

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Workman 101 - 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to order and approval of minutes

Dr. Brian Borchers called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm with a call for approval of the March 1, 2016 minutes.

Dr. Bill Stone moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Anwar Hossain. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Short announcements

1. Bukowski Memorial Service – Brian Borchers

Dr. Brian Borchers announced that there will be a memorial service for Dr. Art Bukowski on Wednesday at 3:00 pm in Macey Center.

2. SRS – Lisa Majkowski

Lisa Majkowski announced that the Student Research Symposium will be on Thursday, April 7 at Macey Center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There will be over 100 presentations with every department being represented. There will be over 200 students presenting with close to 80 posters. Business cards have been provided for students to hand out. For graduation, there will be special honor cords with a laser cut SRS medallion for students to wear. Lisa also noted that they are in need of a few more reviewers. Dr. Van Romero will be sponsoring a VIP tour of MRO with a barbeque dinner for reviewers. There are four spaces left for reviewers.

3. Safe Space Training – Ryder Fox

Ryder Fox announced as the President of QuASAR, he is working with the CLASS department to offer a Safe Space Training. Discussions will be held on diverse populations and how we can encourage more dialog. Certifications will be presented.

4. Langmuir Award – Frank Huang

Dr. Frank Huang announced a call out for Langmuir Award nominations. The deadline has been extended to April 15. Submit the nomination letter along with supporting documents to him electronically. The final package will be posted on the Faculty Senate website. Voting will be held during the May Faculty Senate meeting.

5. Physics – Richard Sonnenfeld

Dr. Richard Sonnenfeld announced that we may be short a section each of Physics 1 & 2 during the fall semester. Students are encouraged if possible to take these courses during the summer session.

3. Senate Committees

4. Council of Chairs – Warren Ostergren

Dr. Warren Ostergren noted that they are several action items from the council of chairs meeting.

a. High School HiSet Test – Tony Ortiz

Tony Ortiz announced that the Public Education Department has approved an additional option for students to take in regards to high school equivalency as they do the GED. The statement added that will be added to the catalog states “HiSet combined score of 75 or greater to demonstrate College and Career readiness.”

Sara Grijalva noted that they will review the catalog to make sure there is no language barring an applicant from appealing to the Academic Standards and Admission Committee if they have a low HiSet score.

Dr. Borchers noted as this motion is coming from the Council of Chairs, it does not need a second. Motion passed.

b. Degree Option Names – Sara Grijalva

Sara Grijalva discussed a list summary of names for all options/specializations. In an effort to standardize the language, the undergraduate degree in Mineral Engineering will change from “emphasis” to “option”.

Dr. Borchers noted as this motion is coming from the Council of Chairs, it does not need a second. Motion passed.

c. Academic Honesty Policy – Peter Mozley

Dr. Peter Mozley announced that currently the Academic Honesty Policy is scattered about. It is in two places in the catalog. It is referenced in the undergraduate and graduate catalog. Dr. Mozley is proposing to have the policy in a single location in a combined form as a Student Handbook. Dr. Mozley noted that we are in the process of revising this policy, including adding an honor code that is part of the Strategic Plan. Dr. Mozley noted that he and Dr. Liebrock will be merging the Graduate and Undergraduate into one handbook this summer.

Dr. Mozley moved to accept this change. Motion passed.

5. Report of Graduate Council – Lorie Liebrock

a. Math – Lorie Liebrock

Dr. Lorie Liebrock discussed the number of credits for the mathematics 5 year MS/BS changed from 158 to 150. Dr. Liebrock moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

b. New Pre-Degree Major – Lorie Liebrock

Dr. Lorie Liebrock is proposing to create a pre-degree major for special graduate students. Dr. Liebrock moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

c. Master of Science Teachers Catalog Changes – Mark Samuels

Dr. Mark Samuels discussed the MST changes. Dr. Samuels moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

d. Master of Engineering Management Catalog Changes - Frank Reinow

Dr. Frank Reinow discussed the engineering management changes. Dr. Reinow moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

e. Computer Science Catalog Changes – Lorie Liebrock

Dr. Lorie Liebrock discussed the computer science changes. Dr. Liebrock moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

f. Mineral Engineering Catalog Changes – Navid Mojtabai

Dr. Navid Mojtabai discussed the mineral engineering changes. Dr. Mojtabai moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

g. Mechanical Engineering Catalog Changes – Andrei Zagrai

Dr. Andrei Zagrai discussed the mechanical engineering changes. A friendly amendment was made for further discussion to consider the formula funding for part 1. Dr. Zagrai moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

h. Materials Engineering Catalog Changes – Nikolai Kalugin

Dr. Nikolai Kalugin discussed the materials engineering changes. Dr. Kalugin moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

8. Discussion

9. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm by unanimous decision.