

Colorado School of Mines – FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, via Zoom

Attendees:

Voting Members: 14 total (8 needed for quorum). Quorum was present

P	Sebnem Duzgun (Chair)	A	Austin Wesley (MS)	P	Linda Figueroa (CEE/MN)	P	Joseph Horan (HASS)
P	Jeff King (MME)	P	Yvette Kuiper (GE)	A	John McCray (CEE)	P	Cynthia Norrgran (CBE)
P	Bettina Voelker (CH)	P	Lawrence Wiencke (PH)	P	Pat Kohl (PH)	P	Soutir Bandyopadhyay (AMS)
P	Sid Saleh (EB)	P	Deb Carney (AMS)	P	Soutir Bandyopadhyay (AMS)		

Other Regular Attendees and Guests

P	Tracy Gardner (Trustee)	P	Rick Holz (AA)	P	Paul Myskiw (RO)	P	Colin Terry (Student Life)
A	Sam Spiegel (Trefny)	P	Ethan Lewellin (USG)	P	Maxwell Silver (GSG)	P	Mara Green (AA)
P	Vibhuti Dave (UGS)	A	Tim Barbari (OGS)	P	Lori Kester (EM)	P	Christopher Thiry (Library)
P	Karla Perez-Velez (CASA)	P	Deb Jordan (Trefny)	P	Kendra Stansbury (RO)		

Special Guest(s):

Welcome

Sebnem Duzgun

Duzgun welcomed Senators back for the Spring 2022 semester.

Academic Affairs

Rick Holz

Holz reported on COVID on-campus. Mines will continue with the Fall 2021 format and remain in-person. COVID mitigation processes are in place, the teaching guidelines document has been updated and was reviewed by the Deans, the Faculty Senate President, the Undergraduate and Graduate Council chairs, and Provost Holz prior to being sent to faculty. There are currently 111 active cases of COVID-19 at Mines, five faculty have tested positive and are teaching remotely. Students tested positive are isolating. The number of cases will be monitored; if cases increase additional steps will be taken.

Question raised on how the number of COVID cases compare to past semesters; Holz stated in Fall 2021 Mines retained approximately thirty cases week after week throughout the whole semester, increases are not out of the ordinary following breaks or holidays. Faculty are recommended to wear masks while teaching, students are to wear masks in class and during passing periods in hallways. Rooms are cleaned daily, sanitizer is present in rooms, department heads have been asked to communicate with O’Kane to assure a stockpile of masks to distribute to faculty. In Fall 2021, faculty addressed issues with enforcing mask policies during passing periods; names of students that have refused to wear a mask can be provided to the Dean of Students and noncompliance can result in various consequences leading to expulsion.

Two new undergraduate programs are being developed and reviewed for submission into the Curriculum Inventory Management (CIM) system: Construction Engineering and Ceramics Engineering.

The Handbook Committee is intended to begin regular meetings. Faculty suggestions to the Procedures Manual and Faculty Handbook can be submitted through the Academic Affairs Faculty Resources page ([click here](#)).

The Ombudsperson Office recommendation was received and will be reviewed by Provost Holz; the recommendation is intended to be shared and discussed with the President and CFO.

Registrar's Office

Academic Standing

Paul Myskiw

Colin Terry

Myskiw reported on the change in the current business process of running academic standing reports at the end of fall term. Students that were suspended due to poor performance in the summer term would not be identified until the report was run at the end of fall term. Summer is considered a full term where federal financial aid can be awarded and enrollment can be reported; academic standing reports will be run at the beginning of August at the end of the summer term. Myskiw reported this as beneficial to students who improve their GPA by taking summer courses and being removed from probation.

Terry outlined the significance of the change; around a dozen students would benefit from this change or be placed on probation or suspension because of summer courses. The change would provide a student-friendly approach and provide up-to-date information with the institution. This has been shared with the CASA office and advisers, department contacts, and department heads and program directors.

Terry reported suspension of under thirty students for poor academic performance; this remains on par with previous terms. Hundreds and a few thousand students appear on the Dean's list and Honor Roll and between 200-400 perfect 4.0 students.

Committee Updates

Senate Secretary

Joe Horan

Volunteers were asked to fill the remaining Senator opening; eligibility will be assessed and the new Senator will be introduced.

DI&A Committee Charge

Joe Horan

Horan reported on the updated charge for the DI&A ad hoc committee. The committee would be charged with creation of a roadmap for integration of contributions to DI&A into faculty annual evaluations and P&T. The committee would then follow-up with faculty feedback through town halls and focus groups. Senators were asked to review the recent charge and provide input or edits. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) criteria for P&T were provided ([click here](#)), additional information can be requested from the university DI&A committee.

Graduate Council

Tina Voelker

1.1 **CIVIL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

[CIM 11/30; GC 12/15]

1 program change: XCR-ENVMOD: Graduate Certificate in Environmental Modeling
Update to required courses from three (3) to two (2) courses. Removal of CEEN566, course is not available online for the online certificate. Elective list was added.

Online delivery in the 8-week format was not suitable for the content in CEEN566. The certificate program was reduced to two required courses and a list of electives were provided.

MOTION: To approve the program change in Civil and Environmental Engineering to XCR-ENVMOD: Graduate Certificate in Environmental Modeling by King, seconded by Wiencke. Motion passed unanimously. APPROVED.

Undergraduate Council

Jeff King

No updates from Undergraduate Council.

Briefings, Informational Items, and Updates

A faculty survey was distributed 1/5 and again on 1/12 for online education experience and perceptions, Duzgun reminded Senators and faculty to share the survey with colleagues. The survey will provide recommendations and potential changes in online course delivery to contribute to the enhancement of online programs at Mines.

The Board of Trustees were provided the Student Signature Experience (SSE) reports from November 2021, an additional update from SSE project PIs will be requested for the end of the Spring semester. Duzgun requested Senators provide committee reports for the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting; a Senate representative for the Library committee is still needed.

Adjourn

Sebnem Duzgun

Meeting adjourned: 3:01 pm.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2:00-4:00 pm via Zoom. Please send all agenda items to mgreen1@mines.edu.

Executive Session Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the Faculty Senate executive session minutes and major motions from the December 14, 2021 meeting by King, seconded by Horan. **APPROVED.**