

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

March 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: Phil Romig, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, and Ryan Countryman, CSM Junior Class President

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Nigel Middleton will address the Senate either April 3 or April 17 regarding graduate enrollment, faculty issues, and the budget

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the March 6, 2001 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

COMMENTS FROM GUEST:

A. Phil Romig gave a presentation on the restructuring of CSM Graduate Programs. This was an update to the discussion that he had with the Faculty Senate on October 17, 2000.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Presidential Search Advisory Committee Update (Readey) – The Committee will meet with the top eight candidates the next two weekends. A **motion** was made by Klusman, seconded by Wendlandt and passed unanimously that three candidates be brought to campus for a visit.
- B. Criteria for Faculty Evaluations (Klusman and Illangasekare) – An article entitled “We Need Objective, Rigorous Peer Review of Teaching” by Daniel Bernstein and Richard Edwards was distributed. Discussion on this issue will be continued at the April 17 Faculty Senate meeting.
- C. Should athletic coaches be represented by the Faculty Senate or the Administrative Faculty (E. Pang) – There has been no response from the coaches to the Senate’s March 20, 2001 query.
- E. Calendar Committee (Lu) – It is the recommendation of this committee that the winter vacation be extended by one week. This week would come from the 15 weeks of summer vacation. The Senators requested that the Calendar Committee consider the following points before making a decision to extend the winter break: a) would this change have a negative effect on students obtaining summer internships; b) how would faculty pay be adjusted; and c) what would the benefit be to the entire campus.
- F. Administrative Evaluations (E. Pang) – The results of the Department Head/Division Head Evaluations will not be put on the Senate’s Web page. The Board of Trustees does not want any negative items on the Web because it will reflect negatively worldwide. The BOT reserves the rights to determine what goes on the School’s Web site.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Office of Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property (Dickerhoof) – It was announced by

Trefny that this office has been created.

- B. Research Building (Klusman) – This building will be a shell and users will have to provide the funding and design to make it usable. There would not be an extra surcharge. Most laboratory space will be high bay pilot labs with 15-20 foot ceilings. The need on campus is for conventional laboratory space with 8-9 foot ceilings. If the conventional labs were constructed, another floor could be added.
- C. Question on Senator Status (E. Pang) - E. Pang has been asked by President Trefny to serve as Acting Head for Liberal Arts and International Studies (LAIS) for Spring 2002. He requested Senate approval to retain his seat on the Faculty Senate while serving as acting department head. The Senate approved E. Pang's request.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.