

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 19, 2002 - 2:00 PM

Hill Hall Room 300

ATTENDEES: Curtis, Dean, Dickerhoof, Eberhart, Frost, Harrison, Illangasekare, Kee, Readey, Ross and Thiry

APOLOGIES: Mitcham, Ross and Navidi who is on sabbatical Fall Semester 2002

VISITORS: Nigel Middleton, Vice President for Academic Affairs

COMMENTS FROM VPAA NIGEL MIDDLETON

- A. President Trefny will discuss in detail CSM's budget when he addresses the faculty and staff tomorrow and Thursday morning. The Senate feels that it needs to be more involved in critical budget issues. It appears that the school is 22 percent short of its budget after totaling tuition revenues and the state appropriation.
- B. The Board of Trustees agreed to form a non-profit organization to handle technology transfer. Concerns involve compliance with IRS regulations, revision of CSM policies of intellectual property, and dealing with conflict of interest. The purpose is to have profits flow back to CSM.
- C. The top two consultant candidates for the strategic plan will meet with President Trefny.
- D. NREL has an interest in leasing space at the Research Building.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The October 15, 2002 Faculty Senate minutes were approved unanimously. There are no minutes of the November 5, 2002 Faculty Senate Meeting as a quorum was not present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Readey submitted the following written report:

- A. *BOT Meeting:*
 - 1. *The North Central Association visit was discussed.*
 - 2. *Petroleum Institute Endowment: Approved 5.25 percent per year to be spent by CSM based on July 1 fund balance. (Note: a full-page ad ran in the New York Times Education Section on 11/10 advertising for administrative and academic faculty at PI.) Approved a not-for-profit corporation for technology transfer: Mines Applied Technology Transfer, Inc. (MATTI).*
- B. *Gave a report on Senate activities at the Alumni Association Board Meeting, 10/25.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Senate Committees

- 1. Academic Standards and Policies: Eberhart submitted the following written report:

The Academic Standards Committee will have its first meeting today at noon. On the agenda are discussions to develop an agenda for this year. Among the things to be considered are:

- a. A pass-fail grading option,*
- b. Streamlining the grade appeals process,*
- c. Develop a distinct set of performance standards for graduate students,*
- d. Develop a set of transfer credit guidelines, and*
- e. Faculty involvement in standards for undergraduate admissions and scholarships.*

- 2. Committee on Committees: Harrison said the Senate has no representatives on any University Committee except the Handbook Committee.

It was **moved**, seconded and passed that the Senate request of the Handbook Committee that University Committee membership on each of the following committees be modified to include at least one Senator. The committees are Budget, Undergraduate Student Affairs and Calendar. Senate representatives shall be nominated by the Senate and appointed by the President. The Senate representatives shall serve for a one-year renewable term.

President Trefny has requested a list of four names for the Diversity Committee.

The Core Curriculum and Assessment committees need faculty representatives.

3. Sports and Athletics: (Ross) no report.
4. Executive Committee: Readey submitted the following written report:

The department heads have an issue with the Budget Committee. They feel that it needs to have independence and substance and not be run by the VP for Finance. The question is, "How to handle?"

Another issue raised by the department heads is graduate scholarships. \$1.8M/yr TA support but \$2.4M/yr for UG scholarships. How about \$1M/yr for graduate scholarships from specific foundation funds.

Large amount of discussion about budget.

Summer salary for department heads (dept. heads issue). Interdisciplinary graduate programs an issue.

- a. Faculty Affairs: Dickerhoof reported that one grade appeals case was decided.
6. Readmissions: Thiry reported that this committee will be meeting soon to decide readmission cases.
5. Evaluations: Readey submitted the following written report:

Tawni Hoeglund received a lot of valuable feedback from the faculty forum. Will focus on developing a new "Evaluation of Teaching Questionnaire" based on the one used at the Air Force Academy.

B. Councils of the Senate

1. Graduate Council: Kee reported that study by Tom Boyd on TA allocations found a significant decrease in the number of graduate students being funded. The number of TA allocations need to be doubled to meet CSM's need.

Phil Romig has been charged by the BOT to look at possibly trimming the number of degrees offered.

Kee **moved**, Harrison seconded, passed unanimously to approve the proposal for a Professional Masters Degree in Mineral Exploration and Mining Geosciences.

2. Research Council: Curtis reported on an upcoming resolution for summer research that will provide three days of summer pay for each graduate student.
3. Undergraduate Council: (Mitcham) no report.

C. University Committees

1. Budget: (unofficial, Dickerhoof) The Budget Committee has not met.

2. Handbook: (Ross) no report.

3. Promotion and Tenure: (Harrison, Illangasekare) no report.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Graduate Convocation List: Kee **moved**, Illangasekare seconded, passed unanimously to approve the Graduate Convocation List as submitted.

B. Diversity Committee: The Senators requested Readey to invite John Kane, chairperson of the Diversity Committee, to the December 3, 2002 Faculty Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 PM.