

# NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Thursday, May 10, 2018

Workman 101 10:00 a.m.

## Minutes

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

Chair Tom Kieft called the meeting to order at 10:04 am with a call for approval of the April 3, 2018 minutes. Dr. Brian Borchers moved to accept these, seconded by Dr. Bill Stone.

### 2. Short announcements

Sara Grijalva announced that Commencement is this Saturday at 9:00 am. Faculty need to report at 8:30am on the east of the gym.

### 3. Approval of Graduate Degrees

Sara Grijalva presented the May 2018 undergraduate and graduate list. Dr. Lorie Liebrock stated that for several graduate students their defense is done and they are walking but they are not being conferred so they are not on this list.

Dr. Kieft called for approval of the May 2018 graduate list. Motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Awards

- a. Brown Award
- b. Cramer Award
- c. Langmuir Award
- d. Founders Award

An executive session was held where the senate approved these awards for the 2018 commencement.

Dr. Liebrock requested to have Academic Affairs send out congratulatory notes to all students who were nominated but did not receive an award.

### 5. Report of Council of Chairs – *Doug Wells*

#### a. Biology Catalog Changes

Dr. Duval discussed the Biology catalog changes for undergraduate and graduate courses. Moved and approved unanimously.

#### b. Materials Engineering Catalog Changes

Dr. John McCoy discussed the Materials Engineering catalog changes. The changes include the following statement above the actual list of required courses: *“In addition to the General Education Core Curriculum, the following courses are required and may not be taken on a S/U basis”*.

It was brought up that students cannot graduate with an S/U but they can with a D or C-. Discussion was held with the conclusion that there is a much broader issue of consistency with the rules. This can become a problem when students change their majors. Dr. Borchers moved to send back to Council of Chairs and come up with a common approach for this, seconded by Dr. Fred Phillips Motion passed with several nays.

## **6. Report of Graduate Council – *Lorie Liebrock***

### **a. Proposal for Graduate Certificate in Technology Leadership**

Dr. Reinow stated that this is for students interested in getting a certificate in place of getting a Master's degree. The entire certificate can count towards a Master's degree if the student stays.

Motion moved and approved unanimously.

### **b. Modifications for PhD in Computer Science**

Dr. Liebrock stated that this program for many years has been our least rigorous PhD program in regards to documentation. The department is bringing this up to a more appropriate standard from their prospective.

Motion moved and approved unanimously.

### **c. ENGINE**

One change this year is the amount of times you can contact a student. The graduate office will contact them once and faculty can only contact them an additional three times unless the student states that they are interested.

### **d. Grad student summer tuition**

Dr. Liebrock stated that the chairs and graduate students have been informed of this. Students have had budgeting problems with summer tuition because their graduate deferment plans for paying their summer tuition was coming out of four pay checks. The Graduate Office has worked with both payroll and student accounts that if students have their contracts completed by the 13, they will have it distributed out of five paychecks instead of four.

## **7. Committee Reports**

### **a. Student Discipline Committee and Faculty Senate Title IX Review Team**

Dr. Doug Wells stated that Dr. Peter Phaiiah is looking for an endorsement for four propositions that deal with Title IX issues. This is internally supported by the committee.

1. Change the name of the student discipline committee to the student conduct committee. The goal is to have one process and one pool that deals with all disciplinary matters.

2. Add four staff members to the student discipline committee. The idea is that each VP would put somebody on it.

3. Due process for faculty in cases of gender based discrimination would be

resolved by same process for all employees. There is a policy coming out of the Academic Tenure & Freedom Committee on how to deal with faculty cases dealing with tenure in some circumstances. Dr. Wells argues that this should stay and this is not the intention of this proposition. The reasons for tenure are primarily so faculty can say provocative things particularly for humanities and social sciences. We become vulnerable if we don't treat them differently. This is part of our job to challenge people and say provocative things.

4. Lastly, the student conduct committee would change to the NMT conduct committee so it is broader than just students.

Dr. Wells stated that this will be a long hard process to get this right. Peter Phaiah would like to know if we agree with these principles first before we vote on any policies. Discussion was held that it is premature to vote even on principle until we know more about the process and see more in depth information.

Dr. Borchers moved to send this back to the committee and come back to us in the fall. Additionally, we need to see something in writing and it is too premature right now. This was seconded by Dr. Ken Minschwaner. Motion passed.

## **8. Old Business**

## **9. New Business**

## **10. Discussion**

## **11. Adjournment.**

By unanimous decision the faculty senate adjourned at 12:26pm.