

MINUTES OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX

November 29, 2007

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

Members Absent: Alexander, Bejarano, Bosman, Buckingham, Cecil, Hadfield, Lopez, McNamara, Ni, Nishiguchi, Rosencrans, Storm, P. Torres.

Ex Officio Members Present: Fant.

Guests: Brooke Conner, ASNMSU; Cynda Clary, Provost's Office; Walter Zakahi, Assoc Dean, A & S; Brian Ormand, ICT.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2007, Faculty Senate Meeting

The attendance was corrected; dates of the next FS chair's term corrected, then the minutes were approved as corrected.

4. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Eastman reviewed her report of November activities which was distributed on the FS listserv earlier. She emphasized that everyone should attend President Martin's town hall meetings; there is an open forum on December 12 for anyone who was not able to attend a college meeting. (Appendix A)

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Pfeiffer reviewed the items in his report which was distributed on the FS listserv earlier. Items of particular interest included a proposed 5% salary increase and .75% increase to the retirement system which are on the Council of University Presidents' legislative agenda, and a proposed \$25 million dollar General Obligation bond issue which will include contributions to Phase I of the new Arts Complex among other projects. (Appendix B)

## 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 03-07/08, Reorganized Policy Manual Chapter III, amended the Proposal section, and recommended "Do Pass as Amended". The motion to accept his report was accepted.

### C. Scholastic Affairs

Scholastic Affairs Committee Chair Weisiger reported that the committee studied Proposition 06-07/08, Professional Masters in Financial Mathematics, and recommended "Do Pass". The motion to accept her report was accepted.

### D. University Affairs

University Affairs Committee Chair Andersen reported that the committee studied Proposition 07-07/08, Amend FS Bylaws re Apportionment, and recommended "Do Pass". The committee also studied Proposition 09-07/08, A Memorial for Technology and Financial Support, and unanimously recommended "Do Pass". The motion to accept his report was accepted.

## 6. Other Reports

### A. Viewing a Wider World Committee

Committee Chair Amato reported that the committee met 4 times and developed 3 proposals, each dealing with a separate VWW issue, which will be presented later today. He praised the cooperation and dedication of the committee members and thanked them for their service.

### B. University Budget Committee

FS UBC Representative Lynn Kelly reported that the provost discussed at length her plan and the deans' plans for the future; deans were asked to give the provost information on what new programs and faculty they will request, and it is hoped Provost Cruzado can report to the FS (maybe at the next meeting) her progress on these issues. Senator Kelly said service on this committee "was really an education", and she is impressed with what Jennifer Taylor can do with the limited funds available. Senator Kelly's term expires at the end of this month.

## 7. New Business

- A. Proposition 10-07/08 A Memorial 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 C)
- B. Proposition 11-07/08 A Memorial 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 D)
- C. Proposition 12-07/08 A Memorial 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 E)

VWW Chair/Co-sponsor Amato presented and discussed all 3 proposals consecutively. They address the VWW revisions but each deals with a different issue. He and Chair Eastman noted that although the FS doesn't start the official approval of the VWW program policy, we want to participate and advise on the revisions, so they are all presented as memorials; she anticipates that after they have gone through ADC and ADAC they will come back to the FS as formal propositions, probably in the spring. VWW Chair Amato also encouraged all interested persons to attend the committee meeting next week which will study these memorials. All 3 proposals are assigned to the Scholastic Affairs Committee which will meet 12/4/07.

- D. Proposition 13-07/08 A Memorial Responding to President Martin's Re-Alignment Plan (Erben, Grants CC; Buckholz, Carlsbad CC; González, DA CC). Vice Chair Pfeiffer explained that he provided the provisional committee assignment in case the FS opts to send to committee rather than approve emergency legislation, and that he will continue to do so to all emergency legislation requests during the remainder of his term as it is presumptuous to assume the FS will always approve these requests. Co-sponsor González presented the bill, noting its relationship to the "one university" concept. She also stated that most of the members of the American Association of Community Campuses refer to their CEOs as President, and there is considerable support at DA CC for naming the CEO President. Chair Eastman noted that evidently there is a need for more development on the issue among the sponsors. Co-sponsor Erben said the request for emergency legislation is to be able to get the CC's position on this issue to the BOR at their December meeting; however, the BOR is not expected to make a decision at that time. The sponsors then agreed to withdraw the request for emergency legislation and send the proposition to committee. Senator Erickson said that he would make provisions for the remote committee members to participate in the meetings next week. Vice Chair Pfeiffer said that immediately following today's FS meeting the remote senators and Brian Ormond would meet with him and others to discuss plans for installing this equipment. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 12/4/07. (Appendix F)

## 8. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 03/07/08 (Amended) Reorganized Policy Manual Chapter III (Pfeiffer, A & S) was presented by LRP Committee Chair Holtzman. The LRP committee revised the language in the **Proposal** section and recommended "Do Pass as Amended". In reference to the Note at the end

of the proposal, the FS has approved the Faculty Workload Policy changes but the BOR has not yet done so. The motion to approve this proposition carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

- B. Proposition 06-07/08 A Proposal to Establish a Professional masters' Degree in Financial Mathematics (Mariani, A & S; Fortin, Erickson, Business). Co-sponsor Mariani reviewed the proposal. Co-sponsor Erickson noted the value and popularity of this degree at other Universities. The motion to approve this proposition carried unanimously. (Appendix H)
- C. Proposition 07-07/08 A Proposal to Amend the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate Concerning the Apportionment for Faculty Senate (Kelly, Engineering) was presented by Sponsor Kelly noting that this adds to the FS By-Laws the data collection method referenced in #10-06/07 approved by the FS last year. She moved that the proposal be accepted. In the discussion Senator Ketelaar offered a friendly amendment revising and clarifying some of the language in the proposal which was accepted by Sponsor Kelly. Vice Chair Pfeiffer stated that he has received the data to prepare the next apportionment. The motion to approve this proposition as amended carried unanimously. (Appendix I)
- D. Proposition 09-07/08 A Memorial for Technology and Financial Support for the NMSU Faculty Senate for Distance Locations Committee Participation (Erben, Grants CC; McDonald, Alamogordo CC; Buckholz, Carlsbad CC; Rita González, DA CC; Landers, P. Torres, CES) was presented by Co-sponsor Landers who then asked that the proposal be accepted. The motion to approve this proposal carried unanimously. (Appendix J)

## 9. Announcements

### A. Dr. Cynda Clary – Update on Accreditation

Dr. Clary reported that the drafts of the accreditation self-study are now available on line at [lib.nmsu.edu/ssdraft](http://lib.nmsu.edu/ssdraft); these will be presented to the BOR at their December meeting. She encouraged everyone to read the drafts and provide feedback (comments and reactions including errors and omissions). The draft is presented in 6 chapters: Criterion I: Mission of the Institution; Criterion II: Planning for the Future; Criterion III: Teaching and Learning; Criterion IV: Scholarship (development and research); Criterion V: Engagement (outreach and ties); Special Emphasis: (First Year Experience on the Las Cruces Campus). In response to Senator Sterling's request for the responses deadline, Dr. Clary said they want to get their draft copies to University Communications by 12/10/07 and to the printer by 1/7/08. She will report to the FS again at the January meeting.

## 10. Other

- A. Chair Eastman asked that any Faculty Senator going on sabbatical leave in the Spring 2008 semester please notify the recording secretary and your college/unit senior senator today.
- B. Election of Faculty Senate Representative to the University Communicable Diseases Prevention Committee

Senator Hubbell volunteered to serve on this committee.

C. Election of Faculty Senate Representative to the Civility Committee

There were no volunteers so the call for a FS representative to this committee will go out again at the next meeting in January. Committee meeting dates/times have not yet been established.

D. Election of Two Nominees for Faculty Senate Chair 2008/2009

FS Chair Eastman said that she will have completed 7 consecutive years in the FS, the maximum term length allowed by the FS Constitution, when her term ends in May 2008, and therefore is not eligible for reelection. Senator Pfeiffer was nominated by Senator Hubbell; Senator Weisiger seconded the nomination. Senator Erickson was nominated by Senator de Boyrie; several seconded the nomination. Both accepted their nominations. Senator Holtzman was nominated but declined to accept the nomination. The nominees are requested to send a brief bio to the recording secretary next week to be included on the ballot.

11. Adjournment

Chair Eastman wished all present a happy and restful winter break.  
The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek  
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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Wanda A. Eastman, Faculty Senate Chair

Date