

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

April 16, 2002 -2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

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

APOLOGIES: Olson

VISITORS: VPAA Nigel Middleton and Marv Kay, Department Head of Athletics and Physical Education

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. There will be a special Faculty Senate meeting at noon April 23 in Hill Hall 300. Lunch will be served.
- B. Faculty awards and promotion/tenure decisions will be announced at the Faculty Forum on April 24 in Metals Hall at 4:00 pm.

COMMENTS FROM VPAA NIGEL MIDDLETON:

- A. The Strategic Planning Committee has invited the Senate to meet with them at 7 a.m., Monday, April 29. Senators were asked to RSVP via email to the committee.
- B. The exemplary institution bill has been approved by the State Senate and is going to the House.
- C. The Colorado Energy Research Institute (SERI) has been revitalized with \$250,000 in support from the State. No news on the state budget for this and next fiscal year. Academic Affairs has requested \$1.5 million for next year. This amount will a) offset for the loss of endowment funds for chairs; b) provide funding for additional adjunct faculty; c) fund additional TAs; d) will allow some funding for faculty salary equity issues.
- D. The classified salary 4.9% proposed raise might be delayed by CSM.
- E. The Joint Budget Committee (JBC) has proposed a 7.7% increase in tuition for all public colleges and universities in Colorado (except community colleges) but the executive branch will resist this increase. Once the performance agreement is in place, the CSM Board of Trustees has requested an increase of two times the CPI (4.7%) of 9.4%.
- F. Middleton requested that the 2002-03 Senate present nominations to the promotion and tenure committee.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the April 2, 2002 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Executive Committee (E. Pang) - The Department Heads have rewritten the rules for teaching by graduate students. They removed item 7.

The committee will interview the three candidates for the position of Vice President of Institutional Advancement.

- B. Councils of the Senate
 - 1. Graduate Council (Kee) – The Graduate Office has updated and finalized the process used to update student records. The forms have also been simplified.

A discussion regarding continuing education (SPACE) for graduate students is being held with Phil Romig.

Romig wants to review the statement of values and principles for graduate students.

2. Undergraduate Council (Nickum) - The systems course for Environmental Engineering was approved as a pilot course for the 2003 spring semester.

The committee decided that a student could minor in Bio Engineering and Life Science (BELS).

A memo on common exams and dead week issues from Harold Cheuvront was discussed. The Undergraduate Council felt that the students should not dictate to the faculty when common exams are held or what exams are given in dead week. The Council would like the Senate to make a statement on this issue.

C. Faculty Senate Committees

1. Committee on Committees (Harrison) – The following committee appointments were presented to the Senate:
 - a. The Senate approved a **motion** by Nickum, 2nd by Kidnay to accept the standing committee appointments as presented unanimously.
 - b. A **motion** by Illangasekare, 2nd by Nickum to accept the university committee appointments as presented and to appoint Lu to the Calendar Committee was approved unanimously by the Senate. Their names will be presented to President Trefny for approval.
 - c. There have been no nominations for the Senate. Several Senators said they would contact their peers and ask if they would like to serve on the Senate.

D. University Committees

1. Budget (Dickerhoof) - Faculty raises are targeted at 4.9%. This would be 4.2% in pay and 0.7% towards medical premiums.
2. Handbook (Ross) - On tenure and promotions, the handbook committee is against recusing faculty from discussion of members in their own department. Illangasekare moved to strike the last two sentences in section 12.8. The motion was 2nd by Wendy and passed unanimously. Ross will convey the Senate's action to the Handbook Committee.

Grievance procedure (6.6.1) will be discussed at the committee's meeting on April 18th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. 2002 Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer - A **motion** to accept the Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer Selection Committee's nominee, Murray Hitzman, to be the Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer for 2002-03 was made by Kee, seconded by Lu and passed by the Senate.
- B. Library Advisory Council – Nickum reported that Lerue has decided not to pursue making this committee a Senate Committee.
- C. HB 1410 -Concealed Weapons – The CSM Board of Trustees did not take a stand on this issue. (See 4/2/02 Senate minutes).

- D. Faculty By-law Amendment for Athletic Faculty – Marv Kay made a presentation to the Senate requesting that the faculty in Athletics be represented by the Faculty Senate and not the Administrative Council as the Athletics faculty do teach classes for credit and have many hours of student contact. The Senate was not sure of the implications of allowing faculty who do not report to Academic Affairs representation on the Faculty Senate or how to amend the Faculty By-laws to reflect this change. After much discussion, Harrison said she would consult with Ed Liberatore on this issue. She will report to the Senate at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Felony Theft - Dickerhoof would like the Senate to investigate the alleged felony theft of a balance from the Chemistry Department. The Senators would like to hear the other side to the issue. Dean Chevront will be invited to a future Senate meeting.
- B. Graduate Commencement List – A **motion** to approve the Graduate Commencement list was made by Ross, 2nd by Frost and passed unanimously by the Senate.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

