

# COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

February 20, 2001 - 2:00 PM

Stratton Hall Room 102

**ATTENDEES:** Curtis, Dickerhoof, Frost, Illangasekare, Klusman, Lu, Navidi, Nickum, Ohno, E. Pang, Readey, and Wendlandt

**APOLOGIES:** Kidnay

**VISITORS:** President Trefny, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Barbara Olds, Executive Director Women in Science, Engineering and Mathematics (WISEM) Debra Lasich, and CSM Junior Class President Ryan Countryman

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the February 6, 2001 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as amended.

## COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

- A. Debra Lasich, Executive Director of WISEM, gave a presentation to the Faculty Senate on the mission of WISEM and the services that they provide to the CSM community. She stressed that WISEM wants to provide services and address issues that are not gender specific but pertain to and benefit the entire CSM community.
- B. President Trefny
  - 1. Bob Baldwin and Nigel Middleton gave a report to the department/division heads on the status of the Petroleum Institute in Abu Dhabi.
  - 2. The millennium college bill was passed unanimously by the State Senate Education Committee. It is now being reviewed by the Finance Committee for financial implications. If this passed this year, the status of a millennium college would not take effect until 2003.
  - 3. Robert Moore made a report to the department/division heads discussing the financial implications of the decline in graduate student enrollment.
  - 4. Trefny strongly encourages the Senate to reinstate their evaluation of the administration and department/division heads this year.
- C. Barbara Olds, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, distributed the following for the Faculty Handbook Committee Timetable:

**March 21, 2001** Handbook Committee makes final proposed revisions

**March 22, 2001** Proposed revisions posted on the Academic Affairs website

**March 23, 2001** Information on proposed revisions distributed to the campus:  
E-mail to all faculty

Memos to the Faculty Senate and Administrative Faculty Council

**April 25, 2001** Committee meets to review input from the campus community and make final recommendations to the Board of Trustees (BOT)

**April 26, 2001** Proposed revisions sent to the BOT in preparation for the May 3, 2001 meeting

**May 3, 2001** Preliminary review and discussion by the BOT

**June 8, 2001** Final consideration by the BOT

The Senators requested that the Faculty Handbook Committee address intellectual property.

Olds reminded the Senate of the CCHE visit to CSM on March 2, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ted Adams Room.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Faculty Evaluation (Klusman) – A **motion** was made by Readey and seconded by Dickerhoof to evaluate only the department heads and/or division directors this year. And that the evaluations be put in a sealed envelope and returned to Klusman via campus mail. The motion passed unanimously.

The Senate will pay for this evaluation. By publishing the results of these evaluations on the Senate website and in the *Oredigger*, the Senators felt that participation would increase.

- B. Presidential Search Advisory Committee (Readey) – There were 189 contacts and 63 resumes were received. The committee is contacting the references for the top 15 candidates. When this list is reduced to less than ten, airport interviews will be held - probably the last of March.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Faculty Evaluations (Illangasekare) – Illangasekare feels that other criteria besides student evaluations need to be used when evaluating a professor on his/her teaching such as classroom visits and/or course syllabus. Teaching evaluations need to be a continuing process not just relevant for promotion and tenure consideration. Klusman and Illangasekare will report back to the Senate on the criteria that other institutions use.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM