche areas – energy, earth, materials and environment, (6) expand resources, (7) restructure the deployment of resources.

The target number for next year's freshmen class is 800.

Dan Montez is working on a financial model. He is using information from National Association of Colleges and Universities Business Offices to figure out an estimate for the cost of educating an undergraduate student.

The Board of Trustees would like to approve the Strategic Plan document before the Board's membership changes. Also, the President needs a document to present to alumni groups and donors.

- B. Mike Dougherty explained how the Office of Naval Research determines the fringe rate for faculty. Due to time constraints, the Senators asked Dougherty if he would be willing to return on February 17th to continue the discussion on fringe. Dougherty agreed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The January 20, 2004 Faculty Senate Meeting minutes were approved as amended.

**REPORTS:**

- A. Board of Trustees Meeting – Voorhees and Harrison represented the Senate at this meeting.
- B. Strategic Planning Committee – Dean and Honeyman agreed that Middleton sufficiently covered the meeting in his report given earlier.
- C. Faculty By-Laws – Eberhart is consolidating the issues that need to be addressed with Ann Walker, CSM Attorney.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. IIG Program – At the suggestion of the Senate, Harrison will contact Tom Boyd for clarification regarding the IIG Coordinating Committee and the number of nominees to fill this committee's membership.
- B. January Faculty Forum – The Senators requested Harrison to acknowledge the effort that Phil Romig Jr. and Tom put forth in preparing and in presenting this forum.
- C. Appropriate Dress for Commencement – A following **motion** was made by Honeyman, seconded by Eberhart and passed by the Senate with one opposed and one abstention stating the Senate's position on commencement decorum as presented by Santi:

*Recognizing that commencement ceremonies are an occasion in which we honor our graduates and their families, and that this occasion is also an opportunity to leave a good impression on future supporters of the university, the Faculty Senate requests that university representatives at commencement adopt a style of dress befitting the occasion. Specifically, we discourage jeans, informal shoes, and collarless shirts.*

A discussion on the condition of the academic apparel followed and will be continued at a future Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.