

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 3, 2000 -2:00 PM

Coolbaugh House

ATTENDEES: Curtis, Dickerhoff, Frost, Kidnay, Klusman, Lu, Navidi, Nickum, Ohno, E. Pang and Wendlandt

APOLOGIES: Readey

VISITORS: President John Trefny and Robert Moore, Vice President of Finance and Operations

COMMENTS FROM GUEST:

- A. Trefny - It will still be a week or two before an associate vice president for academic affairs is appointed.
- B. Robert Moore, Vice President of Finance and Operations addressed the Senate regarding the proposed construction of a research building. This building would meet the need for research laboratory space on campus. The State will not fund research laboratory space; only academic laboratory space can be funded with State funds.

At the request of the Senate, Pang will invite Robert Moore to make this presentation at the October Faculty Forum.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the September 19, 2000 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee (E. Pang) - The first meeting will be October 4, 2000.

B. Councils of the Senate

1. Graduate Council (Klusman provided the following written report)

Graduate Council Meeting of Sept. 6, 2000

There were two items at the Graduate Council meeting that were of sufficient significance for Senate discussion and advice to the Senate Representative.

- 1. *There have been long-term complaints about the method used for the selection of Ph.D. student committees. Commonly, the Graduate School randomly selects, or goes down an alphabetical list of faculty, adding a "fifth" member to the student's committee, who is not a member of the major or minor department. In most cases, this added member knows little or nothing about the dissertation topic, and can contribute very little to the student mentoring process. This added member may also be designated "chair of the defense." It is the opinion of the Senate Representative that the additional member be based on input from the student and advisor. If there is no logical, or suggested, additional member who is not from the major or minor department, then the Graduate School may select a faculty member at random, or from a list. In any case, this additional member should not be made "chair of the defense."*

(The Senate agreed with the Senate representative on this item.)

- 2. *There is a proposal to Graduate Council for a new graduate program in "Computational Science and Engineering." This will accompany a proposal to the Research Council for an analogous "Center." The program will be multidisciplinary, and produce students who are*

competent in computing technology, and its application to the solution of complex engineering, scientific, or business problems. Suggested degrees include; Master of Science in Mathematical and Computational Finance, Master of Science in Computational Solid Mechanics. A Ph.D. degree would also be offered. Prospective participating faculty listed in the proposal were from seven CSM departments/divisions. The above degrees were suggested, but many other variations are possible. It is not clear whether the proposal can settle on one degree title with curricular variations to allow specialization.

2. Undergraduate Council (Nickum provided the following written report) –

Several new courses were introduced, one of them being EPICS 252. This class would be an alternate course for Design II (EPICS 251). The focus of EPICS 252 would be on leadership, strategic planning and community interaction in addition to all of the design work. The course would be a four hour course instead of the standard EPICS 251 which is a three hour course. Registration for this course would be by application only.

The report on the review regarding credit and venue issues for Oredigger and Prospector will be submitted to the Senate as soon as Dr. Middleton receives it.

A new task force on Credit for Prior Learning will be formed and consist of Laura Pang, Susan Smith, and Bob Knecht.

3. Research Council (Ohno) – Items discussed were the future direction of ORD and tech transfers.

C. Faculty Senate Committees

1. Committee on Committees (Readey) – There are 11 names of professors who will be willing to serve on the Promotion and Tenure Committee. The Committee will continue to contact eligible faculty and make a report to the Senate at their next meeting.
2. Faculty Affairs (Ohno) – This committee is looking for items to discuss this year.
3. Academic Standards and Policies (Kidnay) -This committee has not met.
4. Evaluation (Klusman) – No report.
5. Sports and Athletics (Wendlandt) – No report.
6. Readmissions (Wendlandt provided the following written report)

During August 2000, the Readmissions Committee met with a total of 37 students. The distribution of academic violations and/or committee actions include:

*-7 students with double F's were counseled and readmitted
-10 students with double F's and probation were counseled and admitted
-19 students on suspension
 2 freshman/transfer students
 6 lower division regular suspensions
 11 upper division regular suspensions
-1 dismissal was appealed. The dismissal appeal resulted in the student being readmitted but, at least temporarily, taking a leave of absence prior to re-registering at CSM.*

D. University Committees

1. Budget (Dickerhoff) – The Budget Committee is discussing the increasing cost of health insurance and ways of lowering the cost of utilities on campus.
2. Handbook (Pang) - This committee has not met.

E. Presidential Search Advisory Committee (Readey provided the following written report) –

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC) met for the first time last week. The Committee plans to meet weekly for the foreseeable future. I have been told by Trustee Hugh Evans, who is also on the Committee that I am on the Committee to represent the Faculty Senate. Therefore, I will attempt to keep the Senate informed on the progress of the presidential search.

At the present time, the Committee is preparing an advertisement for the position and soliciting nominations and selection criteria for the new president. It is my understanding that a PSAC web site will be up and running shortly. Therefore, you may provide input on either a suggested candidate or criteria either to the web site or to me.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. The following recommendations were made by the Committee on Committees and forwarded in writing by Chet VanTyne, former Chair of Committee on Committees, to the Senate:
1. Technology Fee Committee -nominates Eileen P. Poeter, Geology and Geological Engineering, to replace the vacancy due to Professor Tracy K. Camp's leave of absence. This term ends 5/02.
 2. Faculty Affairs Committee -nominates Gregory S. Holden, Geology and Geological Engineering to replace the vacancy due to Professor Selim's passing. This term ends 5/03.

The vote on a **motion** made by Klusman and seconded by Curtis to accept both recommendations was unanimous.

- B. Senate vacancy due to the appointment of Jim Ely as Head of the Department of Chemical Engineering and Petroleum Refining - Pang has contacted the Division of Economics and Business to see if someone in that area would be willing to serve on the Senate. He is waiting for their response

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Coolbaugh House "Rent" (Pang) – It was the consensus of the Senate to pay the \$400 fee for the use of the Coolbaugh House for the Senate meetings for the 2000-01 academic year.

The following schedule lists the topics that will be discussed by the Faculty Senate at future meetings:

October 17

- Faculty representation on campus building development/planning process
- University senate versus a faculty senate

November 7

- Long-term strategic plan for CSM
- Financial implications of increased enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students

November 21

- Distance learning and intellectual property
- Rights and privileges of emeritus faculty

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM

