

**Colorado School of Mines**  
**Faculty Senate Agenda**  
**April 11, 2017 2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
**Hill Hall 300**

**ATTENDEES:** Dinesh Mehta (President), Jürgen Brune (MN), Paul Martin (AMS), Mark Seger (CH), Chuck Stone (PH), Jon Leydens (LAIS), Neal Sullivan (ME), Reed Maxwell (GE), Michael Heeley (EB), Linda Battalora (PE), Jeff King (MME), Jason Ganley (CBE), Marcelo Simoes (EE), Madison Northrup (USG),

**APOLOGIES:** Tzahi Cath (CEE), Terri Hogue (BOT), Heather Lammers (GSG),

**GUESTS:** Tom Boyd (AA), Carol Smith (Library), Lisa Nickum (Library)

1. Approvals

1.1 Approval of March 14 minutes. **Motion to approve: Seger, second; Sullivan. Approved. Unanimous.**

2. Visitors

2.1 Tom Boyd (Interim Provost)

King is representing the Faculty Senate on Graduate Dean search committee. Please attend the presentations. Brune is the Faculty Senate representative for the Director of International Office search committee. Boyd hopes the committees will have some recommendations before the end of the semester.

Tenure and tenure track P&T review process added to the Faculty Handbook for next year. Dossiers are due on August 1<sup>st</sup>. This year candidates can submit an addendum to their dossier by September 7<sup>th</sup>. Boyd asked members of the P&T committee and Teaching Faculty committees to participate in information sessions for candidates. Make sure candidates in your departments read the communication email, and encourage new candidates to come to the information sessions.

### 3. Updates and Discussion

#### 3.1 Teaching Faculty/Library Faculty Advancement committee update. (Smith/Battalora/Stone)

Smith announced the committee has a working draft of the advancement committee proposal. The committee will send out a survey and hold organizational meetings to get feedback from non-tenured teaching faculty and library faculty. Smith will send the working draft to the Faculty Senate for additional input. Please let the teaching faculty in your departments know this is in progress and encourage participation in the survey. The goal is to bring the final proposal to the May 9 Faculty Senate meeting for approval.

#### 3.2 Productivity Memo discussion (Martin/Mehta)

Senate discussed the productivity memo at the last meeting. Martin updated the document based on the last discussion. Senate continued the discussion including concerns with class sizes, field classes, available resources, quality of teaching and research dollars. Dinesh will present this memo to Tom Boyd on behalf of the Faculty Senate. **Motion to present the Productivity Memo as is to the Provost: Seger, second; Martin. Approved. Unanimous.**

#### 3.3 Memo Regarding Department Chair Positions (Cath, presented by Mehta)

Cath updated the memo on department chairs. Senators had additional concerns and comments on the memo. Mehta will update and clarify the memo and send it around by email for final comment prior to submitting it to AA.

#### 3.4 Undergraduate Council update (Ganley)

Tomorrow's meeting may be the last one of the year. Council has two outstanding items to approve:

- The Underground Construction and Tunneling Minor will be renamed as Minor in Underground and Tunneling Engineering. The minor name will be revised to be consistent with the interdisciplinary graduate degree.
- AMS Distributed Elective change. Removal of CSCI 101 (Intro to Computer Science) from required DSE list, addition of CBEN 110 (Studio Biology),

CHGN 122 (General Chemistry I), and CHGN 125 (Molecular Engineering and Materials Chemistry) to options.

**Motion to approve the above changes in the undergraduate council by Seger, second; Brune. Approved. Unanimous.**

### 3.5 BSE 2.0 (Mehta/Ganley)

Senate received a response to its questions from the BSE 2.0 Oversight Committee, but some Senators did not have a chance to review. Senate had additional questions. Mehta will invite Dean Moore to the next Senate meeting.

### 3.6 Parking Garage Discussion (Cath, Mehta on behalf of Cath who was absent)

There are concerns that the administration may be rushing the Parking garage decision. Plans about the garage are not well-known across campus. President Johnson said Mines will start from scratch with a new master plan for the Mines campus. Smith suggested they incorporate the new parking garage along with the library renovation. Maxwell agreed a master plan and vision for the campus is needed. King suggested requesting administration to meet with the Faculty Senate again. Mehta will follow up.

### 3.7 Concussions (Brune)

Brune and Stone met with Dan Fox (VP of Student Life) and Rick Wendlandt on the athletic oversight committee. Brune and Stone asked how Mines compares to peer institutions with the number of concussions and other serious sports injuries? Does Mines have a plan to manage the number of serious injuries and concussions? There were not a lot of statistics and data available. Stone said it impacts the classroom when the students are injured. Brune had an experience in his classroom with a student who had a severe concussion and could not participate in classes for 5-6 weeks. As a university, Mines must pay attention to all student's health. More data is needed on this subject. Are the student athletes receiving the care that they need when they are injured? Is there a plan in place to minimize impact on students? Stone and Brune will follow up and invite Athletic Director Dave Hansburg and Head Trainer Jennifer McIntosh to an upcoming Senate meeting, probably in Fall 2017.

3.8. Graduate Council (Brune). All Council-approved program changes have been confirmed by Senate.

3.9. Sustainability committee (Maxwell) No updates.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday April 25. 2017, 2:00 pm in Hill 300