

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES FACULTY SENATE MINUTES

November 21, 2000 - 2:00 PM

Stratton Hall - Room 102

ATTENDEES: Curtis, Dickerhoff, Frost, Illangasekare, Kidnay, Lu, Navidi, E. Pang and Wendlandt

APOLOGIES: Klusman, Nickum and Ohno

VISITORS: President John Trefny and Michael Harrington, ASCSM

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Pang introduced Tissa Illangasekare from the Division of Environmental Science and Engineering as the new senior senator who will be fulfilling the unexpired term of Jim Ely.

COMMENTS FROM GUEST:

A. Trefny - no comments

B. Michael Harrington - A goal of ASCSM this year is to improve communication between the faculty and students. They are proposing that there be a representative from every department/division that would act as a liaison between a student and the faculty member with whom the student is having a problem. The department liaisons would come to a weekly meeting where a student could talk to them and voice their concern(s). The liaison would then take the concern to his/her department/division head who would then approach the faculty member with the student's concern. The Senators applauded the ASCSM for wanting to improve communication with the faculty. However, they expressed concerns with this format. ASCSM also plans to work with Public Safety this year regarding the issuing of parking tickets.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the November 7, 2000 Faculty Senate meeting were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Presidential Search Advisory Committee (Readey) -Readey presented the following written summary of the Committee's activities:

1. The ad for the new President did not appear in the 11/17 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education. It will appear in the 11/24 issue. However, the ad did appear in three minority education publications.
2. A brochure detailing the statistical aspects of Mines has been approved and is being printed. This brochure is to be sent out with a letter encouraging application for the position to the list of nominees both from the CSM community and from the search firm, Korn-Ferry.
3. The PSAC received comments from the classified staff and from John Buechner, who recently stepped down as president of the University of Colorado, at its last meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2000.
4. The PSAC is scheduled to meet every Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 AM. However, the last meeting was on 11/9 and the next meeting will be on 11/30. It is expected that the Committee will begin reviewing applicants toward the end of December. It was the consensus of those Senators present to devote the January 16, 2001 meeting to a discussion of criteria for the new president.

B. Salary and Compensation Ad-Hoc Committee (Pang) -Barbara Olds will chair the Compensation Committee. David Matlock, John DeSanto, Vaughan Griffiths, Wendy Harrison, Tom Furtak will be willing to serving on this committee for another year. Gary Olhoeft will not be able to continue on this committee.

A **motion** to nominate Ohno to serve as the Senate representative on the Salary and Compensation Committee was made by Wendlandt and seconded by Readey. The motion passed unanimously. If Ohno agrees to serve, Pang will notify Barbara Olds of the Senate's action.

(It was the consensus of those present that in the event the Administration needs an immediate response to a current issue and can not wait until the Senate meets again, the Executive Committee would respond to the request.)

- C. 2001 December Convocation - Pang will be out of the country and will not be able to carry the *De Re Metallica* at the Convocation. As the next highest ranking senior senator, Readey will carry the *De Re Metallica*.

The Senate recommended that Pang ask Furtak to carry the mace at the December Convocation.

At the beginning of the 2000 Spring Commencement, John Hogan read a description of academic regalia. The Senate recommended that John Hogan do this again.

- D. University Senate versus Faculty Senate (Readey) - A University Senate is a good method for increasing communication between all the School's constituents. The President of the University is the presiding officer. Representatives would be from classified employees, administrative faculty, faculty, Board of Trustees, and department heads. At an institution this size, the University Senate could meet once a semester. Pang suggested that Readey gather more information and present it at the next Senate meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Handbook Committee - Barbara Olds, chair of the Handbook Committee, requested the Senators to e-mail E. Pang with issues that they would like the Handbook Committee to address this year.
- B. Restructuring of Administration - The Senators discussed the possibility of having a provost position at CSM. This discussion will continue at the next Senate meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.