

Approved at the 9/14/2018 meeting
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 1, 2018
COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES
1500 Illinois Street, Coors Boardroom

I. Special telephonic meeting – Coors Boardroom, Guggenheim Hall and dial-in

1:00 p.m. Meeting called to order by Chairman Jorden.

Trustees present on the teleconference: Chairman Jorden, Trustee's Haddon, Truly, Starzer and Salazar.

Also present were Mines executives: President Johnson (via telephone), EVP Volpi, Interim Provost Boyd, VP Han, and VPGC Walker.

a. Action Items

Approval of additional August graduation candidates Dr. Boyd presented the Board with the list of additional seven graduate degree candidates for August 2018 and requested approval of the Board to award their degrees. Dr. Boyd provided an overview of the requirements and approvals required for graduation, noting that all of the proposed candidates have met, or will meet these requirements by the end of summer term. The candidates were vetted by their Department, the Registrar, and approved by voting action of the Faculty Senate.

Motion to approve the updated August graduation list by Trustee Starzer; seconded by Trustee Truly. Approved 5-0.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines approves the attached graduation lists.

Approval of Tenure recommendations Dr. Boyd requested approval of the recommendations for tenure for two new faculty members. Materials were previously presented to and reviewed by the Board electronically.

Motion to approve the tenure recommendations by Trustee Haddon; seconded by Trustee Salazar. Approved 5-0.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines approves the following recommendations of promotion and/or tenure:

Tenure at Hire:

Mohsen Zaeem (Mechanical Engineering): Associate Professor with Tenure

Dean Nieuwma (Division of Engineering, Design, and Society): Associate Professor with Tenure

Sabbatical request Dr. Boyd provided background for the out-of-cycle sabbatical request for CEE Professor Tissa Illangasekare, who is seeking approval for sabbatical leave next spring semester to work with colleagues at the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Boyd noted that Dr. Illangasekare's sabbatical request has the support of his department, the College Dean, and the Provost. Dr. Boyd reviewed our practices for out-of-cycle sabbatical requests, and recommended that the Board approve the sabbatical request.

Motion to approve by Haddon; seconded by Trustee Truly. Approved 5-0.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines approves the following for sabbaticals for the term(s) indicated.

Comcast Indemnification Contract Ms. Volpi provided information on a proposed contract between Mines and Comcast that includes an indemnification provision. The purpose of this agreement is to provide internet and phone services to the warehouse for the Water Resource Center that will be run by Dr. Tzahi Cath. Ms. Volpi noted that due diligence, and internal risk assessment was done. It was determined that other options would require additional costs, and risks associated with this contract are relatively minimal. Ms. Volpi is also requesting the Board's support for a blanket approval to enter into Comcast agreements that include indemnification provisions for future telephone, internet and television services, provided that Mines management performs the necessary and appropriate due diligence in connection with each agreement.

Motion to approve by Trustee Salazar; seconded by Trustee Haddon. Approved 5-0.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Colorado School of Mines approves agreeing to the indemnification language in the Comcast Business Services Customer Terms and Conditions, and authorizes the President or his appropriate delegate to execute this Agreement or any similar agreement with Comcast in the future.

b. Discussion Items


USGS update Ms. Volpi provided a brief update on the progress of the USGS building and Cooperative agreement. She noted management has been working with an outside firm on planning the building. A first draft of that plan was sent to the State yesterday as required; a final plan will be submitted by the end of August. She provided a status update on the planning process, noting that the building size has grown to approximately 186,000 gross square feet and increased in price to approximately \$142 million. Ms. Volpi noted that this amount does not include the needed parking garage or utilities infrastructure, which may result in a total cost in the range of \$165 to \$170 million. Ms. Volpi, President Johnson and representatives from the planning firm will be meeting with USGS Director Jim Reilly next week to discuss the specifics of the draft building plan. She noted that the submission to the State included a 30% (or \$42 million) request for funding, and she is working with USGS to secure a financial commitment, likely for the fit out of the building.

Ms. Volpi provided an update on the status of the anticipated Cooperative Agreement noting, it passed through the first level of approval by the Department of the Interior and is moving through required second level of federal approval. She noted Mines is working with an outside communications consultant to develop the marketing and communication strategies associated with this project. There was discussion regarding the increase in cost and Ms. Volpi provided information regarding the basis for the increase: inclusion of an Isotope lab; rising construction costs; and the assignment of more full-time USGS employees to this facility than originally anticipated.

1:35 p.m. Motion by Trustee Haddon to move into Executive Session to discuss a potential donor gift and property acquisition, and related legal advice. Seconded by Trustee Salazar.

1:46 p.m. Motion to adjourn Executive Session and move back to regular session by Trustee Salazar.

There being no further business, the regular meeting adjourned.


Anne Stark Walker, Secretary