

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

October 17, 2000 - 2:00 PM

Stratton Hall, Room 102

ATTENDEES: Curtis, Dickerhoof, Kidnay, Klusman, Lu, Navidi, Nickum, E. Pang and Wendlandt

APOLOGIES: Frost, Ohno and Readey

VISITORS: Phil Romig, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research; Jane Kelly, Graduate Studies and Research Office; and Jessica Jordet, chair of Mines Activities Council

COMMENTS FROM GUEST:

- A. Jessica Jordet – On behalf of ASCSM, she invited the Senators to an open forum, on faculty/student relations, October 17, 2000 in Ballroom A of the Student Center at 7:00 pm. Other topics to be discussed are ticketing of cars by Public Safety in student areas and qualities students would like to have in the new president.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the October 3, 2000 Faculty Senate meeting were approved.

COMBINED BS/MS PROGRAMS (Dean Romig) – The Graduate Council at their last meeting of the 2000 spring semester approved an addition to the Graduate Bulletin describing the procedure for offering combined bachelor/master programs to currently-enrolled undergraduates. If the following paragraph is approved by the Faculty Senate, then when a combined program is approved by the Graduate Council, it would not have to be sanctioned by the Faculty Senate.

"Certain graduate programs may allow Combined Program students to apply specified course credits toward the requirements of both their Bachelor degree and their graduate certificate or degree. Those courses must meet all other requirements for graduate credit, and at least 128 of the credit hours submitted for the Bachelor Degree must be unique to that degree. Check the departmental section of the Bulletin to determine which programs provide this opportunity."

It was **moved** by Klusman and seconded by Curtis to approve the above paragraph. The motion passed unanimously.

Dean Romig presented an analysis of why graduate student enrollment is declining. Copies of recent newspaper articles relating to this topic were distributed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Faculty Senate Vacancy – Pang asked Gene Woolsey and Carol Dahl from the Division of Economics and Business if they would be interested in serving on the Senate. Both declined. Other Senators suggested that Pang ask Bruce Honeyman or Tissa Illangasekare from Environmental Science and Environmental Engineering.
- B. List of names for the Promotion and Tenure Committee – The Committee on Committees presented the following names of eligible full professors to be forwarded to the Vice

President for Academic Affairs to fill the six vacancies on the CSM Promotion and Tenure Committee. The 13 individuals listed below have been contacted and have agreed to have their names submitted for possible service on the committee. They are Gary Olhoeft (Geophysics), Sam Romberger (Geology and Geological Engineering), Ed Cecil (Physics), Eileen Poeter (Geology and Geological Engineering), Kent Voorhees (Chemistry and Geochemistry), Vaughn Griffiths (Engineering), Bernie Bialecki (Mathematics and Computer Science), Eul Pang, (Liberal Arts and International Studies), Tissa Illangasekare (Environmental Science and Engineering), Rahmat Shoureshi (Engineering), Dennis Readey (Metallurgical and Materials Engineering), Ron Miller (Chemical Engineering and Petroleum Refining) and Wendy Harrison (Geology and Geological Engineering).

A **motion** was made by Wendlandt and seconded by Kidnay to accept this recommendation. These names will be forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs who will select six members to serve on the Promotion and Tenure Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Faculty representative on campus building development/planning process_– It was the consensus of the Senators present that the Executive Committee should find out what the process is and report back to the Senate.
- B. University Senate versus Faculty Senate – This item was tabled until Readey could be present. The Senators requested that a representative from the Classified Council be invited to a Senate meeting and explain the structure/function of this council.
- C. BOT Meeting – Pang reported that the Board of Trustees would like more contact with the faculty. They would like to have one or two meetings with the Senate to discuss faculty concerns.
- D. Student's complaint to Nigel Middleton – Nigel Middleton received a letter from a student's parents stating that their son had been denied due process in appealing a grade of "F". Nine months later after appearing before the Appeals Committee, the student still had not received a decision from them. The student has since taken the class a second time and has received an "A". The consensus was that the "F" should be dropped from the student's transcript. At the request of the Senators, Pang will meet with Cheuvront and discuss how this might be prevented from reoccurring.
- E. November Faculty Forum – The date for the November Faculty Forum was moved from the fourth Wednesday in November as this is the day before Thanksgiving to the fifth Wednesday – November 29. The topic will be the new direction for graduate programs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The Senate Distinguished Lecturer Selection Committee has changed the date of this year's lecture to February 14, 2001. Tom Furtak, the 2000-01 Senate Distinguished Lecturer, is on sabbatical this fall semester.
- B. The finalists for the position of Associated Vice President for Academic Affairs are Samuel Romberger, Bob King and Barbara Olds.
- C. The list of faculty salaries will be available about October 27. Nickum informed the Senate that this list is available in the library.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM