

Mines & Metallurgy Academy Meeting  
Thursday, April 19, 2012  
Residential College 2 (RC2) Lower Level Meeting Room

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Keith Wedge, Academy Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. and greeted the Academy members. Also introduced were four new inductees: Dennis Croessmann, Phillip Ferguson, Philip McPherson, and Ricky Martin. Mary Bird, representing the Missouri S&T Development Office, was also welcomed to the meeting.

Those attending were:

Keith Wedge, Academy Chair  
Ted Ruppert, Vice Chairman  
Dianna Tickner  
Dick Bullock  
Curt Elmore  
Mike McCall  
John Bartel  
Delbert Day  
Wayne Huebner  
Ralph Flori  
John Borthwick  
Edwin Goetemann  
Mike Moats  
Chris Ramsay  
Jerry Bersett  
Paul Lang  
Lee Powell  
George Taylor  
Greg Skannal

Representatives of Missouri S&T:

Mary Bird, Sr. Development Officer  
Samuel Frimpong, Chairman, Mining and Nuclear Engineering  
Ralph Flori, Chairman, Geological Sciences & Engineering  
Wayne Huebner, Chairman, Materials Science & Engineering  
Dr. William Fahrenholtz, Professor of Ceramic Engineering  
Dr. Runar Nygaard, Assistant Professor of Geological Sciences and Engineering  
Mark Plummer – Senior, Geological Engineering  
Judy Russell, Administrative Assistant, Mining Engineering

Dr. Dennis Croessmann (candidate for induction)  
Dr. Phillip Ferguson (candidate for induction)  
Mr. Philip McPherson (candidate for induction)  
Mr. Ricky Martin (candidate for induction)

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There was a brief discussion of the October 2011 minutes. Ted Ruppert made a motion to approve the minutes and Jerry Bersett seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously without change.

**Executive Committee Reports:**

**Strategic Planning Committee:** By Ralph Flori

A planning meeting was held in St. Louis on April 6<sup>th</sup> and hosted by Jerry Bersett. Minutes are attached. The following points were discussed:

- Vision 2020; Department and Program Strategic Planning
- Funding for some of the strategic planning projects
- Potential return to Dean's with arrival of a new chancellor
  - Academy Endowment of the position?
  - Endow Professorship
  - Equipment needs
- Where will we be 10 years from now? McNutt houses 6 of our 7 successful programs
  - Is a new building needed? – Our 6 programs in McNutt need more space

**Scholarship Committee - Student Affairs / Scholar Awards / Faculty Awards:**

Ted Ruppert, Committee Chair, reported that the Endowed Scholarship Account, which is housed in the alumni office, has a total balance of \$117,570.24. This includes income from Academy members and outgo of Scholar Awards that have been paid to date. The Operating Account, which is housed in the Department of Mining and Nuclear Engineering, has a balance of \$29,533.71 after deducting general purchases such as the miner statues, and supplies for our meetings. Our operating account balance will be allowed to grow to eventually provide funding for the Academy Scholars' watches. Seven Academy Scholars will be honored tonight. They will be presented with a watch and a \$500 award. Ted Ruppert will continue to donate the cost of the watches to allow the general operating account to grow.

Dick Hunt has resigned from this committee. A new member will be appointed to replace Dick.

**Presentation by Mary Bird, University Advancement**

- Mary provided updates regarding Missouri S&T Development status

**Jackling Report:**

Chris Ramsay, Committee Chair, had to leave early for another meeting – no report was given.

**Nominating Committee:** Greg Skannal, Committee Chair, reported that four of six candidates accepted: Dennis Croessmann, Phillip Ferguson, Philip McPherson, and Ricky Martin. Dr. Rebecca Johnson declined due to conflicts with her position at Fort Leonard Wood, and Tom Wetteroth was unable to attend due to scheduling conflict. He will be re-invited for Spring 2013.

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Current committee positions were discussed:

- Executive Committee – (2-year term) Perrin Roller and Chris Ramsay members since 4/22/2010
- Nominating Committee –
  - Recommended Additions – Ralph Flori
  - Long-serving members– Bob Brackbill (4/29/1999)  
Marvin Zeid (4/29/1999)
- Scholarship (Scholar Award) -
  - William Horst (resigned 2010)

Action: Officers of Academy will remain in their current positions with transition to new chancellor. Dr. Cheryl B. Schrader became chancellor of Missouri University of Science and Technology on April 2, 2012. Greg Skannal made a motion to approve the action and Del Day seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Presentation:**

Mark Plummer – Senior Geological Engineering student gave presentation of work supported by the Jackling Fund.

**Website update** –Faculty Awardees will be added to our website.

**Departmental Reports:**

Dr. Samuel Frimpong, Chairman, Mining and Nuclear Engineering  
Dr. Wayne Huebner, Chairman, Materials Science and Engineering  
Dr. Ralph Flori, Chairman, Geological Sciences and Engineering

**Presentations by Faculty Award Recipients**

Dr. William Fahrenholtz – Professor of Ceramic Engineering (Senior Faculty Member Honoree)  
Dr. Runar Nygaard – Assistant Professor of Geological Sciences and Engineering (Junior Faculty Member Honoree)

**Announcements**

University vans are made available for the afternoon tour of MO-SCI Corporation. The tour was hosted by Del Day.

Our evening reception will begin at 6:00 PM in McNutt Hall Commons, followed by the Award Dinner and Induction Ceremony.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, October 12, 2012 (Homecoming Weekend).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.