

COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
FACULTY SENATE MINUTES
November 13, 2012 - 2:00pm
Hill Hall 300

ATTENDEES: Spear, Bach, Bialecki, Carr, Gardner, Knauss, Monecke, Osgood, Sulzbach, Van Tyne, Williams, Zhang

GUESTS: Terry Parker (Provost), Alyssa Brown (Undergraduate Student Government)

APOLOGIES: Medley (Registrar), Reimanis

Minutes from the meetings of 9/11/12, 9/25/12, 10/9/12, and 10/23/12 were unanimously approved.

Guests:

Parker reported on the current debt on campus. The bond for new housing has moved forward as of last week. Capital expenses were not taken care of by the state as hoped. Now investing in infrastructure actions outside of the state. The cash flows from the activities associated with the infrastructure will support the bonds.

An open house for Aspen Hall will be held this Friday from 3pm-5pm. The cost for the remodel was \$800,000. The cost is expected to be paid back in 3-4 years.

Parker asked the Senate to provide nominations for two people to read names at commencement. He would like one for grads and another for undergrads. (This is an agenda item below.) Administration is considering May commencement changes as campus will be expecting a much larger graduating class. The ceremony is currently compressed, but looking at management options to cut time.

Undergraduate Council:

Council will meet tomorrow at 4pm in the Guggenheim boardroom.

Graduate Council:

Reimanis was not present to give an update.

Research Council:

Joe Trubacz is on board with the constructive criticism document overhaul for ORA. Will meet with John Poate later today. There are 3 sets of documents. One is an apology letter to Ralph Brown, one is a cover letter, and one is a compendium of all faculty feedback, excluding negative, unhelpful comments. There are 46 comment sets, 8 pages. Trubacz plans to distribute research issues in the colleges. There are plans to hire pre- and post-grant administrators for each of the colleges and discussion of using a help ticket system. Ralph Brown presentation scheduled for Dec. 6th, still to be approved by Poate. A formal vote will be held on Thursday, then sent to non-voting members.

FACTIR:

Committee met about organizing the spring event. Administration is nervous about the size. Zachary Aman got \$5,500 to support the event. Planning an opening ceremony for 10-15 minutes, inviting freshmen. Then, maybe a faire format, with different stations (alumni, core faculty, upperclassmen, etc.) at the beginning of the spring semester. It's too big for this coming spring, but will plan for next spring. Aman and Garner are planning another form of the event for this January with the Alumni Association. It will be an open format in the student center. The purpose is to provide a forum for freshmen to get some input. It will only be open to freshmen. There is an RSVP system in place, so planners will know how many to expect.

Carr suggested that FACTIR may want to connect with the Research Council's subcommittee on undergraduate research. The subcommittee is: Corrine Packard, Murray Hitzman, and Stephanie Bonucci.

Spear forwarded a proposal from Junko Munakata Marr to have a campus-wide faculty forum webinar to implement a faculty-student interaction program for the purpose of promoting retention. Does the Senate want to encourage this? This is modeled after Women in Engineering Proactive Network (WEPAN). Senate decided to invite Junko to the next senate meeting to discuss. Anthony Dean wants to do a forum on the admissions process. Past presentations have lacked detail regarding areas of the country for recruiting, target numbers, target schools, etc. Gardner suggested formulating a set of questions to be specifically addressed during the forum.

Handbook:

The committee has been discussing the role of Deans in the Promotion and Tenure process. Two committee members drafted language to add to the handbook. The committee wants to seek more input from campus. They have postponed voting on the draft pending more input.

President's Cabinet:

Spear provided highlights.

- Anne Walker talked about the CSMRI site. Uranium level is dropping in the monitoring wells.
- There continue to be personnel matters on campus with regard to sexual harassment issues involving grad students. Administration to hire outside investigators.
- Preview Mines was successful. 750 students signed up for this Saturday.
- Aspen Hall to open Friday. Research Council had approached administration last year about using the site as a potential location for a daycare. It's going to be a men's leadership house, based on business service model. It will be CSM's 5th theme house.
- GSA was nationally recognized. Zach Aman was awarded as the best GSA representative nationally.
- Only 1350 staff/faculty went to sexual harassment prevention training. 350 people did not sign up.
- Trailhead was down yesterday for the first day of registration. Overall campus internet usage has gone up by a factor of 100 over last year. This is due to the increase in mobile devices and people streaming video and music.
- The IBM contract is complete for the new supercomputer. It will be housed in NCAR.
- An interim Department Head is about to be appointed in Petroleum Engineering.
- Bonds are signed for construction of a new cafeteria, alumni house, and dorm. Construction starts in January on all three.

- Heather Boyd said that there are 9,000 applications already in for next year. It will be the most applied-for year in the school's history.

Faculty Trustee process:

The position is dictated by state statute 23-41-102. Statute requires an election every 2 years, by a 2/3 faculty vote. 2 people have submitted names so far. Van Tyne sending a reminder out tomorrow. Nominees will be asked to supply a 1 page statement and qualifications. Vote scheduled for December 3rd, to continue until enough votes are in. 67% of the total academic faculty must vote and the candidate with the majority of those votes wins. There was discussion of an "abstain" or a "none" voting option.

Faculty Senate web page:

The web page needs an update. Please send photos to Jen P. with your contact info.

Senate liaisons to department divisions not represented by the Senate need to be appointed. The following appointments were made: Mining (Sulzbach), Athletics (Gardner), Geophysics (Carr), Library (Knauss), EECS (Bach), EB (Osgood), and PE (Van Tyne). Liaisons provide communication from the Senate.

Discussion Items:

Senate needs to appoint a subcommittee to address the advisement of graduate students by Teaching and Research faculty. Carr volunteered and suggested a representative from grad council be included. Bill Navidi will be contacted by Carr and Gardner and they will report back with final suggestions by the January meeting. Subcommittee should be 4 people, plus Tom Boyd and a research faculty member.

Parker wants to form an ad hoc subcommittee to discuss Teaching Faculty promotion and Research Faculty promotion. Suggestions for Teaching Faculty submitted to Spear were Toni Lefton (LAIS), Gus Greivel (AMS), Cyndi Rader (EECS), Todd Ruskell (PH), Ross Pass (LAIS), Hugh King (CBE), and Christian Shorey (GE). Suggestions for Research Faculty were Laura Heller (LAIS), Angel Abbud-Madrid (CBE), Jinhua Tong (MT), David Dierks (MT), Svitlana Pylpypenko (MT), Carole Graas (MT), Richard Ahrenkiel (MT), Pei Xu (CEE), and David Pyles (GE). Members will work with the three Deans to come up with rules for the Senate and Faculty Handbook Committee to review. Some of these faculty, however, will not be on campus and shouldn't be considered.

The Senate Bylaws are out of date. Van Tyne, Knauss, and Spear volunteered to serve on the subcommittee to propose changes.

Administration's Research Strategic Initiative Council:

The formation of this council was announced during the last Research Council meeting. Parker supported having the chair of the Research Council as an official member. Carr to meet with Poate regarding the purpose of the council and report at next Senate meeting.

Parking Advisory Committee:

This committee needs a Senate member, as well as a faculty member to be appointed in addition to Vaughan Griffiths. Gardner chaired this committee in the past. This is not a University or a Senate committee. It was decided that the Senate does not need representation on this committee.

Morale survey:

Knauss talked to Mark Eberhart about the history of this in the Senate. Previous action consisted of identifying an external firm that was interested in participating, but the idea was turned down by the administration. Gardner approached the administration last year and a resource allocation survey, but did not go forward. Looking ahead, there may need to be a filtering process and questions should be framed in a positive format. It was suggested that feedback be gathered from each of the departments prior to formulating survey questions.

Grading scale for undergrads:

This issue has been set aside.

Senate resolution for new steam plant:

Should the Senate support a sustainability concept on campus? Carr suggested passing forward a recent NY Times article about US energy independence. Spear to draft a resolution and circulate at the next meeting.

Commencement hooding ceremony:

Advisors will not be seated on the President's platform for this December's commencement. There was discussion as to whether or not the Senate should provide input to the administration requesting that hooding faculty be reseated back on the platform. Spear to ask Parker if he would like Senate input. Peter Han is in charge of the ceremony.

Nominees to read names at commencement:

Senate to ask Kay Godel-Gengenbach for suggestions of experienced international faculty who may be good candidates. Parker is requesting four names tonight for printing of the commencement program. Spear to pass forward the names of Junko Munakata Marr, Kim Williams, John Berger, and Juan Lucena.

Senate convened executive session.