

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 2, 1999 - 2:00 PM

Coolbaugh House

ATTENDEES: Ely, Lu, Nickum, Ohno, E. Pang, Readey, Romberger, Underwood, VanTyne, and Wendlandt

APOLOGIES: Griffiths, Kidnay and Klusman

VISITOR: John Trefny, VPAA

COMMENTS FROM GUEST:

A. Trefny

1. The sophomore advisors banquet is November 2, 1999 in Friedhoff Hall. Trefny will make a presentation.
2. The CCHE performance indicators have been approved. Trefny will forward a copy of these indicators to Romberger. How CSM measures up to these indicators will be a factor in the funding given to CSM next year. Jim Cole is CSM's lobbyist.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The October 19, 1999 Faculty Senate Minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. **Executive Committee** (Romberger) - This committee has not met.

B. **Councils of the Senate**

1. Graduate Council (Underwood) - No report.
2. Undergraduate Council (Nickum provided this written report)

Discussion continued on academic advising and pre-registration. Some departments are continuing with the pre-registration holds as was the procedure from last year, while other departments are not putting holds on any of their students. The Registrar's office can offer training for faculty who want to release holds for their students.

Council wants to have an undergraduate representative on the Council as soon as possible. Council agreed that ASCSM should elect that student.

The Engineering and Mathematics Departments are now suggesting that SYGN202 be taken in the sophomore year instead of the junior year. The Chemical Engineering Department examined the issue, but because of so many required chemistry courses, they are not making the change at this time.

The issue of credit for *Oredigger* and *Prospector* was raised as the academic credit is given by LAIS, but the courses are taught by those in Student Life. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting when representatives from the different sides will be present. This issue may be sent to the Academic Standards Committee.

The Chemistry Department feels that there is no reason to institute progress grades for freshman chemistry. There is only a small fraction of students who get Ds and Fs and typically these grades do not impede the success of most CSM students.

3. Research Council (Ohno) - Several items are being discussed. They include: (a)

graduate research assistant salaries and how they are being handled; (b) revision of the forms used by research centers for their annual reports; and (c) how should a research center use the overhead return that it receives. This last issue will be revisited using a 1990 proposal by Eileen Poeter.

Romberger asked Ohno to approach the Research Council about having a graduate student representative on this council. Ohno agreed to do this.

C. Faculty Senate Committees

1. Committees on Committees (VanTyne provided the following written report)

Suggested changes to the Faculty By Laws in **bold**:

Article I - The Academic Faculty

- B. Membership of the Academic Faculty For the purposes of Academic Faculty governance the academic faculty shall include professors, associate professors, assistant professors, lecturers, instructors, research professors, associate research professors, assistant research professors, faculty on transitional retirement, librarians, associate librarians and assistant librarians. Unless otherwise qualified as a member of the Academic Faculty, the following shall be "ex officio" members of the Academic Faculty: The President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, **the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs** and the Director of Special Programs and Continuing Education. Upon written request to and approved by the Faculty Senate, emeritus, adjunct and visiting professors (all ranks) may be granted voting status.

Appendix B. Committees of the Senate

- 8. Undergraduate Council
MEMBERSHIP: The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty **(or a designee of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty who is a member of the Academic Faculty and who has been approved by the Senate)** as chair, a Senator appointed by the Senate for a one-year term, and a representative of each of the following departments, divisions or programs: ...

A **motion** to accept the changes as noted above and present them to the full faculty for a vote was made VanTyne and seconded by Ely. The motion passed unanimously.

Details about student membership on Undergraduate Council need to be discussed. Faculty Senate Committee membership list and University Committee membership list are ready for distribution.

- 2. Faculty Affairs (Griffiths) – No report.
- 3. Academic Standards and Policies (Kidnay) – The registrar has not gathered information on grading systems at other institutions.
- 5. Evaluation – No report.
- 6. Sports and Athletics (Wendlandt) – A report from Marv Kay indicates that CSM has responded very well to gender equity requirements. The number of participants in athletics is: (a) general participation – over 1500, (b) intercollegiate athletics – 395; (c) intramurals – 1200 and (d) club sports – 400. In addition the facilities are used by faculty, family members and members. Athletics has 2% of the overall School's budget. The question of liability was raised by Dean Cheuvront and will be looked into. Exit interviews will be conducted again this year.
- 7. Readmissions (VanTyne): – No report.

D. University Committees

1. Budget (Romberger) – Committee did not meet.

It was suggested that Gene Woolsey be asked to do an operational research study of CSM.

2. Handbook (Readey) – Committee did not meet.

E. Ad Hoc Committee

1. Academic Salary Advisory Committee (Griffiths) – No report.

- F. Report on the November 1, 1999 Joint Meeting Between Departments Heads and Senate on Promotion and Tenure:** The Senators directed Romberger to report to Steve Daniel that the promotion and tenure proposal dated February 16, 1999 be presented to the Handbook Committee.

- G. October 21, 1999 CUFLA Meeting Report** (Romberger) This will be presented at the November 16, 1999 Faculty Senate meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Revised Grading System – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.
- B.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. University Club (Romberger) - Membership is declining quite rapidly. It has been proposed that individual membership be free and department memberships be \$300 per year. The Faculty Club building is underutilized. The Senate will discuss this item at a future meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM