

**Colorado School of Mines  
Faculty Senate Minutes  
March 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Hill Hall 300**

**Attendees:** Reed Maxwell (President), Linda Battalora (PE), Tzahi Cath (CEE), Paula Farca (HASS), Vaughan Griffiths (CEE), Jon Leydens (HASS), Paul Martin (AMS), Mark Seger (CH), Chuck Stone (PH), Marcelo Simoes (EE), Sumit Agarwal (CBE), Jeff King (MME)

**Representatives:** Bo Sinkler (USG), Heather Lammers (GSG)

**Apologies:** Neal Sullivan (ME)

**Guests:** Aurea Tolnay (AA), Lara Medley (Registrar), Carol Smith (Library)

1. Academic Affairs Update -Tom Boyd

The Handbook Committee meets for the last time this semester next Wednesday. By Handbook policy, changes will go out to campus for thirty days for public comment. A Department Head leadership meeting is scheduled for next Monday. The discussion will be related to the capital campaign and how departments fit in programmatically. The capital campaign is intimately tied to Mines at 150.

Boyd presented a draft Academic Affairs reorganization to Department Heads and is soliciting feedback. That same draft will be presented to the Senate Executive Committee. Once feedback from both groups is received the information will be provided more broadly to campus. Martin asked if this would affect the Provost search. It may guide the type of Provost the search committee is looking for. The search consultants are expecting to do airport interviews the first week of April and on campus interviews by the end of April.

2. Approval of February 27<sup>th</sup> minutes

Tabled until next meeting.

3. Faculty Senate events:

a. Next Faculty Senate Coffee Hour Thursday, March 15, 2018 10 to 11 am in the Library. There were over ten attendees at the last coffee.

b. Faculty Senate Happy Hour: Maxwell asked Senate members to be proactive in promoting the Happy Hour.

c. Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecture is Wednesday March 21, 2018 with beverages and appetizers at 3:30 pm, talk at 4 pm in Grand Ballrooms. Maxwell requests the Senate to get the word out. Tolnay will post information to Daily Blast. Maxwell would also like an email announcement sent to campus.

4. Volunteers for the following committees:

a. Master Plan Steering Committee: The first meeting will be April 11 from 10 to 11 am. Second meeting will be in August, date and time to follow. One Faculty Senate volunteer is needed to participate in the process as outlined by Chris Cocallas in his presentation at the last Senate meeting. Cath volunteered to serve on the committee.

b. Library BAC committee: There are 10 official members of the committee so far. Smith and Cocallas co-chair with members, Anderson, Farca, Zecca, Brune, Cocallas, Miner, Terry, Swift. Smith has recommended Tony Lefton be added. An additional member is needed from the Senate. The committee will meet bi-weekly on Mondays starting on March 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3 pm through the end of June. Martin volunteered to be the additional Senate member.

5. Undergraduate Graduation List – Lara Medley

Over 900 students are approved for undergraduate commencement. These students have been vetted by their respective departments and will graduate in May or August.

**Motion to approve: Seger, second: King. Approved – Unanimous**

6. Teaching and Library Faculty advancement survey and memo

The final pdf with attachments has not be returned to Leydens, King and Griffiths. The one-page memo to the Provost was reviewed. Additional changes made to the memo during the meeting are to round the numbers in the to the nearest percent, and add the word can, in the sentence referencing multi-year contracts at CU. Stone asked if there should be a response timeline put on the memo. Maxwell indicated no, but to keep track of when it is submitted and follow up if needed.

**Motion to approve: Martin, second: Seger. Approved – Unanimous**

7. Update Bylaws - Paul Martin

No update on bylaws

8. Graduate Council Update - Marcelo Simoes

The last graduate council meeting discussed new graduate certificates, four in Electrical Engineering and two from Computer Science. They also discussed a new title for Mining Engineering.

Submissions for the 2018 -2019 catalog are closed. Discussion followed regarding issues related to requests for changes out of cycle.

9. Undergraduate Council Update – Mark Seger

Nothing from Undergraduate Council needs Faculty Senate approval.

10. Update from President's Council on Diversity, Inclusion, Access - Amy Landis

Landis gave a PowerPoint presentation on why this council was formed, where they are in the process, and what are the next steps. The Council was charged because Mines does not have a strategic plan for diversity, inclusion, and access. This is a big picture charge to include topics such as recruiting, enrollment, hiring, retention, graduation rates, and promotion and leadership opportunities for students, faculty, and staff. The first step is to make recommendations and draft a strategic plan for diversity, inclusion, and access. The goal is to create a climate which all can thrive academically and professionally. The Council has 5 teams each with eleven to sixteen members.

11. FS went into Executive Session

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting March 27, 2 – 4 pm, Hill Hall 300.