

MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX

January 17, 2008

Members Present: Eastman (Chair), Pfeiffer (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Andersen, Bailey, Barnett-Queen, Black, Bloomquist, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erben, Erickson, Fortin, González, Holtzman, Hubbell, Kelly, Ketelaar, Landers, Mariani, McDonald, McQuitty, Montañez, Munson-McGee, Ni, Nishiguchi, Pederson, Prentice, Rayson, Rosencrans, Schultz, Stevens, Storm, M. Torres, P. Torres, Weisiger, Wojahn, Wolf.

Members Absent: Arroyos-Jurado, Buckingham, Cecil, Christman, Chung, Hadfield, Lopez, McNamara, Mathis, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Ranade, Sterling.

Ex Officio Members Present: Fant, Titus, Ortega.

Guests: Cynda Clary, Provost's Office; Ermelinda Quintela, Executive Director, Alumni Relations; Donna Alden, CEL; Bobi McDonald, NMSUA Advising.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by chair Eastman at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add Ermelinda Quintela, Alumni Relations, to Announcements, Item 10C. The agenda was then approved as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 29, 2007, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Welcome to New Senators

Chair Eastman welcomed Hwiman Chung from A & S replacing Cynthia Bejarano who is on sabbatical leave, and Clay Mathis from CES replacing Terrell "Red" Baker.

5. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Eastman reviewed her January report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix A)

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reviewed his December report which was distributed earlier on the FS

listserv (Appendix B). He emphasized that any legislation to be considered by the Faculty Senate this year needs to be brought forward by the March 18 COC meeting. It will then be introduced at the April FS meeting and voted on at the May (final) meeting. Any legislation that is still pending at the end of spring semester is automatically removed from the table.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs

Faculty Affairs Committee Chair Erickson reported that they were scheduled to meet to study Proposition 13-07/08 (a memorial regarding the president's title change). but the sponsors withdrew this proposition 12/5/07 so the committee did not meet.

B. Long Range Planning

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Holtzman reported that the committee had no business to consider and did not meet.

C. Scholastic Affairs

Scholastic Affairs Committee Chair Weisiger reported that the committee met to study the 3 VWW propositions (Proposition 10-07/08 Modifying the VWW Program, Proposition 11-07/08 re VWW Guidelines, and Proposition 12-07/08 re Study Abroad). Most of the discussion focused on criteria. The committee recommended "Do Pass" on all 3 propositions. The motion to accept her report was approved.

D. University Affairs

University Affairs Committee Chair Andersen reported that the committee had no business to consider and did not meet.

7. Other Reports

There were no other reports.

8. New Business

- A. Proposition 14-07/08 Name Change for Department of Fishery and Wildlife Sciences [to the Department of Fishery, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology] (Andersen, Cramer, Bloomquist, Sterling, CAHE; Brown, A & S) was introduced by Co-sponsor Andersen. Assigned to the Long Range Planning committee which will meet 1/24/08. (Appendix C)
- B. Proposition 15-07/08 Implementation of New Major in Natural Resource Economics and Policy by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business (Sterling, Andersen, CAHE) was introduced by Co-sponsor Andersen. He explained that the undergraduate major in AEAB is being reorganized into two majors. This program, NREP, will emphasize the economic and policy aspects of natural resources management. Assigned to the Long Range Planning committee which will meet 1/24/08. (Appendix D)

9. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 10-07/08 A Memorial to Modify the Viewing a Wider World Program to Allow Greater Flexibility to Course Selections Within this Program (Amato, Holtzman, Weisiger, Hubbell, A & S; Kelly, Engineering; Erickson, Business; Sterling, CAHE; Prentice, Education). Co-sponsor Weisiger opened the discussion with an overview of the proposal's content which would allow undergraduate students the option of taking one course within their home college but outside the host department. Co-Sponsor Kelly proposed a friendly amendment [instructing the Chair and Vice Chair to produce the necessary legislation reflecting this memorial's spirit and present it to ADAC and ADC] which was accepted by the sponsors. Co-sponsor Erickson noted that although he voted to recommend 'Do Pass' he was not entirely sure this was the best option. Senator Munson-McGee reported that four of his department's faculty members were opposed. ASNMSU President Ortega asked that students' views should also be considered. Co-sponsor Kelly asked for the vote on the memorial so we can get the deans' views. Ad hoc committee members stated that many views were considered in the preparation of this memorial. The question was called and the voice vote carried in favor with a few nays and one abstention. (Appendix E)
- B. Proposition 11-07/08 A Memorial to Modify and Clarify the Guidelines and Criteria for Evaluating and Approving Viewing a Wider World Courses (Amato, Weisiger, Holtzman, Hubbell, A & S; Kelly, Engineering; Erickson, Business; Sterling, CAHE; Prentice, Education). Co-sponsor Weisiger opened the lengthy discussion with an overview of how the proposal was developed in committee. Co-sponsor Kelly proposed the same friendly amendment as above which was accepted by the sponsors. Senator Brown asked for more emphasis on the international and multicultural aspects; Chair Eastman suggested he make this presentation to the deans' councils. Dr. Clary, chair of the General Education Committee, stated the GEC's support for more clarification. Senator Munson-McGee suggested a VWW philosophy statement be included; he also proposed a friendly amendment to Item #5 [changing ...*learning outcome addressing more of*... to ...*learning outcome addressed by one or more of*...] which was accepted by the sponsors. Senator Alexander said that environmental and diversity issues were considered important to the committee but they didn't solve how to include them. Senator Kelly pointed out that the catalog includes a basic philosophy of VWW. Senator Pederson asked how we could consider any content without a VWW philosophy. Vice Chair Pfeiffer read a statement in the Policy Manual which defines the VWW philosophy. The question was called and the voice vote carried in favor with three no's and three abstentions. (Appendix F)
- C. Proposition 12-07/08 A Memorial to Modify the Viewing a Wider World Program to Allow Students Who Are Studying Abroad to Count Towards Fulfilling Part of the VWW Requirement (Weisiger, Amato, Holtzman, Hubbell, A & S; Kelly, Engineering; Erickson, Business; Sterling, CAHE) was described by Co-sponsor Weisiger. Co-sponsor Kelly proposed the same friendly amendment as above (10.A) which was accepted by the sponsors. Several senators spoke in favor of including studying abroad experiences but felt there needs to be a way to evaluate them. Senator Amato corrected a typo in the **Rationale**. The question was called and the voice vote carried in favor with 3 no's. (Appendix G)

10. Announcements

- A. Dr. Cynda Clary – Update on Accreditation

Dr. Clary announced that the report goes to the printer next week. She pointed out the value of being able to review the entire university in one report and encouraged senators to read it carefully.

B. Marisa Ortega, ASNMSU President

President Ortega announced that ASNMSU is joining the Pick-A-Prof website. She reviewed and discussed the various services in the program (Appendix H). Following her presentation several senators voiced their concerns about faculty participation. Points raised included confusion over using their schedule and degree planners as opposed to those available within NMSU, the lack of available time for faculty to review the entries on the website, the questionable value of anonymous detrimental reports about individual faculty members, and the availability of students' evaluations which are submitted to the department head at the end of a course. Ms. Ortega encouraged senators and other faculty to email her with their views.

C. Ermelinda Quintela, Alumni Executive Director

Ms. Quintela reviewed the operations of the Alumni Department and asked for faculty input and participation to broaden their activities.

11. Other

Chair Eastman stated that there was no longer a quorum present (due to the late hour) so voting on items C, D, E, F and G could not take place and would be deferred to the February 7, 2008, FS meeting.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Wanda A. Eastman, Faculty Senate Chair

Date