

MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX  
May 1, 2008

Members Present: Eastman (Chair), Pfeiffer (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Andersen, Arroyos-Jurado, Bailey, Barnett-Queen, Black, Bloomquist, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Christman, Chung, Cramer, De Boyrie, Erben, Erickson, Fortin, Holtzman, Hubbell, Kelly, Ketelaar, Landers, McDonald, McQuitty, Mathis, Montañez, Munson-McGee, Ni, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Pederson, Rayson, Rosencrans, Schultz, Sterling, Storm, M. Torres, P. Torres, Weisiger, Wojahn, Wolf.

Members Absent: Buckingham, Cecil, González, Hadfield, Lopez, Mariani, McNamara, Nishiguchi, Prentice, Ranade, Stevens.

Ex Officio Members Present: Martin, Titus, Zimmerman.

Guests: Kathleen Huttlinger, Senator-elect, CHSS Nursing; Tim Chappell, ACAP, DACC; Donna Alden, CEL; Fred Rodriguez, CEL; Deborah La Porte, English; Gail Lavender, English; Cindy Murrell, English; Laurence Creider, Former FS Chair, Library; Justin O'Connell, ASNMSU President-elect.

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 to add President Martin, and to add to Announcements the introduction of ASNMSU President-elect Justin O'Connell. The agenda was then approved as amended.

3. President Martin

President Martin announced that the accreditation team has completed their review of NMSU and reaccredited us for 10 more years, and hopes this extremely positive report will be the focus of the local news for a while. He thanked all those who participated in so many ways with this process. They will send us a complete written report soon, and we will address any improvements they recommend and report back to them in the fall. Regarding the problems we've been experiencing, we have learned from other schools' similar experiences to improve our security, and we have formed a task force to study our situation to make sure we are operating within the policies and procedures of this institution. He will get back to the faculty with the new salary plan after the BOR meeting 5/10. Senator Brown, Chair of the Graduate Council, asked when Luis Vazquez could return to his regular duties. President Martin replied that Dr. Vazquez' present temporary assignment is not yet completed as the CHSS Associate Dean has filed an appeal and this process must be completed, but he knows the Graduate Council and others are eager to have Dr. Vazquez assume his regular position. He wished everyone a good, safe and productive summer.

4. Approval of Minutes of April 3, 2008, Faculty Senate Meeting

The date of FS Chair-elect Pfeiffer's term was corrected to 2008-2009 (item 11B). The minutes were then approved as corrected.

## 5. Reports of Officers

### A. Chair's Report

Chair Eastman reviewed her report which was sent earlier on the FS listserv (Appendix A). Then she gave beautiful floral gifts to Parliamentarian Maria de Boyrie, Webmaster Heather Pfeiffer and Recording Secretary Anne Meek, and a special gift to Vice Chair/Chair-elect Pfeiffer, thanking them for their service to the FS this year.

### B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reviewed his report of activities this month and upcoming issues in the coming year. He noted, among other items, that the Faculty Workload Policy will be going before the Deans' council again and then to the FS again. (Appendix B). He thanked all the senators for their service this year, especially the COC, Recording Secretary Anne Meek and Webmaster Heather Pfeiffer, and extra special thanks to FS Chair Eastman.

## 6. Reports of Standing Committees

### A. Faculty Affairs

Faculty Affairs Chair Erickson reported that the committee studied the 3 VWW Proposals. They made one modification to Proposition 25-07/08 (Course Selections) and recommend "Do Pass as Amended". They made slight modifications to Proposition 26-07/08 (Clarify Guidelines and Criteria) and recommend "Do Pass as Amended". No changes were made to Proposition 27-07/08 (Study Abroad) and they recommend "Do Pass". The motion to accept his report carried.

### B. Long Range Planning

Long Range Planning Chair Holtzman reported that the committee studied Proposition 22-07/08 (Agronomy Graduate Degrees Name Change) and recommends "Do Pass". They also studied Proposition 19-07/08, revised the composition of proposed new senators, and recommend "Do Pass as Amended". The motion to accept his report carried.

### C. Scholastic Affairs

Scholastic Affairs Committee Chair Weisiger reported that they met to consider Proposition 24-07/08 (Military Training/Education Credit) but there was no quorum at the meeting so the members present recommend referring it to the FS as Emergency Legislation. The motion to consider this bill as Emergency Legislation today carried with one Nay.

### D. University Affairs

University Affairs Committee Chair Andersen reported that the committee met to study Proposition 23-07/08 (Research Faculty Memorial) but there was no quorum at the meeting so

the members present decided to refer it to the FS as Emergency Legislation. Co-sponsor Erickson stated that this is a very important bill and felt that it should be deferred to the next academic year to give it full consideration. The motion to consider as Emergency Legislation failed with 8 Ayes, 29 Nays. (Appendix E)

## 7. Other Reports

Chair Eastman reminded all senators serving on committees this year to submit an annual report to the recording secretary.

## 8. New Business

There was no new business.

## 9. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 19-07/08 Amended Regular Non-tenure Track Representation on the Faculty Senate (Sterling, CAHE; Barnett-Queen, CHSS; Bosman, Library; Erickson, Business; Ketelaar, A&S; Landers, CES; McDonald, Alamogordo CC; Munson-McGee, Engineering). Co-sponsor Sterling reviewed the bill noting the changes made in committee and thanked all those who worked on the preparation of this bill. This proposition changes the definition of faculty for purposes of the FS Constitution to include non-tenure faculty, so in votes on future amendments (although not this one) the nontenure-track faculty would also be included. Questions asked during the discussion included the definition of at-large positions, who would run the election for new senators (the FS Vice Chair), who gets the ballot to approve this constitutional amendment if the legislation carries (all tenured and tenure-track faculty as presently defined in the FS Constitution) and when this election would be held (Fall 2008). The motion to approve this bill carried with seven abstentions. (Appendix C)
- B. 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 presented by Co-sponsor Cramer. The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously. (Appendix D)
- C. Proposition 24-07/08 Credit for Military Training (considered as Emergency Legislation: see item 6C) was introduced by Co-sponsor Erickson. He noted that this process is supervised by academics, not the military, to permit legitimate courses. Senator Alexander said she had been concerned about the context and quality of courses approved for credit, but after examining the ACE on-line catalog she was satisfied that their study was done carefully, and would support this bill as long as approval was given by individual departments to grant credit. Senator Weisiger said she also checked the ACE on-line catalog and, although she was satisfied with the content she was disappointed that no history courses were listed as history departments would welcome courses in other contemporary societies' histories; the only English course, technical writing, was disallowed as being primarily military. The motion to approve this bill carried with 1 nay, 1 abstention. (Appendix F)

D. Proposition 25-07/08 Amended A Proposition to Modify the Viewing the 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) was presented by Co-sponsor Amato. Discussion centered primarily on the effects of course selection outside the major; all agreed that students are the primary concern. Senator Kelly said if this legislation is approved, as long as colleges and departments are being held to the present funding formula only A & S would benefit while other colleges would lose students and student credit hours and money would decline. Other senators were concerned but thought this would not happen. The motion to approve this bill carried with 27 ayes, 10 nays and 3 abstentions. (Appendix G)

E. Proposition 26-07/08 Amended A Proposition to Modify and Clarify the Guidelines and Criteria for Evaluating and Approving Viewing a Wider World Courses (Amato, Holtzman, Weisiger, Hubbell, A&S; Kelly, Engineering); Erickson, Business; Sterling, CAHE; Prentice, Education) was presented by Co-sponsor Amato. Senator Brown spoke against this bill saying that it diminishes the internationalization and multicultural efforts at NMSU. Senator Holtzman said the committee felt that the intent to address these concerns was contained in the language and did not need to be spelled out specifically. The motion to approve this bill carried with 1 nay and 2 abstentions. (Appendix H)

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 (Amato, Holtzman, Weisiger, Hubbell, A&S; Kelly, Engineering; Erickson, Business; Sterling, CAHE) was presented by Co-sponsor Amato who said that this bill was well-received and the only one that wasn't amended. He responded to questions about whether Study Abroad experiences would count within or outside the college, and possibly within the major, stating that discretion is left to the deans to make these determinations on a case-by-case basis. The motion to approve this bill was approved unanimously. (Appendix I)

## 10. Announcements

Chair Eastman recognized Justin O'Connell. He introduced himself as the President-elect of ASNMSU, and said he was here today to meet the Faculty Senate and looked forward to working with them next year.

## 11. Other

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

a) University Appeals Board: Senators Dana Christman (Education) and Gary Rayson (A & S) were nominated for the Member positions. Senator Pam Schultz (CHSS) was nominated for the Alternate position. The motion to accept this slate carried.

b) Review Board for Faculty Salary Increase/Performance Evaluation: Senator Gary Rayson (A & S) was nominated for the Member position. Senator Kathy Landers (CES) was nominated for the Alternate position. The motion to accept this slate carried.

B. Senior Senators: Introduction of Newly Elected Faculty Senators for 2008-2009 from your College/Electing Unit.

Senator Barnett-Queen introduced Kathleen Huttlinger, CHSS senator at-large. Senator Erickson announced that Senator De Boyrie has been reelected and the 2 new senators from Business, Jerry Hampton and Jeff Teich, could not be here today. Senator Landers announced that Kelly Knight is the new CES senator but she could not be here today. Vice Chair Pfeiffer announced that in A & S Senators Amato and Holtzman have been reelected; Joe Lakey, Russell Winn, Hwiman Chung and Fred Bugbee have been elected to new 3-year terms; Jamie Bronstein will serve for Marsha Weisiger on sabbatical, and Dominic Simon will serve for Tim Ketelaar on sabbatical. Ron McNeel is the new Alamogordo CC senator, and Mark Buckholz, Carlsbad CC, has been reelected. (*Elections in the Colleges of Education and Engineering are in progress*)

C. Recognition of Faculty Senators Who Have Completed Their Terms.

Chair Eastman recognized Senators Tracy Sterling, Maria Mariani, Diane-Michele Prindeville, Rachel Stevens, Mary Wolf, Janice Black, Shaun McQuitty, Elsa Arroyos-Jurado, O. D. Hadfield, John McNamara, Ron Pederson, Tim Barnett-Queen, Kathy Landers and Al McDonald and thanked them for their many years of service.

D. Chair Eastman reminded Faculty Senators serving on University committees to submit their reports to the recording secretary.

E. Ceremonial Transfer of Faculty Senate Gavel (Baseball Bat) to Joe Pfeiffer, FS Chair 2008-09.

Chair Eastman ceremoniously transferred the FS Gavel to Joe Pfeiffer and asked him to adjourn the meeting.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

The recording secretary distributed the 2008-2009 Standing Committees sign-up forms to senators serving next year.

13. Caucus of Faculty Senators for 2008-2009 By College/Electing Group to Elect their Members to the 2008-2009 Committee on Committees

The following senators were elected to the 2008-2009 Committee on Committees: Chris Erickson, Business; Pamela Schultz, CHSS; Stu Munson-McGee, Engineering; Patrick Torres, CES; Carlos Rosencrans, CAHE; William Storm and Gary Rayson, A & S.

14. Caucus of 2008-2009 Committee on Committees to Elect Faculty Senate Vice Chair 2008-2009.

The 2008-09 COC elected Senator Chris Erickson as next year's FS Vice Chair/COC Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Meek  
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary