

# NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 2011

Workman 101 - 4:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to order and approval of minutes

Chair Dave Raymond called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm with a call for approval of the November 3, 2011 minutes.

Dr. Brian Borchers moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Michael Hargather. Motion passed unanimously.

### 2. Short announcements

#### 1. Honesty Update - Peter Moyley

Dr. Peter Moyley announced that there has been a dramatic increase in traffic regarding cheating and plagiarism. There has been a record setting year for 2011 with the most violation in the history of our institution. This is a part of our core value for our strategic plan. Dr. Moyley has been working with the Academic Standards and Admission Committee on brainstorming ideas to reduce the number of cases. One idea was to create a fact sheet for students to make them realize our "zero tolerance" policy on cheating. Another idea was to create a better practice handbook for faculty. Homework assignments are the number one issue that he sees (here is uncertainty in the eye) of the student, so faculty need to get the role in the classroom and let students know. Also, all action of classes need to be informed in terms of catching students, we now have a subscription to Chegg. If faculty would like to see the Chegg solution to a homework assignment, send an email with to Dr. Moyley.

One of the products of our SAC accreditation effort in the spring was to come up with a more uniform and organized manner to handle student issues that go to academic affairs. We now have a new policy where, periodically Dr. Moyley will report the number to faculty senate. This was provided that listed the concern and complaint from spring 2011 to fall 2011. These fell into two broad categories relative to complaint about faculty and students. These issues are really resolved a lot more often than a communication issue (the other relate to various policy appeals).

#### 2. Graduate Education Day - Peter Moyley

Dr. Moyley reported on the Graduate Education Day for Dr. Forrester / Broc / Broc. Dr. Forrester / Broc need nomination of students to participate in this event. Students will meet with the legislator and have the opportunity to give a short presentation on their research project on February 6th.

&. Highlights of Regents Meeting ! Dave Raymond

Dr# Dave Raymond reported on the recent Board of Regents meeting. The main concern was to transmit to the Regents the concern of the faculty that the 120 hour is a slippery slope (the reaction from the Regents was good (they are not in favor of reducing all programs) to 120 hour + student Regent (they have) talked to "student" and they feel strongly about not reducing the number of credit hours. Dr# , "tergren presented an update on our effort to streamline our program with (making) changes (the \$HD program) in 7iotechnology and Mechanical Engineering were approved by the Regents (the contractor) have been "elected for the Chemistry building and the architect for the 8one". All initiatives (the Regents) have been discussing building a new \$reidential residence (the decision is to) keep the "same" house and build another next to it with a target for one million (they are trying to arrange a loan from the (each) foundation for funding / a"tly, regarding the \$reidential Research Committee, they have roughly 3 applications which have been classified into three categories: \*, 7 ; C# \$hone interview" will be held with the =\*> applicant#

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Dr# Darren , "tergren reported that he along with Regent \$eacoc), Regent 3on&ale", and \$reident / ope& reported to an . 4D meeting with Cabinet +ecretary 7arbara Damron, Dep!ty +ecretary \*ndrew 8acob"on, and (revor Crombie who is) the 3overnor" Dep!ty# (the meeting provided an opportunity to talk) about our initiative for accelerating graduation and improving retention# We have taken more of a deliberate approach and have talked a lot about the 120 credit hour# We have done a lot of data analysis" a" a result of a "i9 "igma team# We have received input from faculty, staff, alumni, and "student"# We didn't move out too -!ic)ly in terms of making any change", because we wanted our change" to be data driven rather than arbitrary# Dr# , "tergren reported that the meeting went extremely well# , !r Regents have gotten pre"re d!e to N% ( talking) longer# . However, they appreciate the time we have spent on "t!dying thi"# We will continue to move forward with our initiative# We have decided to focus" on five or "i9 )ey initiative" right now because it will be a lot of work) to 5!"t implement them# We will be discussing" the with you! a" we try to implement them#

&. Senate Committee Reports

1. Space Committee + \*liver )ingenter, "aul - rendt

Dr# , liver )ingenter reported on behalf of the Space Committee which is a new hybrid committee# (the committee's) main focus" is to try to find new faculty member" office" along with having a "space crunch, which they are trying to alleviate# Dr# )ingenter discussed recent and ongoing action"# ' (C will consolidate into 3old# \*C (plan" to move near , +/- in +pare# (hey would like) to give the chemical engineering department its own identity# (the Space Committee also) need" help# Despite having "space created by construction of the new 7!rea! building, much of the vacated "space is" unavailable !ntil the old building is) demolished, and the new Chemistry building is) built in its) place# (hen when Chemistry is) finally out of 8one", 8one" will be receiving a new roof# We need to )now how to !"e thi" "pace# We need one or more large departments to move into there# (the committee would like) the faculty here to talk) to their department chair" regarding thi"# \*rchitect" need to "start drafting plan" for the remodel# \* new -!e"tionnaire will be "ent out in 8an!ary# \*!o, please) consider

loaning out any space which can be shared (al) to Dr. Dale .enne) if interested in a shared clean room or a shared vapor lab

2. Computing on Campus Committee ! Brian Borchers

Dr. Brian Borchers reported on the computing on campus committee. Anticipated conversion to Google email is now set for Spring 2017. Degree 0 or) will be

d. Mechanical Engineering Department Changes ! - Andrei Bagrai  
Dr. Andrei Bagrai moved to accept the Mechanical Engineering  
department change position

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