

# COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 12, 2006 – 2:00 PM  
Green Center Room 270

**ATTENDEES:** Andersen, Collins, Ganesh, Jesudason, McKinnon, Mishra, Mooney, and Vincent

**APOLOGIES:** Dagdelen, Martins, Petr, Romberger, and Walls

**GUESTS:** Arthur Sacks - Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tom Boyd - Dean of Graduate Studies, and Robert Applegate - President, CSM Graduate Student Association

President Mishra called the meeting to order and welcomed the new Senators and guests.

## COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:

### A. Arthur Sacks

1. The evacuation of the Hall of Justice is progressing. The first floor should be vacated by the December break. Space is still needed for Interlink, music program and EPICS.
2. The Reorganization Task Force has 12 members and is chaired by Sacks. This task force will be looking at academic structure and administrative organization. Sacks asked the Senate for suggestions on how to secure input from faculty and how to accomplish the charge given to this Task Force. The Senate suggested having an open line of communication between the Senate and the faculty they represent. CSM has not done a study like this for at least two decades.

### B. Tom Boyd

1. The Graduate Council is discussing the following issues:
  - a. Independent study and special topics courses (498s, 499s, 598s, and 599s course numbers). These comprise 40% of the graduate courses offered. There is no institutional oversight of these offerings; therefore, council wants to make sure that there are departmental/division processes in place for oversight on these courses. Another concern is these courses are being used for expedience so they do not need to be approved by Graduate Council.
  - b. Double counting and extending double counting to alumni. Graduate Council has formed a sub committee to investigate decreasing the number of credit hours required for a master's degree from 36 to 30 and how this would reduce double counting of courses and the impact it would have on the entire graduate program.
  - c. The Hydrology and Science and Engineering degree program was approved as an interdisciplinary program not requiring a minor. HSE program has asked Graduate Council for clarification on the exclusion of a minor. This request led to a discussion on the minimum number of courses required for a doctoral degree.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The minutes of the August 29, 2006 meeting were approved as amended.

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

### A. Senate

1. Graduate Council -Collins
2. Research Council -Ganesh

3. Undergraduate Council - Jesudason
4. Faculty Oversight Committee on Sports and Athletics - McKinnon
5. Faculty Evaluation -Walls
6. Senate Secretary - Vincent
7. Liaisons
  - a. Athletics - McKinnon
  - b. Geophysics - Mooney
  - c. Environmental Science - Vincent
  - d. Chemistry - Collins
  - e. Petroleum –McKinnon

**B. University**

1. Promotion and Tenure - Andersen will e-mail the current membership of this committee to the Senators. The Senators will then submit nominees via e-mail to Mishra.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. The Senators requested Mishra to invite John Poate - Vice President for Research and Technology Transfer - to the September 26, 2006 meeting.
- B. Financial Status - Mishra announced Kirsten Volpi, Associate Vice President for Finance and Operations and Controller, will give a presentation on CSM's financial status at the Faculty Forum on September 27, 2006.
- C. Restructuring Faculty Affairs Committee - The Senate requested this committee present to the Senate a proposal for restructuring this committee.
- D. The Senators requested Mishra to write a letter to Trustee Roger Hudson stating that the Senate accepts the BOT's invitation for a social event.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Senate Elections - The Senators will use Article II.E.4 of the Academic Faculty By-laws to appoint additional Senators. A motion to add Mahadevan Ganesh and James Jesudason to the Senate under Article II.E.4 of the Academic Faculty By-laws was made by Andersen, seconded by Vincent and passed unanimously.

**TOPICS FOR SENATE CONSIDERATIONS:**

- A. Copyright and fair use
- B. Institutional repository
- C. Tenure and sabbatical leave for librarians
- D. Advancement opportunities for research faculty, instructors, and lecturers
- E. Faculty compensation and equity
- F. Impact of policy implementation without knowledge beforehand
- G. Senate Distinguished Lecture guidelines
- H. Increase nominees for campus awards
- I. Return the Senate to a position of authority
- J. Biology program
- K. Charter for Advisory Board and the Board of Trustees
- L. Re-admissions Committee chaired by Academic Affairs
- M. Status of research faculty
- N. Move Admissions to Academic Affairs
- O. Activity credits replace physical education credits
- P. Reduction of tuition for non-resident RAs and TAs

Mishra encouraged the Senators to seek other items from their department/division and e-mail them to the Senate Executive Committee.

The Senate Executive Committee will categorize these items and present them to the Senate at the next meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Senators should submit their committee reports in writing to Jensen before Wednesday, September 20 to be on the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.