

MINUTES OF THE 6TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX

February 7, 2008

Members Present: Eastman (Chair), Pfeiffer (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Andersen, Bailey, Barnett-Queen, Black, Bloomquist, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Buckingham, Christman, Chung, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erickson, González, Hadfield, Holtzman, Hubbell, Kelly, Landers, McDonald, McQuitty, Montañez, Munson-McGee, Ni, Nishiguchi, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Ranade, Rayson, Rosencrans, Storm, M. Torres, P. Torres, Weisiger, Wojahn.

Members Absent: Arroyos-Jurado, Cecil, Fortin, Ketelaar, Lopez, Mariani, McNamara, Mathis, Pederson, Prentice, Schultz, Sterling, Stevens, Wolf.

Ex Officio Members Present: Fant.

Guests: LeRoy Daugherty, Assoc. Dean/Assoc. Director AES, CAHE (for Catlett); Richard Gutierrez, Grants (for Erben); Wes Holley, Assoc Dean, CAHE; Raul Valdez, CAHE; Timera Drake, ASNMSU; Donna Alden, CEL; Lorenz Hughes, Mathematical Sciences; Josefina Alvarez, Mathematical Sciences.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eastman at 4: 01 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Eastman amended the agenda reporting that Dr. Cynda Clary could not attend today (9 Other Business), and added that a full senate discussion on faculty salaries will take place today immediately following adjournment. The agenda was then approved as amended.

3. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2008, Faculty Senate Meeting

Senator Brown corrected his statement in Unfinished Business 8B re Proposition 11-07/08 (VWW Clarify Guidelines) to read "...more emphasis on the *international and multicultural* aspects of...". The attendance was corrected. The minutes were then approved as amended.

4. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Eastman reviewed the items in her February report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv (Appendix A). She also distributed "HB 2 House Reported Summary" (Appendix B), a summary of certain legislation affecting NMSU.

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reviewed the items in his February report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv (Appendix C). He also discussed the 2008-09 FS apportionment calculations and will resend the Excel spreadsheet which appears to have been a corrupted file (Appendix D).

Senator Kelly asked that the apportionment data also include a list of senators whose terms in May 08 and whether they are or are not eligible for reelection.

5. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs

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

B. Long Range Planning

Long Range Planning committee Chair Holtzman reported that the committee studied Proposition 14-07/08 (Name Change for Fishery and Wildlife Sciences) and recommended “Do Pass”. They also studied Proposition 15-07/08 (New Major in NREP) and asked for another month to continue study. The motion to accept his report was approved.

C. Scholastic Affairs

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

D. University Affairs

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

6. Other Reports

There were no other reports.

7. New Business

A. Proposition 16-07/08 Corrections and Alignments to the NMSU Promotion and Tenure Policy (Sterling, Andersen, Montañez, Cramer, CAHE; Bosman, Library; Erickson, COB; Landers, P. Torres, CES; Weisiger, A & S; M. Torres, COEd; Munson-McGee, COEng) was introduced and explained by Co-sponsor Bosman. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 2/12/08. (Appendix E)

B. Proposition 17-07/08 A Memorial to Modify the University Research Council (URC) Charter was introduced and explained by Co-sponsor Torres. Additional input on the language of this bill may be forthcoming from the deans. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet 2/21/08. (Appendix F)

8. Unfinished Business

A. Proposition 14-07/08 Name Change for Department of Fishery and Wildlife Sciences to Department of Fishery, Wildlife, and Conservation Ecology (Andersen, Cramer, Bloomquist Sterling, CAHE; Brown, A & S). In the discussion Co-sponsor Andersen said that the Biology

Department was concerned because “Conservation Ecology” is also the name of a joint program with Biology and FWS; they feel this name change may distract students so that they sign up in FWS rather than biology. Jennifer Taylor has said that for credit hours in joint-department majors ½ student is distributed in each department, and credit hours distribution will not be affected by those who sign up for joint majors. Senator Nishiguchi (Biology) reported that following the discussion in the LRP meeting the Biology department has now withdrawn their concerns by working out a satisfactory arrangement with FWS, and they are looking to change the name of their Conservation Ecology major. Co-Sponsor Andersen clarified that the name change means “Fishery Ecology, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation Ecology”. The question was called and the motion to accept the proposition was approved unanimously. (Appendix G)

B. Proposition 15-07/08 Implementation of New Major in Natural Resources Economics and Policy by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business (Sterling, Andersen, CAHE) will continue to be studied by the LRP Committee for another month.

9. Announcements

Dr. Clary could not be here today but her report was sent out earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix H)

10. Other

A. Chair Eastman reminded everyone that propositions for the 07/08 FS year need to be submitted to the COC by March 18 for action to be completed by the May 08 meeting.

B. She also asked senators to be recruiting colleagues from their colleges/electing units as candidates for the FS spring senatorial elections.

C. Election of FS Representative to the University Budget Committee

Senator Montañez (CAHE) was nominated to serve on this committee and was elected by acclamation.

D. Election of Slate for members of the University Conflict of Interest Committee

The VP for Research has put forward a slate of nominees for this committee: Dan Howard (A & S), Steve Horan, (COEng), Pookie Sautter (COBus) and Mary O’Connell (CAHE). There were no other nominations from the floor, and following a discussion of the candidates’ eligibility, the slate was elected unanimously.

E. Election of FS Representative to the NMSU Sustainability and Climate Change Task Force

Senator Andersen (CAHE) volunteered to serve on this committee and was elected by acclamation.

F. FS Representative to the University Diversity Committee

Senator Bosman (Library) volunteered to serve on this committee and was elected by acclamation.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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