

**Colorado School of Mines
Faculty Senate Minutes
April 24, 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), Jeff King (MME), Neal Sullivan (ME)

Representatives: Bo Sinkler (USG), Lisa Nickum (Library)

Apologies: Heather Lammers (GSG), Sumit Agarwal (CBE)

Guests: Carol Smith (Library),

1. Academic Affairs Update -Tom Boyd

No update from Boyd.

2. Approval of Minutes

A correction is needed to add Jon Leydens name to item 11, two more years left on his Faculty Senate term.

Motion to approve: Cath, second: Martin. Approved – Unanimous

3. Announcements

Maxwell reminded Senate members to attend the faculty awards program on the 25th. Tenure and promotion, faculty awards, and thanks to the Senate for their service will be announced. The last Senate coffee hour will be held on the 26th, 10 a.m., in the Library.

4. Library Renovation / Building Advisory Committee Update – Paula Farca

The BAC met last Monday for a brainstorming session. The architects have a \$10 million price tag on the project. Since Mines is not going to contribute to the project the best path forward is a proposal to the State of Colorado. The proposal is due in August. Another option for funding is through the Foundation. Carol Smith met with the Foundation library liaison, Marianne Barker, to discuss target dollar figures for donor fundraising towards the \$10 million cap. Barker will take the information back to the Foundation. The BAC also discussed location options for student services locations. Short term option would be the Green Center and long-term option Volk. Volk is conveniently located next to the Library.

5. Academic Affairs reorganization and the Library – Carol Smith

Smith handed out copies of the AA reorganization chart that the Provost presented at the recent town hall meetings, with edits from Smith regarding where in the new structure the Library should reside. In response to the presented reorganization the Library has submitted a white paper along with their proposed changes to the structure to the Provost. The current proposal has the library under an Associate Provost with other departments such as the Registrar, Financial Aid, International Programs, Trefny, etc. Smith notes recent progress with proposed changes to the faculty handbook recognizing library staff as academic faculty. Smith feels the proposed reporting structure for the Library is a step back from this progress made. The preferred alternative, although probably unrealistic at Mines, is for the Librarian to be a Dean and Vice Provost. The second option is to have the Library to report directly to the Provost. Third option is to move the Library under academic departments, reporting to one of the two

deans. Maxwell mentioned that one of the recommendations from the executive committee to the Provost regarding the proposed structure was to prevent a silo perception by dividing the Deans responsibilities not by department but in a more egalitarian way. The fourth preference for the Library is under the Strategic Initiatives Dean. The fifth option is to create a separate category that would include non-degree bearing, academic units which includes HAAS, Honors, and the new Communications Center. Smith is not requesting Faculty Senate action on her proposals.

6. Team Up Teaching

Seeger had brought up the approval of courses not associated with a program, at the last Faculty Senate meeting. He will invite Kristine Callan to the next meeting to discuss.

7. Graduate Council Update – Marcelo Simoes

The May meeting was cancelled. The newly hired assistant Cathy Timm will send out emails for representative replacements. Training will be held for all council members on August 29th. It is especially important for new members to attend. Sullivan brought forth questions regarding the double counting that was discussed and approved at a previous Faculty Senate meeting. Only two departments have requested it. Any program is allowed double counting but then must include a statement in their section of the catalog.

8. Faculty Climate Survey – Mark Seeger

The survey was closed at midnight on Sunday, the 22nd. 171 responses were received, with some dropping out before finishing. 150 completed the survey from a broad campus demographic. The numbers were down about a third from last year's 278 responses. This is a little disappointing due to how well it was advertised this year. Cath, Seeger, and Leydens will analyze, summarize and create a presentation of both the climate and perception of leadership surveys. The venue to present this information has not been determined.

9. Undergraduate Council Update – Mark Seeger

May meeting was cancelled. Council did vote and approve a request brought forward from Undergraduate Student Government to become voting members. This was an advisory vote only. Faculty Senate must vote to approve as approval would create a change in the faculty bylaws. The bylaws state each degree granting program will have one voting member. Discussion ensued whether curriculum decisions should be the exclusive privilege and responsibility of faculty. There was concern that other groups on campus would also request a vote such as CASA, Library, Athletics, etc. Would the Undergraduate Student Government member effectively represent the wishes of the entire student population? Sinkler felt that the student government process of vetting issues would enable the member to represent the student population and mentioned that many institutions have a voting student member including CU and CSU. Some felt that a voting member would weaken the students position related to curriculum changes, where others thought it would give them a voice. Graduate Council does not have a student voting member. Senate should be prepared to vote on it at the next meeting including the exact language that would be in the bylaws.

10. Executive Session

The committee went into executive session.

Next meeting May 8, 2 – 4 pm, Hill Hall 300.