

Colorado School of Mines – FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES
 September 10, 2024, 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Guggenheim 3rd Floor Boardroom/[Zoom](#)

Attendees:

Voting Members: 15 total (10 needed for quorum). Quorum was present.

P	Brandon Dugan (Chair)	P	Nicole Becwar (LB)		Jamal Rostami (MN)	P	Cortney Holles (HASS)
P	John Spear (CEE)		Chuck Stone (PH)	P	Ventzi Karaivanov (ME)		Piret Plinket-Bjorklund (GGE)
P	Mansur Ermila (PE)	P	Paul Martin (AMS)		Jeff Holley (CEE)	P	Ning Wu (CBE)
P	Shubham Vyas (CH)	P	Cristian Ciobanu (ME)				

Other Regular Attendees and Guests

P	Dinesh Mehta (Trustee)		Rick Holz (AA)	P	Paul Myskiw (RO)		Colin Terry (Student Life)
	Sam Spiegel (Online)		Carl Frick (OGS)		Jen Gagne (GA)		Nichole Bigley (AA)
P	Mikhaila Powers (USG)		Megan Sanders (Trefny)		Andy Herring (AA)	P	Karla Perez-Velez (CASA)
	Lauren Guido (GSG)	P	Kathleen Tomon (GSG)	P	Vibhuti Dave (UGS)		Jon Johnson (Online)
	D. Scott Heath (RO)	P	Kristeen Serracino (AA)	P	Lori Kester		

Special Guest(s): Lakshmi Krishna, Andrea Borrego

Listening Session – Provost Search

Kirsten Volpi
 Paul C. Johnson

Faculty Senate Welcome

Brandon Dugan

The first Pathways Exploration Seminar was held on September 4th. There were great questions asked and the speaker, David Wald, had great interaction with students throughout the seminar. B. Dugan reminded everyone that these seminars are open to everyone including non-first-year students, faculty, and staff. The next seminar is scheduled for September 18th with Angel Abbud-Madrid who will be speaking on opportunities in Space Resources.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Brandon Dugan

- **Question:** P. Martin asked from the meeting minutes, what is a self-healing degree audit?
- **Answer:** K. Serracino on behalf of P. Myskiw answered that the self-healing degree audit feature of Smart Plan allows students to drag and drop classes in their plan and it shows the student in real time changes to graduating in terms of time and money.

MOTION: The motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was moved by S. Vyas and seconded by P. Martin. The motion to approve the previous meeting minutes was unanimously approved with zero opposition and zero abstentions.

Academic Affairs

Rick Holz

R. Holz not present; No discussion at this time.

Registrar's Office

No update at this time.

Paul Myskiw

Senate and Committee Appointments

Jeff Paone – Faculty Oversight Committee

Joseph Horan – Colorado Faculty Advisory Council

Tzahi Cath – Budget Committee

Jack Bringardner – Core Curriculum Committee

*Checking with V. Dave regarding number of spots needed

Joe Krauss – Student Media

Susan Reynolds – Student Media

Siby Thomas – Library Committee

Alina Handorean – Library Committee

Sandy Woodson – Library Committee

Matthew Seigfried – Faculty Handbook Committee

Greg Jackson – Faculty Handbook Committee

Chelsea Salinas – Teaching Faculty Promotion

Gerald Bourne – Teaching Faculty Promotion

Christopher Painter-Wakefield – Teaching Faculty Promotion

Joseph Horan – Teaching Faculty Promotion

Amanda Jameer – Tech Fee Committee

Geoff Brennecka – Tech Fee Committee

Lisa Nickum – Tech Fee Committee

Joy Gockel – Tech Fee Committee

Kristine Callan – Readmissions

Gary Nave – Online Standards Committee

Adam Olsen – Online Standards Committee

Aysu Betin-Can - Online Standards Committee

Wendy Bohrson – Conflict of Interest Committee or Promotion and Tenure Committee

Aubrey Wigner – Conflict of Interest Committee

Joy Gockel – Conflict of Interest Committee

Geoff Brennecka – Faculty Survey Committee

Mike Nicholas – Faculty Survey Committee

Kim Scott – Calendar Committee

Nils Tilton – Academic Standards Committee

Joy Gockel – Faculty Oversight Committee

Geoff Brennecka – Faculty Grievance Committee

Cortney Holles

Committees that still have vacant spots include: Promotion and Tenure Committee (3 vacancies), Biosafety Committee (2 vacancies).

- **Question:** P. Martin asked is there a faculty email list available that is filtered only to full professors? S. Vyas asked is this something IT could assist with/create?
- **Answer:** B. Dugan answered there is not an email list but can check with IT if a filtered list could be made which would be helpful for future years.



MOTION: The motion to approve committee appointments was moved by S. Vyas and seconded by J. Spear. The motion to approve committee appointments was approved with no opposition and no abstentions.

Research Council Chair nomination - Shubham Vyas

MOTION: The motion to approve Shubham Vyas as the Research Council Chair was moved by J. Spear and seconded by N. Wu. The motion to approve Shubham Vyas as the Research Council Chair was approved with no opposition and no abstentions.

There is one open Senate seat for a one-year term. Currently, three candidates are interested. The Senate will continue the search to get more candidates to choose from. The election will be internal within the Senate in lieu of a campus-wide election. Voting will be scheduled for the next Senate meeting on 9/24.

Undergraduate Council Updates

Ventzi Karaivanov

No updates at this time.

2025 Faculty Senate Distinguished Lecture

Brandon Dugan

March 4, 2025.

MOTION: The motion to approve the 2025 Faculty Distinguished Lecture date of March 4, 2025, was moved S. Vyas moved and seconded by J. Spear. The motion to approve the 2025 Faculty Distinguished Lecture date of March 4, 2025, was approved with no opposition and no abstentions.

Board of Trustees Meeting Summary

Dinesh Mehta

D. Mehta reported that he sent out a memo via email which contained a brief summary of the past three regularly scheduled meetings of the Board and the Budget presentation. The memo included a sentence urging the Senate to look more closely at issues related to faculty salaries, equal pay for equal work, etc. D. Mehta was open to questions and/or discussion.

- **Question:** B. Dugan asked if D. Mehta is receiving any feedback from the memo?
- **Answer:** D. Mehta answered that he did receive feedback initially but not over the Summer.

Adjourn

Brandon Dugan

Next meeting: September 24, 2024, in Guggenheim Boardroom. Please send agenda items to faculty_senate@mines.edu one week prior.

