

Minutes of the Faculty Senate Meeting
Thursday, November 8, 2018- Approved 1/17/2019
(McKeel Room)

Call to Order

Faculty Senate Chair, Dr. Thomas Montoya, calls the meeting to order at 10:54am.

Roll Call

Senators present: Drs. Haley Armstrong (HUM), Xinhua Bai (PHYS), Karen Braman (MATH/CSC), Andrea Brickey (MEM), William Cross (METE), Randy Hoover (ECE), Frank Matejcek (IE), Todd Menkaus (CBE), Thomas Montoya (Chair), Kayla Pritchard (SS), Albert Romkes (ME, Secretary), and William Capehart for Marc Robinson (CEE).

Also attending: Drs. Maribeth Price (Dean of Graduate Studies), Jon Kellar (MET), and Jeffrey Woldstad (IENG).

Approval of Agenda

The agenda is approved by voice vote.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 11, 2018, meeting of the Faculty Senate is approved by voice vote.

Report from the Chair

- The fall semester All Faculty Meeting is scheduled for Monday November 19, 2018, in CB 204E from 5-6pm. President Rankin has been invited to discuss the University Strategic Plan and the recruitment of students from local high schools
- The Faculty Senate needs a new webmaster for its webpage (<https://www.sdsmt.edu/Academics/Faculty/Faculty-Senate/>) and update the current listed information regarding: membership, committees, minutes, latest COHE document(s). Dr. Xinhua Bai kindly volunteered.

Old Business

- A. Travis Kowalski, Chair, University Commencement Committee: request for the nomination of a faculty member to serve on the committee. Dr. Vladimir L Sobolev (PHYS) is asked to serve.

- B. Dr. Robb Winter, CBE Department Head: request, per SDSMT Policy IV-17, to bring forward to the Faculty Senate the CBE Faculty's unanimous recommendation to award Dr Jan Puszynski Emeritus Faculty Status. "Dr. Puszynski's contributions to SDSMT and to the profession of Chemical Engineering have been outstanding and merit such recognition." A support letter and copy of the CV of Dr. Puszynski is provided. Motion made, seconded, and approved unanimously by voice vote.

- C. Academic Affairs Committee: motion to approve its proposal for time limits for undergraduate degree completion. Approved (after minor amendment) by voice vote.
- D. Drs. William Cross and Todd Menkhaus: update on proposed P&T dossier preparation edits. Currently in discussion with Dr. Frank Van Nuys (last year's senator who addressed P&T dossier amendments) regarding the proposed inclusion of Google Scholar Citation Index into the P&T dossier for faculty with >30% research.
- E. BoR change in degree requirements: short discussion about the response by Dr. Paul B. Beran, Executive Director and CEO, South Dakota Board of Regents for Higher Education, to issues raised at 10-2-2018 meeting with Faculty Senate.

New Business

- A. Dr. Jon Kellar: request that the Faculty Senate discuss the topic of tuition reduction for children of faculty and staff, as well as consider making a recommendation to the Administration. The request carries the consensus of the Faculty Senate. However, it is not clear what funding mechanism should be proposed. The Faculty Senate Chair will introduce the topic at the next Executive Council meeting as well as at the upcoming All Faculty Meeting (Nov. 19, 2018).
- B. Dr. Maribeth Price, Dean of Graduate Studies: request to approve the MS/PhD graduation list. Motion made, seconded, and approved by voice vote.
- C. University Curriculum Committee: motion to approve a list of courses (see http://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/cgi-bin/global/a_bus_card.cgi?SiteID=424038) as well as an Intent to Plan for a Program for an IE MS degree. Approved by voice vote.
- D. Faculty Senate Chair: per the Degrees Committee Charter, the Faculty Senate nominates the 4 faculty members that serve on the committee. Dr. Judy Sneller has retired and needs to be replaced. The Faculty Senate Chair will send out an email to the SDSMT faculty to invite nominations.

Other Business: None.

Adjourn

The Faculty Senate adjourned at 11:57am.