

Colorado School of Mines – RESEARCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
 March 10, 2:00 – 3:00 pm, via Zoom

**Attendees:**

**Voting Members:** 24 total (13 needed for quorum). Quorum was present.

P	Yvette Kuiper (Chair)	P	Emily Bongiovanni (LB)	P	Tzahi Cath (HY)	A	Cristian Ciobanu (ME)	P	Emmanuel DeMoor (MME)
A	Mark Deinert (NSE)	P	Yilin Fan (PE)	A	Randy Haupt (EE)	P	Rennie Kaunda (MN)	P	Adrianne Kroepsch (HASS)
A	Thomas Monecke (GE)	A	Svitlana Pylpenko (CH)	P	Jim Ranville (GC)	P	Elizabeth Reddy (EDS)	P	Jamal Rostami (UCT)
P	Mahadevan Ganesh (AMS)	P	Jeffrey Shragge (GP)	A	James Simmons (MP/SH)	P	John Spear (CEE)	P	Kenneth “Xerxes” Steirer (EREP)
A	Eric Toberer (MS/PH)	A	Ning Wu (CBE)	P	Hao Zhang (CS)	A	Michael Heeley (EB)		

**Non-Voting Members:**

P	Johanna Eagan (ORA)	P	Mara Green (AA)	P	Hanzelle Kleeman (USG)	P	Moira Miller (GSG)	A	Barb O’Kane (EHS)
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**Welcome**

Yvette Kuiper

**Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2021**

Yvette Kuiper

**MOTION:** To approve the Research Council minutes of February 10, 2021 by Kuiper, seconded by Kroepsch. 2 abstentions. APPROVED.

**Subcommittee Updates**

Research Council Bylaws

Yvette Kuiper

Kuiper informs Councilors of the vote casted for the Research Council chair term length with Faculty Senate; a unanimous decision was made. Once comment made by Senate is the two-year term remaining impractical as the Council chair must be a Senator. Senators have a three-year term and can only begin commitment to chair position in the first or second year. The two-year term length of Research Council chair would exclude one third of Senators from the chair position. The change is also inconsistent with the graduate and undergraduate councils.

Kuiper recommends the language be reverted to its one-year terminology within the Research Council section of the Academic Faculty Bylaws.

**MOTION:** To approve the addition of one-year term of the Research Council chair to the Research Council membership bylaws by Kuiper, seconded by Kroepsch. No abstentions. APPROVED.

Strategic Instrumentation and Space

Ning Wu

Ning Wu has been appointed subcommittee chair to replace Steirer; Steirer will serve on the lab infrastructure and shared lab facilities implementation team.

Discussion begins on edits to the drafted funding proposal to VPRTT including instruments within the umbrella of equipment, discussion of including software under this funding, proposal review committee members voting process and term length, and consideration of addressing conflict of interests.

The drafted Request for Research Equipment funds Excel form is presented to Council for any additional edits or comments.

**MOTION:** To approve the Research Equipment funds proposal to create the Research Equipment Investment program at Mines by Steirer; seconded by Ganesh. No abstentions. APPROVED.

Research Council Lecture

Tzahi Cath

Kuiper informs Councilors that the names of the winners shall not be distributed until confirmed and verified by Faculty Senate.

**MOTION:** To approve the junior winner Mohsen Asle Zaeem (ME) and senior winner Robert Braun (ME) for the Research Council Lecture award by Kuiper; seconded by Spear. No abstentions, 1 opposed.

APPROVED.

These names will be ratified by Faculty Senate and later distributed officially.

Mentoring

Tzahi Cath

Cath presents a drafted memo to the Faculty Senate for proposal of a Faculty Mentorship Pilot Program. This document was framed from the documents of seven years ago from the previous subcommittee for mentoring.

Cath outlines a recommendation from the subcommittee on adding a section to the Procedures Manual to define what faculty mentoring means; this was proposed years ago but was never implemented. The rest of the draft outlines the importance of faculty mentorship.

Recommendation is made to provide appropriate attention to annual FDR evaluations regarding mentoring.

A question is raised on the big picture of the committee, the length of mentorship, and disciplines. Cath addresses that different departments will go about mentoring in various ways; basics would be included in mentorship: hiring, outreach, introductions to funding agencies, building research infrastructure, negotiating with universities on space, and opportunities that present themselves but are not discussed.

A comment is made to add work-life balance as a topic for mentorship.

Departmental input on the drafted document will be requested and brought back to Council.

**Adjourn**

Yvette Kuiper

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.

The next Research Council meeting will be April 14, 2:00-3:00pm, via Zoom.