

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to order

Chair Mike Hargather called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm with a call for approval of the April 6, 2021 minutes.

2. Approval of minutes

Dr. Taylor Dotson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Anwar Hossain. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Doug Wells Update

Dr. Wells congratulated faculty awarded tenure and promotion to the Associate rank:

- Dr. Ben Duval, Biology
- Dr. Sanchari Chowdhury, Chemical
- Dr. Yulia Mikhailova, CLASS
- Dr. Praveen Patidar, Chemistry
- Stewart Thompson, CLASS

Dr. Wells congratulated faculty awarded promotion to the full professor rank:

- Dr. Corey Leclerc, Chemical Engineering
- Dr. Tan Nguyen, Petroleum Engineering
- Dr. Dongwan Shin, Computer Science & Engineering
- Dr. Steve Simpson, CLASS
- Dr. Jun Zheng, Computer Science & Engineering

4. Reports of Senate Standing Committees

action

5. Council of Chairs Report – *Doug Wells*

action

a. Business Management

Dr. Haoying Wang discussed the Bachelor of Arts in Business Management degree. Dr. Wang stated that 15 credit hours will be chosen from the field of management. Students are also required to take an additional 9 credit hours from upper-division MGT and ECON courses. Students are required to take an additional six credit hours in MATH in addition to the Gen Ed requirements. This degree will have 62 credits required in its field with some double dipping allowed which reduced it to 53 credits and will leave 7-13 free credits.

Friendly amendment was made to edit sample curriculum MATH 2420 to have it list elective MATH course and add major in-between required classes (last bullet).

Motion was moved and passed with 2 no's and 4 abstentions.

b. Chemistry

Dr. Sally Pias discussed the Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry degree.

Foreign language was considered being changed to non-English for the language requirement. However, this needs more clarification “catalog-wide” and will be left as is.

There was also some concern regarding Biology/Psychology. A suggestion was to make a minor option without too much complication in the future.

Friendly amendment was made to add “BA” to Area 5 institute requirements.

Motion was moved and passed with 3 no's and 3 abstentions for approval of the Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry degree.

c. Earth & Environmental Science

Dr. Dan Jones discussed the Bachelor of Arts in Earth Sciences degree. Dr. Jones stated that this degree is written in a way that encompasses the recently new BA Institute requirements while preserving . More flexibility was added by removing the field camp requirement that is required with the B.S. degree and reducing the elective requirements.

Correction was made from 12 credits hours to 9 under earth science electives.

Motion was moved and passed with two no's for approval of the Bachelor of Arts in Earth Sciences degree.

Dr. Harrison discussed some minor catalog changes including change EARTH prefixes to GEOL. Correction was made from this change to take effect in Fall 2022 to as soon as possible as this may be changed in Spring 2022.

Motion was moved and approved. Motion passed with one abstention for approval of catalog changes.

6. Graduate Council Report – Aly El-Osery

action

a. Computer Science

Dr. Clint Jeffery discussed the PhD language change for Computer Science section of the catalog.

Motion was moved and approved. Motion passed with one abstention.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Faculty Senate Standing Rules – *Mike Hargather* action

Dr. Hargather stated that this change is to finish implementing the curriculum committee that was previously approved.

Additionally, there was a correction added under VII. A. that states, “ex officio committee members do not have voting rights unless explicitly granted in the committee descriptions”.

Dr. Hargather moved to approve, seconded by Dr. Borchers.

Motion passed with 2 abstentions for approval of the changes to the Faculty Senate Standing Rules.

8. New Business

action

9. Announcements

a. Required textbooks for Fall 2021 to Bookstore – *Mike Hargather*

Dr. Hargather announced to faculty to be sure that all textbooks are submitted. He also reminded faculty that grades are due at noon tomorrow.

b. Faculty Senate

Dr. Hargather announced that we will hold our next Faculty Senate on Thursday at 3:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

By unanimous decision, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 4:47 pm.