

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
September 6, 2007

Members Present: Eastman (Chair), Pfeiffer (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Andersen, Arroyos-Jurado, Baker, Barnett-Queen, Bejarano, Black, Bloomquist, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Christman, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erben, Erickson, Fortin, González, Hadfield, Holtzman, Hubbell, Kelly, Ketelaar, Landers, Mariani, McDonald, Montañez, Ni, Nishiguchi, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Pederson, Prentice, Ranade, Rayson, Rosencrans, Sterling, Stevens, Storm, M. Torres, P. Torres, Weisiger, Wojahn, Wolf.

Members Absent: Bailey, Buckingham, Cecil, Lopez, McNamara, McQuitty, Munson-McGee, Schultz.

Ex Officio Members Present: Martin, Cruzado-Salas, Fant, DeLeon.

Guests: Jack Thomas, Former FS Chair/CAHE; Brooke Conner, ASNMSU; Bobbie Derlin, DE/CEL; Diana Quintana, Assistant to the President/Ombuds Program Director.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eastman at 4:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved (as amended prior to the meeting).

3. President Martin and Diana Quintana

President Martin distributed three handouts to the senate. First, he discussed the enrollment headcount numbers as of 9/6/07 (Appendix A) and noted that NMSU will be one of the few higher ed institutions in the state to see an enrollment increase. Then he reviewed the performance measures for the 09 fiscal year budget recommendation (Appendix B), noting that NMSU exceeds in almost every category. Our measures for increasing the retention rate are beginning to pay off. We are pushing to add “research institutions” to the discretionary funds formula which would increase our funding. He reviewed NMSU’s agenda for fall 2007 (Appendix C) and urged the senators to study these items carefully. In other remarks, he noted that we are addressing the problems in the Office of Facilities and Services which are receiving media attention. It appears that many of these problems go back years, even decades, and personnel changes will be made, which we have done this before to improve administration of various NMSU departments. The athletics department must continue winning if we are to stay in this bigger conference. We will have another year of physical “chaos” as buildings are remodeled and people are temporarily moved, but that will level off. He noted the second annual NMSU/UNM joint Board of Regents meeting to be held in Albuquerque this Saturday. In last year’s meeting a joint pharmacy program was established and other such programs were discussed.

Diana Quintana distributed and discussed information on the NMSU Ombuds program (Appendix D), and introduced Jack Thomas, program faculty representative. Pat Williams, BOR Chief of Staff, has been handling student issues.

4. Minutes of May 3, 2007, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the May 3, 2007, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Election of Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian

Anne Meek was nominated to serve as recording secretary and reelected by acclamation.

Maria DeBoyrie was nominated to serve as parliamentarian and reelected by acclamation.

6. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Eastman's September report was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. She thanked the senators who worked on the University Budget Committee and reviewed the highlights of the summer's activities. (Appendix D)

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Pfeiffer's report was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. He reviewed the highlights of his summer activities. Dennis Haslett was selected as NMSU Director of Government Affairs. (Appendix E)

7. Reports of Standing Committees

None of the standing committees met during the summer.

8. Other Reports

Tracy Sterling, Co-chair of the Promotion and Tenure Task Force, reported that the BOR will vote tomorrow on the revised Promotion and Tenure Policy approved by the FS in May 07. Every college has been asked to assemble a committee to prepare their college policy, and each department will then prepare their criteria for promotion and tenure; these will all be due at the end of the spring semester. She and former FS Chair/Co-sponsor met with the DAC and presented a power point program illustrating how the deans can help to get the new policy implemented. If anyone has questions or concerns with the new P & T policy, please contact her, Dr. Creider or any other member of the P & T Task Force.

Chair Eastman recognized our new Provost Waded Cruzado-Salas.

9. New Business

- A. Proposition 01-07/08 A Proposal to Modify University Policy on Faculty Teaching Load (Erickson, COB) was introduced by Vice Chair Pfeiffer. Sponsor Erickson noted that this is a resubmission of the proposition which was tabled (for further study) at the final FS meeting in May 07 and thus removed from the agenda. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs committee which will meet 9/11/07.
- B. Proposition 02-07/08 Master of Science in Bioinformatics (Pfeiffer, Nishiguchi, Mariani, A & S) was presented by Co-sponsor Pfeiffer. He explained the rationale and noted that ADAC has

reviewed this program. Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs committee which will meet on 9/18/07.

Chair Eastman noted the importance of the members' attendance at their committee meetings so a quorum would be present. She also urged any senator interested in certain legislation to attend the meeting of the committee studying it; one does not have to be a member to attend.

10. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

11. Other

A. Election of new Faculty Senate Representative to the Student Fee Review Committee

Senator Gary Rayson was nominated and elected by acclamation.

B. Election of new Faculty Senate observer to ASNMSU

Senator Mary Prentice was nominated and elected by acclamation. ASNMSU representative Brooke Connor will send a schedule of ASNMSU senate meetings for all who want to attend.

C. Formation of Ad Hoc Committee on changes to Viewing a Wider World academic requirements

Jeff Amato (A & S) has been appointed chair. He noted that Proposition 21-06/07 Viewing a Wider World was defeated at the final FS meeting in May 07, and this committee will continue study on VWW in preparation for a new bill. He asked for volunteers to serve and wants to have representatives from all the colleges; membership is open to any faculty member.

Senator Amato also announced that the New Faculty Association organized by former senator David Rutledge will meet tomorrow at 4:30 pm at the bookstore and move to the golf course clubhouse at 5:30 pm. All faculty are welcome to greet new faculty.

D. Election of new Faculty Senate Representative to the Campus Planning Committee

Vice Chair and former member Pfeiffer described the committee's activities. Senator Anne Hubbell was nominated and elected by acclamation.

E. Election of new Faculty Senate Representative to the Faculty Advisory Committee on Technology

Vice Chair and former member Pfeiffer described the committee's activities. He pointed out that senators who are presently on the committee are there representing their colleges. A senator specifically representing the FS is needed. Senator Jan Black was nominated and elected by acclamation.

12. Announcements

A. Chair Eastman announced that notebooks and lapel pins for new senators are available at the head table.

- B. Senator Brown announced that he has been elected chair of the Graduate Council, and asked senators with interests in and concerns about the graduate school to contact him. He also announced that new Associate Dean of the Graduate School Luis Vazquez wants to include plagiarism issues in the new graduate student orientation programs.
- C. President Martin announced that 2 years ago Senator Pete Dominici donated many of his papers to UNM, but they haven't done anything with them so Senator Dominici asked us if we would be interested in taking them. We agreed, and will begin moving them to the NMSU Archives. He also thanked all the senators who served [with others] on the Provost Search Committee for their service, noting that by not using an outside firm we saved \$90,000 and did an excellent job. He then introduced Interim A & S Dean Greg Fant.
- D. Chair Eastman announced that following adjournment all senators are to remain to caucus with their standing committees to elect their COC representatives, and report the results to the recording secretary.

13. Adjournment and post-adjournment caucus of Standing Committees to elect their COC representatives

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Results of Standing Committee Elections for COC Representatives

Long Range Planning elected Jon Holtzman.
Scholastic Affairs elected Marsha Weisiger.
Faculty Affairs elected Chris Erickson.
University Affairs elected Mark Andersen.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary