

Mines & Metallurgy Academy Meeting

Friday October 7, 2011

Missouri / Ozark Room in Havener

CALL TO ORDER:

Keith Wedge, Academy Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. He welcomed everyone including a special welcome to Mary Bird, our new representative from Advancement. Everyone introduced themselves.

Those attending were:

Keith Wedge, Academy Chair

Ted Ruppert, Vice Chairman

John Borthwick

Wayne Huebner

John Bartel

Curt Elmore

Paul Lang

Delbert Day

Don Kummer

Ed Goetemann

Kent Weisenstein

Ralph Flori

Chris Ramsay

Mike McCall

Jerry Bersett

Perrin Roller

George Taylor

Greg Skannal

John Farmer

Dolores Hinkle

Representatives of Missouri S&T:

Joan Nesbitt, Executive Vice Chancellor for University Advancement

Robert Schwartz, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs

Mary Bird, Sr. Development Officer

Samuel Frimpong, Chairman, Mining and Nuclear Engineering

Ralph Flori, Chairman, Geological Sciences & Engineering

Wayne Huebner, Chairman, Materials Science & Engineering

Judy Russell, Administrative Assistant, Mining Engineering

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

Executive Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Greg Skannal, Committee Chair, reports that we could have as many as 10-12 possible nominees. The two candidates that were not recommended last year have been placed into the second review – it is recommended to have more updated information on these two candidates. We did re-invite Al Powell; he declined for the next two years. Al has obligations for the next two years and is uncertain of his availability at this present time. Greg reminded the members that all information that is received on any of the candidates is kept on a confidential basis. Any of the candidates that are nominated need to have a continuing involvement with Missouri University of Science and Technology. Most of all – it is very important for us to keep to the timeline that was developed for the Nominating Committee.

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 \$109,272.86. 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 \$23,479.83 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. Ted gave a summary on the Academy Scholars that had been elected in the past years. At the time of the awards the Scholars are 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. Seventy one members have paid their voluntary dues. An update on equipment needs for research and to maintain quality education was requested from the department chairs.

Strategic Planning Committee:

Ralph Flori, Committee Chair, reported that the Chairs of the Departments (MSE, GSE, MNE) are all very interested in the "Vision 2020". Input from other members of the Academy would be appreciated. A Strategic Planning Committee meeting will be scheduled before our next meeting in April 2012.

Jackling Report:

Chris Ramsay, Committee Chair, reported that as of April 8, 2011 Jackling funds totaled \$913,985.99. The annual distribution was \$38,526.55. The corpus had increased by both real gain (sale of investments) and unrealized gain of \$103,141.53 since July 1, 2010.

During the summer of 2011 the following programs were supported:

Mining Engineering Explosives Camp: \$15,000.00

Jackling Introduction to Engineering Summer Program: \$10,000

Department of Materials Science and Engineering, Materials Summer Camp, \$15,000.00

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It appears that the Jackling Loan fund has been inappropriately used by the Financial Aid Department on campus. Ramsay will investigate and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Jackling established the fund in the 1929. He left specific instructions with regard to how the monies would be used. In brief, the funds are to be used within the traditional School of Mines Departments.

Presentations:

- Dr. Joan Nesbitt, Executive Vice Chancellor for University Advancement
 - Updates regarding Development status.
- Dr. Robert Schwartz, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs
 - Insights regarding Vision 2020.

Presentations by Departments

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

Old Business - Dr. Thomas J. O'Keefe Lecture Series concluded the 3rd lecture on October 6, 2011. The presentation was given by alumnus Ben Winter.

Faculty Award nominees will be discussed and decided by the Department Chairs.

Academy Scholars will be invited back for our April 2012 meeting and dinner. A recommendation was made to invite one student from each program and ask each to give a brief update of their beginning career. The returning scholars should be selected from those that graduated in 2009 or before.

New Business – A Strategic Planning Committee meeting will be scheduled in the St. Louis area before our Spring 2012 meeting. Tentative date is April 6, 2012. Jerry Bersett will be making arrangements.

Samuel, Wayne, and Ralph (Department Chairs) have been asked for input to the Strategic Plan.

Announcements - John Borthwick is the first president of the new “Academy of Miner Athletes.”

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 PM.