

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 16, 2001 - 2:00 PM

Stratton Hall Room 102

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

APOLOGIES: Curtis and Illangasekare

GUEST: Ken Lerner – Chair, CSM Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecture Committee; Nigel Middleton, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Ruth Streveler, Director of Academic Services

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 2, 2001 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

PRESENTATION:

- A. Strategic Direction of Colorado School of Mines by Nigel Middleton There are two main issues facing CSM – (1) the future direction of CSM and (2) the capacity to do what we want to do while “living within our means”.

The State will not be funding higher education capital construction projects next year, therefore, the remodeling and roofing scheduled for the Green Center and the addition to the Brown Building will not be done.

The CSM Board of Trustees, in a unanimous vote at their recent retreat, passed a **motion** to retain the name of the institution – The Colorado School of Mines. They also agreed that the student enrollment of the institution should remain around 3,200 students. Engineering education, energy, natural resources, and materials should be the areas of preeminence for CSM.

The CSM Registrar now reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

- B. Change the Name of the CSM Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer by Ken Lerner. Dr. Lerner stated that the CSM Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecture Committee would like the name changed from the CSM Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer to the CSM Faculty Distinguished Lecturer. The current name is too limited and change would broaden the scope to involve the entire CSM community.
- C. Exploring the Teaching Evaluation Process by Ruth Streveler. She expressed concern that only data given by students in a professor's classes was used to evaluate teaching. Statistics show that students bring psychological baggage” with them and therefore, the student's response should not be the only measurement used. Other elements such as the components of good teaching should be used and then analyzed for statistical correlation between the elements.

The Senators requested Streveler to bring copies of criteria used by CU and CSU to a future meeting and that she be an ex-officio member of the Senate's Teaching Evaluation Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Executive Committee (E. Pang) – This committee has not met this year.

B. Councils of the Senate

1. Graduate Council (Kee) – The Graduate Council is addressing the following issues (1) is it ethical that both tuition and overhead are paid for the summer session; (2) stipend paid to graduate students; (3) the 45 day period allowed to revise a thesis after it is defended; and (4) hiring graduate students as faculty.

In a memo from Dean Romig, the outside or fifth member on a PhD committee will no longer be required.

2. Undergraduate Council (Nickum) – The Undergraduate Council is working on rewording the CSM Bulletin for next year. The Council did not approve the bioengineering and life science programs, but approved the concept of minors and area of special interest (ASI) of these programs. This presents a problem as many students have enrolled at CSM planning to major in Bioengineering or the life science programs. This has a direct effect on the budget. The students could take these courses as “special topics.”

3. Research Council (Curtis) – No report.

C. Faculty Senate Committees

1. Committee on Committees (Harrison) – No report.
2. Faculty Affairs (Dickerhoof) – This committee has not met.
3. Academic Standards and Policies (Kidnay) – The April 20, 2001 Academic Standards and Policy Committee Report was distributed and discussed.

The Academic Standards and Policy Committee (Harold Cheuvront, Paula Gorsline (guest), Arthur Kidnay (chair), Gerald Martins, Suzanne Northcote, Craig Simmons, John Trefny, and Susan Smith) met on April 20, 2001 to discuss the issue of final examinations on the Saturday following “dead day.”

The major points brought out during the discussion were the following:

- 1) *Harold Cheuvront, Nigel Middleton, Susan Smith, and several undergraduate students formed an ad hoc committee in fall, 2000, to examine the possibility of scheduling a limited number of final examinations on the Saturday following “dead day.” The committee concluded that scheduling restraints, principally the problem of insuring that no student has no more than two examinations each day during finals week and the difficulty of scheduling common examination times for large, lower division classes, necessitated using Saturday as a limited examination day. Presently the only finals allowed on Saturday are the calculus sequence (MACS 100, MACS 111, MACS 112) and the differential equations sequence (MACS 312, MACS 315).*
- 2) *The major problem encountered in using Saturday has been conflicts between athletic events and the examinations. Approximately 50 students were affected in spring, 2001.*

Based on our discussions, the Academic Standards and Policy Committee makes the following recommendations to the Faculty Senate:

- 1) *The Saturday following “dead day” will be used for lower division classes requiring a common examination time, such as the mathematics or chemistry sequences. The Registrar will be responsible for enforcing this rule.*
- 2) *When there is a conflict between a CSM scheduled event (principally athletic competitions) and the Saturday examinations, the CSM scheduled event will take precedence and the academic department involved will schedule a suitable make-up examination for the students.*
- 3) *Since many faculty and students are confused regarding CSM policies on “dead day” and finals week, we recommend that the following statement be included in the CSM Bulletin:*

During the last scheduled week of classes, no final examinations may be given except for those dealing exclusively with laboratories. Friday of the last week is designated "dead day" and no examinations of any kind are allowed. On the Saturday following "dead day" the Registrar will schedule a limited number of examinations for lower divisions, multiple-section courses that require common examinations. When there is a conflict between a CSM scheduled event (principally athletic competitions) and the Saturday examinations, the CSM scheduled event will take precedence and the academic department involved will schedule a suitable make-up examination for the students.

A **motion** was made by Kidnay and seconded by Ross that on dead day, no examinations may be given except for those dealing exclusively with laboratories. Friday of the last week is designated "dead day". On the Saturday following "dead day", the registrar will schedule a limited number of examinations for lower division multiple-section courses that require common examinations. When there is a conflict between a CSM scheduled event (principally athletic competitions) and the Saturday examinations, the CSM scheduled event will take precedence and the academic department involved will schedule a suitable make-up examination for the students." This information will be printed in the CSM Bulletin. The Senate voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

4. Sports and Athletics (Ross) – The Sports and Athletics Committee has met twice and is considering two issues.
 - (1) Would an oversight committee be appropriate for CSM club sports and
 - (2) the formation of a sub-committee to monitor the 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm time slot set aside for student activities. Members of this sub-committee include Phil Ross and John Humphrey. The committee plans to continue interviewing graduating seniors or athletes who have completed their eligibility.
5. Readmissions (Harrison) – No report.
6. Committee on Evaluation (Olson) – No report.

D. University Committees

1. Budget (Dickerhoof) – Items were summarized by Nigel Middleton in his presentation at the beginning of this meeting.
2. Handbook (Ross) – This committee has not met. To place an item on the agenda, contact Barbara Olds, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.
3. Ad-Hoc Faculty Salary Committee (Lu) – This committee has not met.
4. University Space Committee – need to appoint a representative to replace Lu. This agenda item will be considered during New Business.

E. Colorado Faculty Advisory Council (Pang) – This committee has not met.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Proposed name change – CSM Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer – Harrison made a **motion** to retain the historic title of CSM Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecturer. This motion was seconded by Dickerhoof and was passed unanimously by the Senate.
- B. Student honor code – Harold Cheuvront, Vice President for Student Affairs, has scheduled a meeting to discuss this item on November 7, 2001.
- C. Library Advisory Committee – Joanne Lerud, Director of the CSM Library, will be invited to

the next Senate meeting to discuss this request.

- D. Faculty member to serve on CSM Board of Trustees – Pang informed the Senate that this request couldn't be accommodated because of state statutes.
- E. Employing graduate students for faculty positions – The Senators requested that Dean Romig come to the next Senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The following committees have vacancies that need to be filled by faculty that have been nominated by the Senate:
 - 1. Technology Committee
 - 2. Faculty Handbook
 - 3. Student Affairs
 - 4. University Budget

Harrison volunteered to talk with Dennis Readey, the past chairperson of this committee, and report back to the Senate at its next meeting regarding faculty vacancies on University and Senate committees.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05