

# **COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES**

**September 17, 2002 - 2:00 PM**

**Hill Hall Room 300**

**ATTENDEES:** Dean, Dickerhoof, Eberhart, Frost, Harrison, Illangasekare, Kee, Mitchum, Readey, Ross and Thiry

**APOLOGIES:** Curtis and Navidi

**VISITORS:** Phillip Romig, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- A. Barbara Olds, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, will address the Faculty Senate on October 1, 2002 regarding the upcoming North Central Evaluation at CSM October 28-30, 2002.
- B. The Faculty Senate meets the first and third Tuesday of every month during the academic year. Because CSM will not be in session, the Senate will not meet December 20, 2002 and January 7, 2003.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The September 3, 2002 Faculty Senate minutes will be approved at the next Senate meeting October 1, 2002.

## **CSM BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT (READEY):**

- A. The Board reiterated that according to the preamble of the CSM Board of Trustees By-laws, Colorado School of Mines might be referred to as either the Colorado School of Mines or Mines but not CSM.
- B. The Petroleum Engineering visiting committee recommends that this department needs to hire two endowed chairs, one full professor and one young professor.

## **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES (Harrison)**

- A. Sports and Athletics - Due to misunderstanding in the Faculty Senate By-laws, John Hogan will continue to chair this committee for the 2002-03 academic.
- B. A motion made by Harrison, seconded by Thiry, and passed by the Senate that the following Faculty Senate Committee and University Committee appointments for the 2002-2003 academic year be accepted:
  - 1. Councils of the Senate
    - a. Graduate Council -Kee
    - b. Research Council -Curtis
    - c. Undergraduate Council - Mitcham
  - 2. Senate Committees
    - a. Academic Standards - Eberhart
    - b. Committee on Committees -Harrison
    - c. Evaluations -Readey
    - d. Faculty Affairs - Dickerhoof
    - e. Readmissions -Thiry
    - f. Sports and Athletics - Ross
  - 3. University Committees
    - a. Handbook – Ross
    - b. Promotion and Tenure - The Senate needs to forward to the Vice President for Academic Affairs six names of individuals who would be willing to serve a three-year term on this committee. This

item was moved to the agenda for the October 1, 2002 Senate meeting. The Senators requested a list of all eligible professors and those who have served on this committee be available.

#### **COMMENTS FROM GUEST: Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, Phil Romig**

1. Romig addressed the Senate on protocols of the Graduate Council. Graduate Council advises the Dean and Graduate Council of administrative matters but the Dean and Graduate Council recommends to the Senate academic matters for their approval. Dean Romig asked the Senate if his presence was necessary at all of the Senate meetings and the Senate felt that the representatives from the graduate and research councils could keep the Senate informed.

As an example, the Graduate Council is to present new degree programs to the Faculty Senate for their approval before they are sent to the CSM Board of Trustees for approval. A current issue is the approval of a Professional Master's Degree in Petroleum Reservoir Engineering being requested by three departments. This program is scheduled for BOT approval at their next meeting, October 11, 2002.

After discussion by the Faculty Senate, Readey charged the chair of the Academic Standards Committee to meet with Romig and identify the issues of Professional Master Degrees. This committee is to bring back to the Senate their findings and recommendation.

The Graduate Council will address the issues of a student retaking a course to improve their grade point average and the criteria used to determine if credit should be given for a course taken at another institution.

Another concern expressed was who has academic oversight on continuing education at CSM?

The Senate invited Dean Romig to present these issues at the September Faculty Forum on September 25, 2002. Romig agreed to address the faculty on the status of research and graduate students at CSM.

#### **POSSIBLE ISSUES FOR SENATE TO ADDRESS THIS YEAR**

1. Professional Degrees
2. Reports from Strategic Planning Committee
3. Academic Oversight of Continuing Education

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM