

Title: Building a Community: Mines as a University

Description: This brainstorming session, sponsored by the Faculty Senate, aims to identify actions and initiatives we can undertake as a community to enrich the intellectual culture of CSM. Because of its core strengths, the Colorado School of Mines has an applied and industrial focus. But this does not need to preclude Mines from having a genuine academic character, from becoming a university in the sense of a community of teachers and scholars. What does it mean for Mines to be a truly academic institution? How can we promote a free, active, and open exchange of ideas -- scientific, societal, and organizational? What can we do to socialize students to the importance of collegial debate and informed dialogue? How can we create a vibrant intellectual atmosphere for our many new faculty? How can we work together to “advance academic culture and structure that fosters creativity, intellectual curiosity and student success” and “build a campus that values employees and students of the institution through a positive, supportive and inclusive environment,” as detailed in the strategic plan?

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