

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 15, 2005 – 1:30 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Christiansen, Davis, Dean, Honeyman, Mehta, Parker, Romberger, Santi, and Thiry

APOLOGIES: Eberhart, Mitcham, Voorhees, and Wolden

GUESTS: Nigel Middleton - Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tom Boyd - Associate Dean of Academic Programs, Dan Lewis - Athletic Department Observer, and Joseph Dahdah - Graduate Student Association Representative

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

A. Nigel Middleton, Vice President for Academic Affairs

- 1 All faculty need to sign oath of allegiance to the United States constitution and the Colorado State constitution.
- 2 Tuition for next year should be announced within the next two weeks. It has been proposed that to be classified as a full-time student next year, a student must register for 12 credit hours per semester. This is an increase of one credit hour per semester.

APPROVALS:

A. The minutes of the March 1, 2005 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Committee Memberships -Thiry reported that Article 1-B of the Academic Faculty By-laws - the definition of academic faculty - was attached to each department/division packet of committee interest surveys and nomination forms. Athletics did not receive a packet because they are not included in the definition of Academic Faculty.

The Senate requested Lewis to poll the athletic faculty and report back to Romberger their decision as to whether or not they want to be classified as academic faculty. Romberger will communicate their decision to the Senate.

B. Graduate Student Support Analysis - Boyd gave a presentation on undergraduate and graduate support from 1996 to 2004. He has given this presentation to the Graduate Council and will give it to the Research Council.

C. Faculty Chair of Councils - Davis presented the following written proposal:

Proposal for New Administrative Structure Undergraduate, Graduate, and Research Councils of the Senate

Undergraduate, Graduate, and Research Councils each shall have Co-chairs. In each Council one Chair shall be the Council's representative from the Faculty Senate. The second Chair shall be the appropriate administrator given the purview and responsibilities of that Council. Prior to each Council's monthly meeting the Chairs will work together to form an agenda that clearly specifies "academic" items--items of relevance to the Senate and which will ultimately be taken to Senate as a recommendation--and "administrative" items--items of relevance to the Administration and which will ultimately be taken to the Administration as a recommendation. The representative from the Senate will chair the meeting during discussions or actions pertaining to "academic" items, while the administrative representative will chair the meeting during discussions or actions pertaining to "administrative" items. During discussion of academic items the

administrative chair shall be a regular voting member of the Council, and during discussion of administrative items the Senate representative shall be a regular voting member of the Council. The Co-chairs will coordinate in setting priorities and determining the time devoted to discussion of the various agenda items. Staff support will remain the responsibility of the administration.

The Senate representatives to the councils will discuss this proposal with their respective councils and report back to the Senate at the next meeting.

- D. March Faculty Forum - Romberger announced that the Diversity Committee would not be able to present the March Faculty Forum. The Senators suggested that the Vice President for Research (VPR) Committee give an update at the March Faculty Forum. Romberger will contact the chair of the VPR search committee.
- E. Protocol for Submission of Materials to Councils - A **motion** made by Parker and seconded by Honeyman that material must be submitted one week before a council meeting for initial discussion. The Senate passed the motion with four in favor, three opposed and one abstention.

The next meeting will be April 5, 2005 at 1:30 PM in Hill Hall 300.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.