

MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX  
January 15, 2009

Members Present: Pfeiffer (Chair), Erickson (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Anderson, Bailey, Blair, Bloomquist, Bosman, Bronstein, Brown, Buckholz, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erben, González, Hampton, Hardee, Hubbell, Huttlinger, Kelly, Knight, Lakey, McNeel, Montañez, Munson-McGee, K. Oliver, Prentice, Rayson, Rosencrans, Schultz, Simon, Teich, P. Torres, Winn, Wojahn.

Members Absent: Andersen, Bejarano, Buckingham, Bugbee, Cecil, Christman, Chung, Fitzpatrick, Fortin, Idriss, Mathis, Ni, Nishiguchi, R. Oliver, Ranade, Reyes, Storm, M. Torres.

Ex Officio Members Present: Cruzado-Salas, Moulton, Dominguez, Lacey, Titus, Chappell.

Guests: Scott Southward, UComm; Bobbie Derlin, De/CEL for Gonzales.

1. Call to Order

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

2. NMSU Interim President Cruzado

Dr. Cruzado welcomed everyone back from the holiday and looks forward to a good second semester, noting that our enrollment figures are up again and the Year of Sustainability will bring positive results. Colleagues in other institutions of higher learning across the country are experiencing very serious financial troubles; we are in better shape than many. The legislature opens next Tuesday and she will continue to keep us informed of their progress. She encouraged the FS to invite Ricardo Rel, NMSU Government Relations liaison, to report regularly on legislative activities. CHSS has a new dean who will report July 1, 2009, and a new football coach has been hired.

3. Interim Provost Robert Moulton

Dr. Moulton noted that the results of the Mercer faculty salaries study are being distributed resulting in lots of positive emails. Jennifer Taylor worked successfully to implement the raises, and he thanked Chris Erickson for his hard work developing the formula used.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

5. Graduate School Dean Linda Lacey

Dr. Lacey distributed and discussed her draft criterion for internal evaluation of new graduate degree proposals and a five-year strategic plan for implementation of more than 20 proposals. She has worked with the NM Higher Ed Council and the ADC to develop the draft criteria, and asked the FS to study it and review the graduate degree proposals and send comments and suggestions to her or to Senator Chris Brown, Graduate Council Chair. (Appendixes A and B)

6. Minutes of December 4, 2008, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

## 7. Reports of Officers

### A. Chair's Report

Chair Pfeiffer reviewed his January 2009 report which was distributed earlier. He asked for comments and input on modifying the policy that prevents interims from applying for permanent positions, and wants volunteers to help work on this draft. Senator Brown asked whether alternative tools other than "Digital Measures" were considered. Chair Pfeiffer said that one exists but the general consensus is that Digital Measures has more flexibility. (Appendix C)

### B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Erickson reviewed his report distributed on the FS listserv. He has heard of some glitches in the calculation of the salary increases and asked anyone with concerns to contact the personnel office for a review. More rounds of promotions are planned. (Appendix D)

## 8. Reports of Standing Committees

### A. Faculty Affairs: Christopher Brown, Chair

Chair Brown reported that no legislation was assigned to his committee so they did not meet.

### B. Long Range Planning: Kathleen Huttlinger, Chair

Chair Huttlinger said that her committee has already reported on their study of Proposition #6.

### C. Scholastic Affairs Committee: William Storm, Chair

No legislation was assigned to this committee so they did not meet.

### D. University Affairs: Lynn Kelly, Chair

Chair Kelly reported that no legislation was assigned to her committee so they did not meet.

## 9. Other Reports

### A. Report on Progress of Approved Legislation

Chair Pfeiffer reported that the president has signed Proposition 05-08/09 Faculty Workload Policy and it will now go forward to the BOR Consent Calendar next summer.

## 10. New Business

Proposition 09-08/09 Memorial in Support of the NMSU Year of Sustainability (Brown, Rayson, A & S; Rosencrans, ACES; Huttlinger, Schultz, CHSS; Kelly Engineering; P. Torres, CES) was introduced by Co-sponsor Brown. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet on 1/22. (Appendix E)

11. Unfinished Business

Proposition 06-08/09 Amended: Proposal to Amend Section 5.98 of the NMSU Policy Manual (Brown, A & S; Rosencrans, ACES). Chair Pfeiffer reviewed the history of this bill’s progress, noting that at their last meeting ADC made a grammatical correction and limited the time someone who is not being renewed can request a review, then approved the bill as amended. Senator Kelly asked for a clarification of the portions dealing with various P & T committees and the department head’s function. Dean Titus noted that each department is required to have its own P & T Committee (addressed in the NMSU Policy Manual). The question was called and approved, and the motion to approve this bill passed unanimously. (Appendix F)

12. Other Business

A. Faculty Senate Representatives to Other Organizations

a. Council on Intercollegiate Athletics.

Chair Pfeiffer reviewed the development of our participation in this council and noted that the organization is an association of faculty senates. Kathleen Huttlinger and Gary Rayson volunteered to serve; Senator Bloomquist also volunteered, then withdrew. In the voting by secret ballot, Senator Huttlinger received 22 votes and Senator Rayson received 12 votes.

b. There were no volunteers for ASNMSU or the CCSU Board.

B. Call for Nominations for Faculty Senate Chair 2009-10

Chair Pfeiffer announced that nominations for Faculty Senate Chair 2009-10 will be received at the February 5, 2009, meeting. He stated that although he has enjoyed serving as chair this year he will not be a candidate for 2009-10 chair.

13. Announcements

Vice Chair Erickson noted that the balloting for college-track faculty senators will be held at the same time as the FS chair election. Senator Brown thanked Vice-Chair Erickson for all his hard work on the faculty salary raise programs.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek  
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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Joseph J. Pfeiffer, Jr., Faculty Senate Chair

Date