

MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, Garcia annex
October 5, 2006

Members Present: Creider (Chair), Kelly (Vice Chair), Amato, Andersen, Barnett-Queen, Bejarano, Black, Bloomquist, Bosman, Botsford, Brobeck, Brown, Buckholz, Buckingham, Burnham, Cramer, De Boyrie, Eastman, Erben, Erickson, Fortin, Holtzman, Hubbell, Ketelaar, Landers, Mariani, McDonald, Munson-McGee, Pase, Pederson, Pfeiffer, Prentice, Ranade, Rosencrans, Rutledge, Schultz, Scribner, Storm, Weisiger, Wolf, Wright.

Members Absent: Aaron, Bagwell, Gray, Hadfield, Knapp, Lopez, McNamara, McQuitty, Mullen, Ni, Rowe, Sterling.

Ex Officio Members Present: Titus, Zimmerman, Hoke.

Guests: Bobbie Derlin, Assoc. Vice Provost, Distance Ed/Assoc. Dean, Col. of Extension (for Gonzales); Kathleen Huttlinger, Nursing.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Creider at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 7, 2006 Meeting

Referring to Section 8, Unfinished Business, and the discussion of Proposition 04-06/07 (Memorial concerning Proposed City Convention Center), Senator Brown stated that he was misquoted when referring to President Martin's earlier remarks and did not intend to chastise the Senate, and will send a correction of his statement to the recording secretary. The minutes were then approved as amended.

4. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Creider's report was distributed earlier on the FS listserv (Appendix A). He added that Vice President Ben Woods will make a presentation at the next FS meeting on the Campus Master Plan and the Convention Center. This will be placed near the end of the agenda to allow ample time to discuss these matters.

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Kelly encouraged the FS to read the General Education section of her report.

5. Standing Committees Reports

A. Faculty Affairs

Committee Member Timothy Barnett-Queen reported that the committee met and studied Proposition 03-06/07, A Proposal to Modify University Policy on Faculty Teaching Load, and recommended that the proposition be approved as amended. Motion to accept report carried unanimously.

B. Long Range Planning

The Long Range Planning Committee did not meet.

C. Scholastic Affairs

Scholastic Affairs Committee Chair Erickson reported that the committee met and studied Proposition 01-06/07, Proposal for the Alignment of Student Grades to a More Discriminating Grade Point Average, and asked for an extension of time for further study. Motion to accept his report, which would allow the committee another month to study, carried unanimously. The committee will meet again on 10/17/06.

D. University Affairs

University Affairs Committee Chair Bloomquist reported that the committee met and studied Proposition 02-06/07, Public Posting of Student Grades, and unanimously recommended passage of the bill. Motion to accept report carried unanimously.

6. Other Reports

A. Plagiarism Task Force

Plagiarism Task Force Chair Brown reported that they are circulating a draft memorial to the ad hoc committee for input in which they will ask the Provost's office to change the Policy Manual in the Student Handbook section. This would include that in a case of alleged academic misconduct a faculty member must be allowed to be present and speak in response at each stage of the hearing process, and the Dean of the college in which the alleged academic misconduct occurred shall have jurisdiction over the graduate and undergraduate cases and be present at each stage of the hearing for consultation. Their plan is to finish their revisions and bring the draft to the COC for guidance and permission to present the memorial to the FS as regular legislation.

B. Tenure Policy Revision Committee

Reporting for Co-chair Sterling, FS Chair/Committee Member Creider stated that they are still working on their August draft, breaking into small committees which are studying small sections of the report, then they will get back together to report on what they have done. They will continue this process for the entire draft. They still plan to make the text available for public comment in November.

7. New Business

Proposition 05-06/07 A Proposal to Change the Name of the Department of Mechanical Engineering to the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (Kelly, Pederson, Engineering) was presented and discussed by Co-sponsor Kelly. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which meets 10/19/06. (Appendix C)

8. Unfinished Business

A. Proposition 01-06/07 A Proposal for the Alignment of Student Grades to a more Discriminating Grade Point Average (Rutledge, Education; Pfeiffer, A & S) has been returned to the Scholastic Affairs Committee which meets 10/17 for further study. (Appendix D)

B. Proposition 02-06/07 Public Posting of Student Grades (Creider, Library; Kelly, Engineering). University Affairs Committee Chair Bloomquist introduced the bill and requested that it be accepted. Senator Holtzman asked what would happen if a faculty member did post student grades with personally identifiable information. Chair Creider noted that if a student took offense the faculty member could be subject to a lawsuit. Various methods of choosing a unique identifier were discussed. The motion to approve this legislation passed unanimously. (Appendix E)

C. Proposition 03-06/07 A Proposal to Modify University Policy on Faculty Teaching Load (Creider, Library; Kelly, Engineering) (Appendix F) was presented by Co-sponsor/Chair Creider. He stated that this proposal comes from the ADC. It eliminates the metrics and equivalents of different courses and makes the calculations of workloads a collaborative process. It also indicates that the particular calculations of workloads have to accompany any promotion and tenure dossier. In the following discussion Senator Weisiger stated that the History Department opposes the "Teaching Load Factors" section of this legislation (top of page 2) in that some of the kind of research done in her department is omitted and could lead to future disallowing this type of research for inclusion. She suggested an amendment to include "research fellowships" as well as "sponsored fellowships" in this section as well as in paragraph 4 on page 3. This is considered a "buy out" of time. They are also concerned about paragraph 3, page 2, (*New departmental/divisional...*) and how it would affect time taken away from campus to work on such projects as the National Endowment for the Arts projects awarded to her department. She asked that the paragraph be stricken up to *Campus executive officers* (line 4) in that it is already university policy. Chairman Creider noted that the issue in question is not a "policy" question, but an instance that would be negotiated between faculty member and department head, as in the previous paragraph. On the other hand, that sentence is unnecessary because the proposed policy already states that departmental policies are subject to the approval of the Dean. She proposed an amendment to include "research fellowships" in the 2 places noted in the bill. Motion to approve this amendment passes unanimously. She then proposed an amendment to delete the first sentence of paragraph 3, page 2, up to "*Campus executive officers*". The motion to accept this amendment passed unanimously. Senator Munson-McGee asked Chair Creider for his view of the deans' reasoning behind this issue. Dean Titus stated that this principle was included in the Roles and Rewards Policy statement. Chair Creider noted that there are differences in various departments' and community campuses' definitions of teaching workloads and they should not be held to the same standards, and that some of the deans sense an inflexibility in the present rules. Senator Burnham stated that he could not find in the legislation any definition

of how these policies should be applied and that examples of these applications should be included; he opposed this legislation as written. He volunteered to take part in a task force to study and redefine a faculty workload. The motion to accept this bill was defeated by a voice vote of one in favor, all others opposed, no abstentions. Chair Creider then asked if there is interested in appointing an ad hoc committee to work with the deans on this issue. Senator Burnham and Vice Chair Kelly volunteered to serve. Senator Burnham stated that he believed this is a very important issue and felt that these committee members should be elected. Chair Creider asked for a memorial to appoint members to a task force to study this issue, and will talk to the deans about their reaction and willingness to participate in the study.

9. Other Business

A. Election of Administrative Representative and Alternate to the University Appeals Board

Vice Chair Kelly distributed ballots to elect an administrative member and alternate to the University Appeals Board to the FS. In this election President Martin nominates the candidates and the FS elects these members. The candidate who receives the most votes will be the regular member and the second-place candidate will be the alternate member.

B. Faculty Senate Appointment to the University Research Council

Senator Botsford volunteered to serve on the URC and the FS elected him unanimously.

C. Assignment of the Rewrite of Article III, Section A of the Constitution Dealing with the Apportionment of Faculty Senate Seats.

Chair Creider reported that the COC decided to hand this assignment to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet 10/12.

D. Discussion of Graduate School Memorandum on Editing of Theses and Dissertations

Senator Brown reported that he and Senator Andersen, members of the Graduate Council, met with Dean Lacey and suggested to her that the memo be rewritten to redefine the steps in editing, concluding with the suggestion that the student work with the NMSU Writing Center and/or employ a professional copy editor. Dean Lacey had given a copy of her policy memo to the Graduate Council which later decided to revisit the issue. There was a general concern about the lack of consultation in the development of the policy. Dean Titus stated her concerns about copyright issues in theses and dissertations and who should address these.

Chair Creider noted his frustrations on receiving incomplete theses and dissertations (missing bibliographies, etc.). Senator Burnham stated that he affirms Senator Brown's suggestions and recommended support of his recommendations. Senator Bloomberg noted reports of faculty frustrations that their input has not been invited or heeded. Senator Black noted a lack of awareness of copyright issues. Chair Creider asked that people with particular concerns about this issue direct them to Senator Brown.

10. Adjournment

Chair Creider asked that following adjournment the COC meet briefly to elect a representative to the General Education Review Committee. The meeting then adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

11. Ad Hoc Meeting of COC to Elect a Representative to the General Education Review Committee

At this COC meeting Senator Pfeiffer was unanimously elected to the GERC.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Laurence S. Creider, Faculty Senate Chair

Date