

31 March 2011

Minutes of Fall All Faculty Meeting

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Attendance

Dr. Shirley, Dr. Antonen, Dr. McReynolds, Dr. Dreyer, Dr. Drobnak, Dr. Goss, Dr. Corwin, Dr. Riley, Dr. Logar, Dr. Matejick, Dr. Teets, Dr. Kowalski, Dr. Cross, Dr. Ellingsen, Dr. Boyles, Dr. Boysen, Dr. Sundareshwar, and Dr. Hower

Agenda

1. President Wharton will visit the Faculty Senate meeting in April
2. Smoke Free Campus Initiative
 - SDSM&T University Cabinet Policy banning all Tobacco products in the 2nd reading
 - Discussion regarding Faculty support for such a ban
 - Opposed to the policy on “libertarian grounds”
 - Consider designated areas? Mixed support unless the area is your own
 - The updated policy is attached at the end of this document
 - Student Senate Resolution generally supports the new tobacco policy
3. Student Senate Resolution regarding campus advising
 - Required meetings between students and advisors forced contact and current practices have decreased the contact
 - Difficult to find out the rules, practices, and policies regarding advising and degree audits/requirements
 - Suggestion to restart the Peer Advisor Program
4. Catalog Update – Curricular Requirements
 - Proposed change is attached at the end of this document
 - Goal to define requirements and clarify expectation/requirements
 - Create curricular and graduation requirement transparency
 - What constitutes a natural science?
 - Why does this section of the catalog be required as each program clearly states the requirements in the program description section?
 - Do we need institutional requirements or can we let the departments control their program?

 - Do we as the Faculty have standards for graduation beyond the SDBOR requirements?

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

POLICY

In order to protect and promote the health and comfort of college students, employees and visitors, tobacco use of any kind is prohibited on the entire interior of the campus including campus buildings, residence halls, and parking lots. Tobacco use is allowed in personal vehicles in designated parking lots on the perimeter of campus. No sale or give away or other promotion of tobacco products is allowed on campus.

RATIONALE & PROCEDURES

A. Philosophy

SDSMT is committed to providing a clean, safe and healthy environment for all students and employees.

B. Definition

For purposes of this policy tobacco means any substance or item, in any form, containing tobacco. The university will treat the use, possession or promotion of all forms of nicotine-containing products or nicotine delivery devices, which may or may not include actual tobacco, as a violation of this policy, provided the product or device is not part of an individual's cessation program.

C. Dissemination

To promote compliance, students, faculty, staff and the public shall be notified of the university's tobacco-free policy. Notification procedures shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Summaries of this policy and relevant regulations shall be placed in the student, faculty and staff handbooks.
2. New employee and student orientation programs.
3. In admissions applications materials and other campus documents when appropriate.
4. Sufficient signage shall be placed in appropriate locations throughout the university campus.
5. Event programs and similar documents that are often viewed by visitors shall contain a notification of the policy.
6. When appropriate, announcements about the university's policy will be made prior to or during university events.

D. Cessation Programs and Services

South Dakota provides services to assist with discontinuing tobacco use by contacting the SD Quits Hotline at 1-800-SD-QUITS; information is also available on the web: <https://southdakota.quitlogix.org/>.

E. Policy Enforcement

1. Enforcement of this policy will depend upon the thoughtfulness, consideration and cooperation of all faculty, staff, and students not only to comply with this policy, but also to encourage others to comply

with this policy, in order to promote a clean, safe, and healthy environment in which to work, study, and live.

2. In the case of a violation, the person will be informed of the University Tobacco Free Policy. Should that person continue to violate the policy, the aggrieved party should contact the appropriate office: for university employees, Human Resources; for students, the Student Conduct Office; and for those not associated with the university, Campus Safety.
3. Sanctions will include but are not limited to verbal and/or written warnings, fines and community service.

D. Ceremonial Use Exception

The tobacco-free policy may not apply to specific activities used in connection with the practice of cultural activities by American Indians that are in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. 1996 and 1996a, all ceremonial use exceptions must be approved in advance by the institutional president, or designee.

Originated by: Student Association Senate
Presented by: Chris Dale

Whereas: It has been brought to the attention of the Student Association Senate that the quality of academic advising students currently experience varies widely and is of great concern, especially to those who receive poor, little, or no advising, and

Noting: For the purposes of this resolution quality is defined as being marked by a concentrated expenditure of involvement, concern, or commitment that meets the highest standards of measure, and

Whereas: The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology currently has no formal and transparent process for assessing the performance of academic advising across the university, and

Noting: Many students on campus have expressed concern regarding their experiences with academic advising or with their advisors, and

Whereas: The absence of a well-defined university process for assessing the quality of academic advising across the university is not supportive of identifying those practices which are highly successful or harmful to student success and does not ensure that all students receive the highest quality academic advising, and

Noting: The prominence of "Focusing on continuous quality improvement that assures the highest academic standards..." as one of the five Strategic Priorities of the University, and

Whereas: Inquiring into and measuring the effectiveness of academic advising is necessary for improving advising and maintaining a sustainable and highly successful academic advising program, and

Noting: The quality of academic advising can directly impact student success and retention,

Therefore:

Be it resolved by a majority vote of the Student Senate and the signature of the Student Association President that the Student Senate requests that the administration of the South Dakota Schools of Mines and Technology formulate an academic advising committee that will execute an in-depth and transparent evaluation of academic advising and submit recommendations to the administration for the improvement of academic advising across the University, and that this be made a top priority of the administration.

1st READING _____ **Y** ____ **N** ____ **A** ____
2nd READING _____ **Y** ____ **N** ____ **A** ____

PRESIDENT'S
SIGNATURE _____ **DATE SIGNED** _____

Proposed (replaces below statements in the catalog)

Curricular Requirements

Each Bachelor of Science program is required to have a curriculum that satisfies the requirement of the accreditation of the respective degree program. Additionally, the curriculum for each BS degree must satisfy the general education core requirements of the South Dakota Board of Regents. Bachelor of Science degree programs must also satisfy the following requirements:

- a. Thirty-two (32) credit hours of the required credits must be a combination of college-level mathematics (College Algebra and above) and natural sciences appropriate to the program. Additionally, each Bachelor of Science graduate is required to complete Calculus I (Math 123).
- b. Each Bachelor of Science graduate must complete a minimum of 3 credits of upper division humanities or social sciences coursework.

Each program shall determine the appropriate courses for its curriculum subject to approval through the university curricular review process culminating with approval by the Faculty Senate.

Replaces:

Curricular Requirements

All Bachelor of Science programs require the general education core requirements as described earlier. Other requirements for each degree are determined by the faculty in each program, with approval through the university curriculum approval process. Some of these other program requirements are common to most or all programs offered at School of Mines. These include

- A. Mathematical Sciences: all programs, with the exception of interdisciplinary science, geology and mining engineering, require a minimum of 16 credit hours of mathematics at the level of calculus and above.
- B. Basic Sciences: minimum of 16 credit hours –
CHEM 112, 112L, PHYS 211, and PHYS 213 are required for all engineering curricula.
- C. Humanities and social sciences: minimum of 15 or sixteen 16 credit hours - This subject area must include six credits in humanities and 6 credits in social sciences. The number required for each major is listed in the department section of the catalog. Students majoring in engineering must complete at least three of these credits at an advanced level.