

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX

March 6, 2008

Members Present: Eastman (Chair), Pfeiffer (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Andersen, Arroyos-Jurado, Bailey, Barnett-Queen, Bloomquist, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Buckingham, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erben, Erickson, Fortin, González, Hubbell, Kelly, Ketelaar, Landers, Mariani, McDonald, McQuitty, Mathis, Montañez, Munson-McGee, Ni, K. Oliver, Pederson, Prentice, Ranade, Rayson, Rosencrans, Schultz, Sterling, Stevens, M. Torres, Weisiger, Wojahn, Wolf.

Members Absent: Cecil, Christman, Chung, Hadfield, Holtzman, Lopez, McNamara, Nishiguchi, R. Oliver, Storm, P. Torres.

Ex Officio Members Present: Martin, Fant, Titus.

Guests: Donna Alden, CEL; Timera Drake, ASNMSU; Cynda Clary, Provost's Office; Angela Throneberry, Asst. VP, Auxiliary Administration.

1. Call To Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Eastman amended the agenda to add three items: President Martin's address to the FS, add to New Business Proposition 21-07/08 [Memorial] Request for Faculty Participation and Consideration of Certain Issues in NMSU's Request for Proposal for Outsourcing and Privatization of the NMSU Bookstore and an announcement for nominations for new members to the University Appeals Board and the Review Board for Faculty Salary Increase/Performance Evaluation. The agenda was then approved as amended

3. President Michael Martin

President Martin announced that NMSU, in partnership with three other universities, has received a \$20 million grant from USAID to improve Afghanistan's water systems and agriculture infrastructure. He said that we are not outsourcing the NMSU bookstore operations (as many other universities have done) but after four years of considering such a move we are going to investigate whether or not outsourcing or privatizing some if not all of the operations will benefit NMSU; FS Chair Wanda Eastman is on the ad hoc investigation committee. In his report on the legislature he said NMSU has the biggest single bond issue which will, in part, help start the new Arts Complex. The 2% tuition credit means we will have to raise tuition and fees. We lobbied for a larger increase for faculty salaries, etc., but got only 2%. He feels that we did as well as possible with the limited resources available. We will need a fairly large contingency fund to cover increases for utilities and insurance. He also said that reports that NMSU settled the lawsuit brought by ACLU against football coach Mumme for \$150,000 are untrue. NMSU did not pay: the State Risk Management stepped in and paid after negotiations reached an impasse. He will present our budget to the BOR at next week's meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2008, Meeting

The Minutes of the February 7, 2008, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Eastman reviewed her February report which was sent earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix A) The FS approved requesting another meeting with President Martin, Provost Cruzado and VP Jennifer Taylor at 10 am on March 20th to continue the dialog on the low NMSU faculty salary issues.

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reviewed his report which was sent earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix B) The motion to approve the FS apportionment for 2008-09 (presented last month) was approved.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs

Faculty Affairs Chair Erickson reported that the committee studied Proposition 16-07/08 (P & T Revisions) and recommended "Do Pass as Amended". The motion to approve his report carried.

B. Long Range Planning

Long Range Planning Committee Member Brown reported that the committee studied Proposition 15-07/08 (New Major in NREP) and after a lively discussion recommended "Do Pass". The motion to approve his report carried.

C. Scholastic Affairs

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

D. University Affairs

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

7. Other Reports

University Budget Committee Member Montañez reported that at their February meeting they heard requests for exemptions on the hiring freeze and approved several. There will be budget hearings on March 17.

8. New Business

- A. Proposition 18-07/08 Memorial in Support of the Adoption of a New List of Peer Institutions (Erickson, COBusiness; Pfeiffer, A&S) was introduced by Co-sponsor Erickson. He said that the selection is in a sense arbitrary but he tried to pick the best comparatives; HED requires that we have such a list. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet 3/13/08. (Appendix C)
- B. Proposition 19-07/08 Regular Nontenure-track Faculty Representation on the Faculty Senate (Sterling, CAHE; Barnett-Queen, H&SS; Bosman, Library; Brown, Ketelaar, A&S; Erickson, COBusiness; Landers, CES; McDonald, Alamogordo CC; Munson-McGee, Engineering) was introduced by Co-sponsor Sterling. She noted that the college-track faculty does not have a voice in the Faculty Senate, and said this proposal to amend the FS Constitution to secure representation of regular non-tenure track faculty on the FS would increase FS membership by six new senators. Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet on 3/13/08. (Appendix D)
- C. Proposition 20-07/08 [Memorial] Establishment of an Open Faculty Listserv (Holtzman, Brown, A&S; Prentice, CoED) was presented by Co-sponsor Brown. He said that this would improve communications among all faculty and would initially be available for any faculty member to use. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 3/11/08. (Appendix E)
- D. Proposition 21-07/08 [Memorial] Request for Faculty Participation and Consideration of Certain Issues in NMSU's Request for Proposal for Outsourcing and Privatization of the NMSU Bookstore (Brown, Hubbell, A&S; Barnett-Queen, H&SS; Sterling, CAHE; R. Oliver, Erickson, COBusiness) was presented by Co-sponsor Brown. Jozi De Leon will also serve with FS Chair Eastman (and others) on the ad hoc committee to study this issue. Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs Committee which will meet 3/11/08 which is well in advance of any decisions to be made on the bookstore. (Appendix F)

9. Unfinished Business

- A. 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 described by Co-sponsor Sterling. The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously. (Appendix G)
- B. Proposition 16-07/08 Corrections and Alignments to the NMSU Promotion and Tenure Policy (Sterling, Andersen, Montañez, Cramer, CAHE; Bosman, Library; Erickson, COBusiness; Landers, P. Torres, CES; Weisiger, A&S; M. Torres, COEducation; Munson-McGee, COEngineering) was described by Co-sponsor Sterling. The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously. (Appendix H)
- C. *Proposition 17-07/08 A Memorial to Modify the University Research Council (URC) Charter (M. Torres, COEducation; Nishiguchi, Wojahn, A&S). University Affairs Committee consideration postponed until March 13 at the request of Sponsor M. Torres.*

10. Announcements

Senator Brown, representing the Provost's office, gave an excellent power point presentation on the progress of the current NMSU self-study in preparation for the accreditation site visit in April. (Appendix I) Dr. Clary announced that open forums will be held for faculty and for students and encouraged senators to visit the website and become familiar with the posted information.

11. Other

A. Chair Eastman reminded senators that propositions for the 07/08 FS year need to be submitted to the COC by the March 18 meeting in order to travel through the channels and be considered at the final FS meeting on May 1. She also reminded senators to recruit from their colleges/electing units for Faculty Senate candidates for the upcoming elections. She announced that nominations are needed for new members of the University Appeals Board and the Faculty Salary Increase/Performance Evaluation Review Board to replace members whose terms are expiring.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Wanda A. Eastman, Faculty Senate Chair

Date