

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX

April 3, 2008

Members Present: Eastman (Chair), Pfeiffer (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Andersen, Arroyos-Jurado, Bailey, Barnett-Queen, Black, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Christman, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erben, Erickson, Fortin, González, Holtzman, Hubbell, Ketelaar, Landers, McDonald, Mathis, Munson-McGee, Nishiguchi, K. Oliver, Pederson, Rayson, Schultz, Sterling, Storm, M. Torres, P. Torres, Wojahn, Wolf.

Members Absent: Bloomquist, Buckingham, Cecil, Chung, Hadfield, Kelly, Lopez, Mariani, McNamara, McQuitty, Montañez, Ni, R. Oliver, Prentice, Ranade, Rosencrans, Stevens, Weisiger.

Ex Officio Members Present: Martin, Cruzado-Salas, Moulton, Titus.

Guests: Donna Alden, CEL; Dennis Hazlett, Director, NMSU Office of Government Affairs; Ricardo Rel, NMSU Office of Government Affairs.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eastman at 4:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Eastman amended the agenda adding President Martin, and to add to Other Business a request from Senator Holtzman that if Proposition 20-07/08 (Faculty Listserv, item 9D) passes we immediately take up the issue of appointing someone to be the FS Liaison to this listserv. The agenda was then approved as amended.

3. President Martin

In his address to the FS he first thanked those who participated in his meetings to discuss faculty salaries and appreciated their input. He has met with students to discuss the tuition increases, pointing out that at 41% we have stayed within the 5-year maximum increases of 48%, and to set up a new 5-year plan of tuition increases; the BOR would have to approve such a plan. He also asked senators to start thinking (for next year) about some form of the California model for faculty salary increases which could establish ranked steps above Professor allowing additional promotional and salary opportunities; check the web as other schools such as Florida also use these.

4. Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2008, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the March 6, 2008, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

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

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reviewed his April report which was sent earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix B).

6. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs

Faculty Affairs Committee Chair Erickson reported that the committee studied Proposition 20-07/08, Open Faculty Listserv, and recommended "Do Pass." The motion to approve his report carried.

B. Long Range Planning

Long Range Planning Committee Chair Holtzman reported that the committee studied Proposition 19-07/08 (College Track Bill) and requested another month to study. He asked senators to solicit more input from faculty and report to him. The motion to accept his report carried.

C. Scholastic Affairs

Scholastic Affairs Committee Member Munson-McGee reported that the committee studied Proposition 21-07/08 (Bookstore Memorial) and recommended "Do Pass". The motion to approve his report carried.

D. University Affairs

University Affairs Committee Chair Andersen reported that the committee studied Proposition 17-07/08 (Modify URC Charter), made amendments to clarify language and recommended "Do Pass as Amended". The committee also studied Proposition 18-07/08 (Peer List Memorial), made corrections to the lists and recommended "Do Pass as Amended". The motion to approve his report carried.

7. Other Reports

University Budget Committee Member Erickson reported that the committee reviewed supplemental budget requests. Thanks to prioritization by the committee chair and the provost the process went much more smoothly this year and many requests were approved.

8. New Business

A. Proposition 22-07/08 Name Change of Graduate Degrees in Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences from Agronomy to Plant and Environmental Sciences (Cramer, Andersen, Rosencrans, Sterling, CAHE; Landers, P. Torres, CES; Brown, Mariani A&S) was introduced by Co-Sponsor Cramer. Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet 4/10/08. (Appendix C)

- B. Proposition 23-07/08 Memorial Requesting Creation of a Research Faculty Designation for Externally Funded Researchers at NMSU (Brown, Pfeiffer, A & S; Andersen, Sterling, CAHE; Munson-McGee, Engineering; Erickson, Business) was introduced by Co-sponsor Brown. He said the Vice Presidents for Research asked him to submit this bill which would provide support for researchers in this category (who are generally post-doc long-term). Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet 4/17/08. (Appendix D)
- C. Proposition 24-07/08 Credit for Military Training/Education (Erickson, COB; Munson-McGee, Engineering; Sterling, CAHE; Pfeiffer, A&S) was introduced by Co-sponsor Erickson. Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs Committee which will meet 4/15/08. (Appendix E)
- D. Proposition 25-07/08 A Proposition to Modify the Viewing A Wider World Program to Allow Greater Flexibility in Course Selections Within This Program (Amato, Holtzman, Weisiger, Hubbell, A&S; Kelly, Engineering; Erickson, Business; Sterling, CAHE; Prentice, Education) (Appendix F)
- E. Proposition 26-07/08 A Proposition 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) (Appendix G)
- F. Proposition 27-07/08 A Proposition 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) (Appendix H)

These three propositions, formerly our Memorials #10, #11 and #12, were introduced by Co-sponsor Amato. They have been reviewed by ADAC and ADC; slight changes were made and they are now returning to us as formal propositions. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 4/8/08.

- G. Proposition 28-07/08 A Memorial in Honor of Russell Paul Jedlicka (Ranade, Pederson, Kelly, Engineering) was introduced by Co-sponsor Pederson. The motion to consider as Emergency Legislation was approved. (Appendix I)

9. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 17-07/08 Amended A Memorial to Modify the University Research Council (URC) Charter (M. Torres, Education; Nishiguchi, Wojahn, A&S) was presented by Co-sponsor Torres. Senator Bosman proposed a friendly amendment to clarify the number of research clusters, noting that the present number of clusters may change. Vice Chair Pfeiffer pointed out that if the word “five” (Page 3, *Structure and Membership* ¶2, line 2) is deleted, this would be accomplished. The motion to approve this amendment was not seconded. Co-sponsor Nishiguchi, having served on the URC, asked senators to keep an open mind for support of this modification. Senator Bosman related the Library faculty’s concerns about several provisions including a conflict between the mission statement and the duties and responsibilities. Senator Brown proposed an amendment which would reverse the way research cluster members are nominated; his amendment was accepted. Following more discussion, Senator Erickson proposed that since there is still confusion on this bill it should be tabled until next year. The motion to table this bill carried with two nays. (Appendix J)

- B. Proposition 18-07/08 Amended Memorial in Support of the Adoption of a New List of Peer Institutions (Erickson, Business; Pfeiffer, A&S) was presented by Co-sponsor Erickson who said that the list was prepared by the deans. Senator Erben asked if the institutions on this list have community campuses; Senator Erickson stated that he does not have this information but it is a reasonable assumption that they do. Senator Amato asked if DACC has its own list; Senator McDonald stated that all the CCs have their own lists. Co-sponsor Erickson noted that research monies and land grant status were considered in the preparation of this list. The motion to approve this bill carried with one nay and one abstention. (Appendix K)
- C. *Proposition 19-07/08 Regular Nontenure-Track Faculty Representation on the Faculty Senate (Sterling, CAHE; Barnett-Queen, CHSS; Bosman, Library; Brown, Ketelaar, A&S; Erickson, Business ;Landers, CES; McDonald, Alamogordo CC. The Long Range Planning committee was granted another month to study. (Appendix L)*
- D. Proposition 20-07/08 Establishment of an Open Faculty Listserv (Holtzman, Brown, A&S; Prentice, Education) was presented by Co-sponsor Holtzman. Senator Bosman proposed a friendly amendment to *Details ¶2* changing the wording to “The Faculty Senate Chair shall appoint, with FS approval, a representative...” and also to the Rationale, ¶4, first line, changing “elect” to “appoint with FS approval”. These amendments were accepted by the Co-sponsors. Senator Erickson and Vice Chair Pfeiffer clarified that anyone who is listed on Banner as having a faculty appointment of any kind would be included in the initial faculty list. The motion to approve this bill as amended from the floor carried unanimously. (Appendix M)
- E. 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, CHSS; Sterling, CAHE; R. Oliver, Erickson, Business) was presented by Co-sponsor Brown. The motion to approve this bill carried with one abstention. (Appendix N)
- F. Proposition 28-07/08 A Memorial in Honor of Russell Paul Jedlicka – Emergency Legislation (Ranade, Pederson, Kelly, Engineering) was presented by Co-sponsor Pederson. The motion to approve this bill by acclamation carried unanimously. (Appendix I)

10. Announcements

A. Dr. Cynda Clary: Update on HLC Accreditation Team Site Visit

Dr. Clary encouraged senators to attend the open forums 4/27 and 4/28, and watch on-line for news on the faculty-staff contests with their postcards. She said ASNMSU and the Provost’s office will be offering a movie at the stadium 4/23 at which student prizes will be given, and faculty are also invited the movie.

B. Dennis Hazlett, Director of NMSU State Government Affairs

Chair Eastman introduced Dennis Hazlett and Ricardo Rel, Senior Director, Government Relations. Mr. Rel, representing the NMSU team that works with the legislature, stated that they know that compensation for NMSU faculty and staff is our greatest concern and is their first priority, and that when our faculty and staff work with them it helps their effectiveness with the

legislature. He noted that the funding of the NMSU Arts Complex, from the Capital Outlay Fund, is the largest single grant this year; compensation does not come from this fund. Mr. Hazlett distributed the NMSU Office of Government Affairs Final Legislative Update, 2008 Session (Appendix O). He described their role in Santa Fe as advocate for NMSU. His office prepares legislation relating to NMSU, monitors committee activities such as the LFC and HED, attends their meetings and reports back to NMSU. They are available all year at their Santa Fe office and asked senators to feel free to contact them at any time: they are seeking a much more interactive process with our faculty. They also asked senators and faculty who are planning to attend legislative events and meetings in Santa Fe to contact them first so arrangements can be facilitated, and asked that they be notified of NMSU events and meetings in which they might be interested so they might attend. He explained in greater detail the processes behind trying to increase funding for salaries. Both feel that money will be tight, if not tighter, next year.

11. Other

A. Nominations for University-wide Ballot for Members of the University Appeals Board and Review Board for Faculty Salary Increase/Performance Evaluations

Five nominations are needed: University Appeals Board needs two regular members and one alternate, and the FSI/PERB needs one regular member and one alternate. No nominations were made so another call for nominees will be made at the May meeting.

B. Senior Senators: Complete election of Faculty Senators from your college/electing unit. Report results to the Recording Secretary. Invite newly elected Faculty Senators to the May 1 meeting to be welcomed and introduced.

C. Faculty Senators serving on university committees and representing the Faculty Senate: you need to submit an end of the year report to the Recording Secretary before the May 1 meeting.

D. Announcement of Election Results for Faculty Senate Chair, 2008-2009.

Chair Eastman announced that Vice Chair Joe Pfeiffer has been elected Faculty Senate Chair for 2009-2009.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Wanda A. Eastman, Faculty Senate Chair Date

Ballot Count for Faculty Senate Chair 2008-2009 Election:
Joseph Pfeiffer: 109 Votes Christopher Erickson: 102 Votes.