

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 6, 1999 - 2:00 PM

Coolbaugh House

ATTENDEES: Ely, Kidnay, Klusman, Lu, Nickum, E. Pang, Readey, Romberger, Wendlandt, and Van Tyne,

APOLOGIES: Griffiths, Ohno and Underwood

VISITOR: VPAA Trefny; William Astle from Mathematics and Computer Sciences; and Hobie Troxell an undergraduate student from Dean Cheuvront's Leadership Class

COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

A. VPAA Trefny

1. The Vision Committee presented President Bickert with its statement April 2, 1999. Van Tyne and E. Pang were members of this committee. President Bickert plans to have the report available to the CSM community April 12, 1999.
2. In the December 15, 1998, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution on student absenteeism that was to place in the 1999-2000 Undergraduate Bulletin under a heading of "Absenteeism" in the UNDERGRADUATE INFORMATION section. Since there is no process in place to implement this resolution, it will not appear in the 1999-2000 Undergraduate Bulletin. The administration is working on a process so this will not happen in the future.
3. CSM submitted their diversity plan in January 1999 to CCHE. The institution did not receive any feedback on this plan until Jim Sulton made his public comments to CCHE which were then published in the Denver Post. The President is forming a diversity committee to improve CSM's diversity.
4. The budget for next year has not been finalized, as the state legislature has not passed the Long Bill.
5. The classroom building is in the Long Bill. However, Governor Owens might veto that part of the Long Bill.

B. William Astle addressed the Faculty Senate regarding the proposed Lookout Mountain HDC tower. The Senators took no action on Astle's request to write a letter to the Jefferson County Commissioners on this issue because at an earlier Faculty Forum this year, they had given permission for Mark Linne to speak for the CSM faculty and Senators.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Rex Bull will carry the mace at the May Commencement.

B. Weimer has been nominated by the Distinguished Lecture Committee to be the Senate Distinguished Lecturer for 1999 - 2000. A **motion** was made by Van Tyne and seconded by Readey to approve Weimer's nomination. The motion was passed unanimously.

C. Romberger wanted the Senators to read the article in the April 4, 1999 Denver Post on Tim Foster.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The March 23, 1999 minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. **Executive Committee** (Romberger) No report.

B. **Councils of the Senate**

1. Graduate Council (Underwood) — The Graduate Council will meet April 7, 1999.
2. Undergraduate Council (Nickum provided the following written report.)

"The Council approved a prefix change for the Department of Chemical Engineering and Petroleum Refining from CRGN to CHEN. This will be effective in the next Bulletin.

After presentations from Rod Eggert and Arthur Sacks, the Council approved the H&SS cluster policy as amended. For the nine hours in H&SS cluster courses, students pursuing a single major in Economics and Business (EB) need to take all nine hours in LAIS; students pursuing a single major not in EB and students pursuing a double major, one of which is in EB, can take up to six hours in EB, three hours have to be in LAIS."

This policy will be reviewed by the Council in three years (AY 2001-2002).

3. Research Council (Readey) The topic for the Board of Trustees' Retreat will be research and graduate students. Romig is putting together the concept for the retreat.

Romig is working on a proposal that when a graduate student has completed all the course requirements for their degree, the students would sign up for 15 hours but would pay only for six hours and would be given tuition credit for the remaining hours. The Senators expressed the concern that this is against State law.

C. Faculty Senate Committees

1. Committee on Committees (Van Tyne provided the following written report.)

"The Committee met on March 31, 1999 and created the list of recommendations for the University committees. The complete list is given on a separate memo. (Attachment I)

The list of faculty membership for University committees for the 1998 Academic year contains a number of errors primarily due to lack of updating. The Office of Academic Affairs has been notified with corrections.

The necessary amendments to the Faculty Bylaws that would be required to change the term for Faculty Senate Committees from calendar year to academic year is in progress and will be presented to the Senate at the meeting on April 20, 1999."

It was moved by Van Tyne and seconded by Nickum to accepted the recommendations for the University committees and pass them on the President. The **motion** passed unanimously.

2. Faculty Affairs (Griffiths) No report.
3. Academic Standards (Kidnay) Kidnay will check with the Registrar to see if the present system can implement a + and system. The Registrar has requested to be represented as an ex-official nonvoting member of the Academic Standards committee. Romberger reported that he had received only 17 responses on the proposed change -15 were in favor and two against. Romberger will put an article in the *Oredigger* to get the student response. The Senator will address this issue at a future meeting.

Kidnay responded to the Senators request for information that the committee used to determine that there was no grade inflation. He stated that the Committee based their decision on five years of data that was compiled by the Registrar's Office.

4. Evaluation (Klusman provided the following written report made to the Evaluation Committee.):

"First of all, I owe an apology to Eric Nelson. I misread the committee list as Karl Nelson. This memo is addressed to both, and both are welcome to comment and continue the activities for the remainder of the term.

The Department Heads and Administrator Evaluations have been collected, and a few late ones dribbled in. The return was only 30% overall, comparing with what I thought was a poor return last year of 36%. The individual departmental returns were: Athletics – 12/12; Chemistry and Geochemistry – 2/19; Math and Computer Science – 9/20; Physics – 2/16; Petroleum – 2/9; Liberal Arts – 4/12; Environmental Science and Engineering – 8/11; Geophysics – 1/12; Chemical Engineering – 9/18; Library – 3/10; Economics and Business – 5/13; Engineering – 7/30; Metallurgy and Materials Science – 9/24; Computing Center – 1/7; Mining – 1/6; Geology and Geological Engineering – 9/23.

The most administrator returns were for John Trefny with 74/245. Sixty of these were evaluations and 14

were 'Do not know well enough to evaluate.' The returns for Nigel Middleton, Robert Moore and Harold Cheuvront were mostly, 'Do not know.'

In most cases a compilation and computation of the mean and standard deviation is meaningless. With your permission, I would like to limit the compilation and computation only to those departments where the return was a minimum of 50%, including only Athletics, Environmental Science and Engineering, and Chemical Engineering. The report to the Senate from this committee for the low-return departments and for administrators would consist only of the counts presented above.

Secondly, I would make a **motion** that the process be discontinued for next year." Klusman moved that there be a one-year hiatus on the evaluation of administrators and department/division heads for one year.

Readey seconded the motion. It was moved by Readey and seconded by Nickum to table the motion. The vote was unanimous.

5. Sports and Athletics (Wendlandt) — Athletics is interviewing the 27 graduating seniors who have concluded their eligibility. The students were unaware that the Sports and Athletics Committee exists.
6. Readmissions (Van Tyne) — No report.F.

D. University Committees:

1. Budget (Romberger) This was covered in Trefny's comments.
2. Handbook (Griffiths) — No report.

E. Ad Hoc Committees:

1. Academic Faculty Salary Committee (Griffiths) No report.

No further business was conducted because of the time.

The following agenda items were not discussed:

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Academic Regulations (Scheduling classes, exams, etc.)
- B. Grading System
- C. Changing the tenure of Senate Committees

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Safety Committee proposal on storage on School premises
- B. Procedures for including policy changes in pertinent campus documents.
- C. Changing the name of the Academic Standards Committee

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM