

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 19, 2002 -2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Curtis, Dickerhoof, Frost, Harrison, Illangasekare, Kidnay, Lu, Navidi, Nickum, E. Pang, and Ross

APOLOGIES: Kee and Olson

VISITORS: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Nigel Middleton; Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Phil Romig; and LAIS Professor Emeritus, John Hogan

COMMENTS FROM VPAA NIGEL MIDDLETON:

- A. Barbara Olds, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, will conduct a simulated exercise sometime this summer to test how an emergency might be handled.
- B. Proposed occupancy guidelines for the new research building will be discussed soon.
- C. Barbara Olds' office is developing guidelines for space modification requests. An ad hoc report will go to John Trefny, after protocols have been drafted.
- D. Prospects for the campus investing in a connection to Internet II will cost \$80,000 for the hardware and \$120,000 per year for the connection. The need for this is motivated by space shuttle experiments at CSM. The possibility of obtaining NSF funding to offset the costs is being discussed.
- E. The hiring freeze for higher education was lifted. A 3.68 percent budget rescission cost CSM \$750,000. Little clarification has come from the Joint Budget Committee but more information may be available by March 28.
- F. Faculty searches are being conducted for the following positions: two computer science, one LAIS, one McBride Program, and several instructors in physics and mathematics.
- G. A strategic planning task force is looking at individual perspectives.
- H. The curriculum steering committee was activated.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

- A. Athletics Oversight Committee Report, John Hogan: The committee makes certain academic needs of the student are not interfered with by athletic participation. Absence from classes for athletic competition is limited to six class days a semester per sport. There is a concern that this limitation is too confining in a conference where some schools have no limits on the number of absences. Golf, for example, needs 10-12 days per semester due to college tournament schedules. There are also questions about some practice start times encroaching on the academic day by starting around 3 p.m. The committee inquired of 60 schools about forming a NCAA Division III conference; received responses from three schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Graduate Students as Teaching Faculty – Navidi reported that items being discussed are (1) who will monitor graduate students' teaching and (2) what will be their compensation. Romig mentioned criteria the student must meet to be considered for a teaching position.
- B. Dead Week – Pang reported that Cheuvront had not responded to the Senate's last inquiry.
- C. Library Advisory Committee – Harrison said that an email had been sent to Lerue.

SENATE COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS:

- A. Committee on Committees – Harrison reported that the committee needs to find three junior senator candidates from departments other than Geology, Metallurgy and Environmental Science.
- B. Research Council -Curtis reported that an external review of research at CSM is being discussed. A motion was made by Dickerhoff and seconded by Harrison that the Faculty Senate support, in principle, an external review of research. The motion passed.
- B. Undergraduate Council – Nickum reported that the Physics Department has requested a one-credit reduction in the credits needed for successfully completing the major requirements.

The Council approved approved eight of 10 curricula changes including five new course offerings for Economics and Business.

Environmental Sciences will offer a new course, Natural and Engineered Environmental Systems.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:

- A. Handbook – Ross will have a report for the Senate in April.
- B. Ad Hoc Salary – Lu reported that the committee has met.
- C. Promotion and Tenure – Illangasekare reported that eight recommendations have been made to Middleton.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The Dean of Graduate Studies would like to meet on a regular basis with the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM