

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

September 21, 1999 - 2:00 PM

Coolbaugh House

ATTENDEES: Griffiths, Kidnay, Nickum, Ohno, Readey, Romberger, Underwood, and Wendlandt

APOLOGIES: Ely, Klusman, Lu, E. Pang, and VanTyne

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Romberger

1. The Faculty Forum will be September 22, 1999 at 4:00PM in Metals Hall, Green Center. It will be a joint faculty and ASCSM forum on changing the grading system and the honor code.
2. Steve Daniel e-mailed Romberger regarding a joint Senate and department/division heads meeting to discuss promotion and tenure. Readey presented the Senate's proposal on this topic to the department heads in June 1998. Romberger will schedule this meeting for October 4 or 11.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The May 4, 1999 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved. The September 7, 1999 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Promotion and Tenure Issue – joint meeting of the Senate and Department/Division Heads. This item was discussed earlier under Announcements A.1.

B. Discussion of September 22, 1999 Faculty Forum – ideas on implementation

1. Grading System – The Senators want to hear the students' opinions on this topic. Senators feel that the new system would be a more accurate reflection of a student's ability and it would be easier to determine a student's grade.
2. Code of Honor – The consensus of the Senate was that the Senate's role is to endorse it and support the students on this. This Honor Code came from students and is a paraphrasing of what already appears in the *Brunton*. The main difference is that the student would sign it; and therefore, agree to adhere to it. It is their attempt to curb cheating – it is the student's responsibility to report cheating. Romberger will introduce the Honor Code first.

C. Prioritize Agenda Items: Romberger said some issues might come from the Council reports that are given at the next meeting.

1. Maternity/Paternity leave, major illness or need to take care of their child – Romberger stated that it had been suggested to him to treat this as an excused absence (like an excused athletic event) as not all faculty are sympathetic to these causes; therefore, a policy may be necessary. Senators felt that these are two different issues. For major issue like maternity/paternity leave, a policy may be needed. However, for other issues, a policy cannot be made for every possible scenario. Procedures are already in place to handle these.
2. Academic Salary Advisory Committee – invite Robert Moore to discuss salary issues.

3. Full time/part time registration regulations for graduate students – Romberger stated that another committee is addressing this.
4. Headships versus Chairmanships – Senators felt that this was not an issue that they could impact.
5. Quality of student advising (faculty participation in CSM 101) – In Middleton's July 15, 1999 memo on Academic Advising Policy Promulgated by the Colorado Student Association, it states that a goal of academic advising is that "each student must be assigned an advisor who possesses the information about that student's area of study." CSM 101 fails in this area because there are not enough of the faculty that participates. Senators felt that is an issue that merits further discussion, review, and investigation.
6. Calendar Committee – Romberger redistributed an April 20, 1999 handout. Senators felt that this is an agenda item.
7. Athletics at CSM – Senators felt that it would be wise to explore the role of athletics at CSM.
8. Procedures for including policy changes in appropriate bulletins, procedures, manuals, *Brunton*, handbook or bylaws. This will be a responsibility of the Academics Standards and Policies Committee. However, the Senate needs to be clear in its instructions to this committee as to the final disposition of their actions.

Several Senators had to leave, therefore, Romberger requested that the Senators e-mail him listing their priorities of possible agenda items.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 PM