

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
March 5, 2009

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

Members Absent: Amato, M. Andersen, Bejarano, Buckingham, Bugbee, Cramer, Idriss, Ranade, Reyes.

Ex Officio Members Present: Moulton, Titus.

Guests: Bobbie Derlin, DE/CEL (for Gonzales); Ricardo Rel, Assistant Vice President, Government Relations (by speaker phone); Steve Loring, NMSU Sustainability Council; Noel Martinez, ASNMSU representative to the FS.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pfeiffer at 4:04 p.m. He introduced Noel Martinez, ASNMSU representative to the Faculty Senate.

2. Ricardo Rel, Assistant Vice President, Government Relations

Reporting by speaker phone from Santa Fe, Ricardo Rel reviewed his last report to the FS (2/5/09) then summarized this month's activities. The new revenue estimates for the current fiscal year (FY) shows we have gained about \$50 million into the general fund reserves. For the upcoming year revenues will decline by about \$252 million; projected revenues for 2010 will grow but previous levels will not be reached until FY 2013. The majority of revenues come from oil and gas – these energy revenues are declining, now at the lowest share since 1999. The stimulus package will help out but impact won't occur until 2011. For the 2010 budget, HB 2 passed and presently is in the Senate Finance Committee. NMSU is doing better than most but will see a 9/10 of 1% reduction: Equipment R & R was cut to 20%, Building R & R was cut \$1 million. There will be a tuition credit of 2.5% in-state, 8% out-of-state (Dean Moulton said our reserves will cover that cost). Mr. Rel repeated that our hard work resulted in increased workload dollars. In response to Senator Ni's question, Mr. Rel said the legislature will not be able to help with the \$2 million shortfall in the Athletics budget. Check his website for the latest information. Dean Moulton said he has asked the deans to put together 2 contingency plans for future tuition credit cuts.

3. Steve Loring, NMSU Sustainability Council

Steve Loring reported that the Sustainability and Climate Control Task Force has reorganized into the Sustainability Council and is developing plans of action including outreach, communications, ways to incorporate awareness into the curriculum and lectures. He asked the faculty to help spread the word about their events and pointed out the council represents all four campuses and CES.

4. Interim Provost Robert Moulton

Provost Moulton said that at the last FS meeting he asked for as many new mid-semester courses as possible to increase growth, and 100 courses which begin next week were developed. He thanked the FS for their response and hard work.

5. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

6. Minutes of February 5, 2009, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the February 5, 2009, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

7. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Pfeiffer reviewed his report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix A)

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Erickson reviewed his report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix B) He distributed the apportionment information for 2009-2010 which shows there will be no change in the number and distribution of 2009-2010 senators. (Appendix C) He will notify each college's Senior Senators how many new senators need to be elected.

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

C. Scholastic Affairs, William Storm, Chair

Chair Storm reported that the committee studied Proposition 10-08/09 (Amend course catalog re honors), amended some language for clarity and ties, and recommended "Do Pass as Amended". The motion to accept his report was approved.

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

Proposition 06-08/09, Policy Manual Amendment, has been signed by the president and Proposition 09-08/09, Year of Sustainability Memorial, is in the president's office.

10. New Business

- A. Proposition 11-08/09 Remove Prohibition of Interims from Competing for Academic Administrative Positions (Winn, Brown, Hubbell, A & S; R. Oliver, CoB; Prentice, CoEd; Kelly, CoEng; P. Torres, CES) was introduced by Co-sponsor Winn. Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs which will meet 3/17.
- B. Proposition 12-08/09 School of Nursing Proposal for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program (Schultz, Huttlinger, CHSS Nursing) was introduced by Co-sponsor Schultz. Assigned to the Scholastic Committee which will meet 3/17.
- C. Proposition 13-08/09 Proposal that Registrar's Office Create Electronic Incomplete Grade Form (Erben, Grants; Buckholz, Carlsbad) was introduced by Co-sponsor Joan Erben. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 3/10.
- D. Proposition 14-08/09 Proposition to Change NMSU Policy Manual Concerning Research Faculty Designation for Externally Funded Researchers and College Faculty (Brown, Hubbell, Rayson, A & S; Andersen, CAHE; Munson-McGee, CoEng) was introduced by Co-sponsor Brown. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet 3/19.
- E. Proposition 15-08/09 Memorial Concerning Developing and Delivering Outstanding Education Opportunities Using Digital Content at NMSU (R. Oliver, CoB; Christman, CoEd; Erben, Grants; Huttlinger, CHSS; Brown, A & S; Cramer, ACES) was introduced by Co-sponsor R. Oliver. Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet 3/12.
- F. Proposition 16-08/09 Theses and Dissertations Embargos (Bosman, Library; Brown, Wojahn, A & S) was introduced by Co-sponsor Bosman. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 3/10.
- G. Proposition 17-08/09 Withdrawn
- H. Proposition 18-08/09 Memorial Concerning Declining Research Infrastructure Support (Rayson, Ni, A & S; Munson-McGee, CoEng) was introduced by Co-sponsor Rayson. Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet 3/12.

11. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 10-08/09 Amended: Proposal to Amend Course Catalog Provision for Graduations with Honors (Teich, CoB; Lakey, A & S) was presented by Co-sponsor Lakey. The motion to approve this proposition was approved unanimously.

12. A. Faculty Senate Representatives to Other Organizations

- a. Communicable Disease Preparedness Committee

Pamela Schultz volunteered to serve on this committee (replacing Anne Hubbell).

- B. Call for Nominations for Appeals Board Representatives (3 year term)

- a. Faculty Salary Increase/Performance Evaluation: 1 regular faculty, 1 alternate faculty
- b. University Appeals Board: 1 regular faculty, 1 alternate faculty

Vice Chair Erickson asked that nominations be sent to him by email.

13. Announcements

Chair Pfeiffer noted that with so many new bills assigned to committees it is very important that all the committees have a quorum so the legislation can move forward.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Joseph J. Pfeiffer, Jr., Faculty Senate Chair

Date