

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2018
(McKeel Room)

Call to Order

Chair Thomas Montoya called the meeting to order at 10:52am.

Roll Call

Senators present: Drs. Haley Armstrong (HUM), Xinhui Bai (PHYS), Andrea Brickey (MEM), William Cross (METE), David Gilley (CABS), Randy Hoover (ECE), Frank Matejcik (IE), Todd Menkaus (CBE), Kayla Pritchard (SS), and Thomas Montoya (Chair). Also attending: Drs. Mengistu Geza Nisrani (CEE) for Sen. Marc Robinson and Nickolaus M Bruno (ME) for Sen. Albert Romkes.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 10, 2018 and September 13, 2018 meetings of the Faculty Senate were approved by voice vote.

Report from the Chair

- Election of Faculty Senate Secretary- Dr. Romkes was nominated and elected by voice vote in abstentia.
- Travis Kowalski (Chair) is looking for a faculty member to serve on the Commencement Committee. Can be nominations from departments.- Sen. Armstrong spoke that it is not too bad of a time commitment. Senators agreed to consult with the faculty in their departments
- We need a webmaster for the Faculty Senate webpage <https://www.sdsmt.edu/Academics/Faculty/Faculty-Senate/> to update membership, committees, minutes, latest COHE document(s),

Old Business

- A. GenEd Goal 1 & 2 changes (done? See new Gen Ed requirements document attached or at <http://ecatalog.sdsmt.edu/content.php?catoid=17&navoid=3673>)
- B. Provost- SDSMT Policy II-9-3 Academic Appeals changes (done, copy attached, first reading at University Cabinet 10-10-2018)
- C. Faculty Senate Committee assignments (done, copy attached)
- D. Time limits for undergraduate degree completion (in-progress w/ Academic Affairs Committee)- not discussed
- E. Proposed P&T dossier preparation edits (Dr. Cross)- briefly discussed history and recollections of action(s) last year. Sen Menkaus volunteered to inquire about status with Dr. Frank Van Nuys and report back.

New Business

- A. Dr. Rankin is recommending Larry Pearson and Karen Swindler (posthumous) for honorary doctorates at the fall commencement. See attached bios.

Nominations were approved by voice vote without dissent. President's Office notified 10-15-2018.

- B. From Robb Winter: "Per SDSMT Policy IV-17 I am requesting you to bring forward to the Faculty Senate the CBE Faculty's unanimous (by vote) recommendation to award Jan Puszynski, Emeritus Faculty status upon his retirement next year. Jan's contribution to SDSMT and to the profession of Chemical Engineering have been outstanding and merit such recognition."

No motion or vote. Senate requested a nomination letter from CBE.

- C. Consider courses approved at the October 4, 2018 UCC meeting. Invited Tim Brenza to answer any questions about BME.

Sen. Cross discussed 10-4-2018 UCC items from BME (http://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/cgi-bin/global/a_bus_card.cgi?SiteID=424039). Dr. Tim Brenza discussed history of BME program development. BME will be under the Nano program for administration. UCC items were approved by voice vote.

- D. Is there a 'buyout' policy at SDSM&T? No action

- E. Invite Registrar to discuss Incomplete Grade Contracts (next meeting)? No action

Other?

Need to schedule a fall all-faculty meeting. Senators asked to propose topics. One idea is to invite President to discuss University Strategic Plan.

Adjourn

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 11:55 am.