

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
April 2, 2009

Members Present: Pfeiffer (Chair), Erickson (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, K. Anderson, Bailey, Bejarano, Blair, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erben, Hardee, Hubbell, Huttlinger, Kelly, Knight, Lakey, Mathis, McNeel, Montañez, Munson-McGee, Ni, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Rayson, Schultz, Simon, Storm, M. Torres, P. Torres.

Members Absent: M. Andersen, Bloomquist, Bronstein, Buckingham, Bugbee, Christman, Fitzpatrick, Fortin, González, Hampton, Idriss, Nishiguchi, Prentice, Ranade, Reyes, Rosencrans, Teich, Winn, Wojahn.

Ex Officio Members Present: Titus.

Guests: Bobbie Derlin, DE/CEL (for Gonzales); Cindy Murrell, A & S English; Wanda Borges, CHSS Nursing; Noel Martinez, ASNMSU FS Representative; Vicente Vargas, Interim Director, State Government Affairs.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pfeiffer at 4:04 pm.

2. Vimal Chaitanya, Vice President Research, Graduate Studies and International Programs

Dr. Chaitanya gave a power point presentation of what the stimulus funds (ARRA) mean to NMSU. They will impact all areas of the campuses. Proposals must be prepared and submitted quickly as all funds will be committed by September 09, and funded projects must be completed within 2 years (5 years for some). Please log on to Dr. Chaitanya's complete power point presentation at <http://research.nmsu.edu/docs/arra2.pdf> for detailed breakdowns of funds distributions and allocations, and specific guidelines.

3. Vicente Vargas, speaking for Ricardo Rel who could not be here today, gave a brief summary of the legislature's actions and how NMSU will be impacted. NMSU will receive \$124 million in I & G funding next year, a loss of \$1.88 million. Our main focus was to maintain our workload funding which will be \$4.4 million. There will be no increases in salary compensation from the state for state employees this year. Faculty contributions to the ERB will increase to approximately \$35 per paycheck to cover a 2-year contribution as funds were shifted from ERB to other areas of the budget; there may be an offset from stimulus funds. We received \$5.5 million for our Arts Complex. There will be a 2.5% tuition credit instate, 8% out-of-state.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

5. Minutes of March 5, 2009, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the March 5, 2009, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as distributed.

6. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

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

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Erickson reviewed his April report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. He noted that in spite of the fiscal shortfalls NMSU did better than most in this year's legislature. (Appendix B)

7. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs, Christopher Brown, Chair

Chair Brown reported that the committee studied Proposition 13-08/09 (Electronic Forms), wanted to make some revisions and asked for more time. They also studied Prop 16-08/09 (Library Embargos), made slight revisions and recommended "Do Pass as Amended". The motion to accept his report was approved.

B. Long Range Planning, Kathleen Huttlinger, Chair

Chair Huttlinger reported that a quorum was not present so no legislation could be approved.

C. Scholastic Affairs, William Storm, Chair

Chair Storm reported that the committee studied Proposition 11-08/09 (Interims), added language supplied by the NMSU legal office, and recommended "Do Pass as Amended". They also studied Proposition 12-08/09 (DNP) and unanimously recommended "Do Pass". The motion to accept his report was approved.

D. University Affairs, Lynn Kelly, Chair

Chair Kelly reported that a quorum was not present so no legislation could be approved.

8. Other Reports

A. COIA Report: Kathleen Huttlinger, FS Representative to the COIA

Senator Huttlinger's report on the COIA annual meeting in March was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix C)

8. New Business

A. Proposition 19-08/09 Amendment to Faculty Teaching Load Policy [Regarding Community Colleges] (Buckholz, Carlsbad CC; Erben, Grants CC; González, Dona Ana CC; McNeel, Alamogordo CC) was introduced by Co-sponsor Buckholz who noted that this will correct

misleading statements in the existing policy. Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet 4/9/09. (Appendix D)

- B. Proposition 20-08/09 A Memorial Regarding Equity Pay Raises (Brown, Rayson, Storm, A & S; Kelly, Eng; Schultz, CHSS; González, DACC) was introduced by Co-Chair Erickson who noted that this bill comes out of the Faculty Salary Task Forces studies which he chaired. He said that this memorial recommends that salary adjustments should be made by disciplines and by rank. Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs Committee which will meet 4/14/09. (Appendix E)
- C. Proposition 21-08/09 Memorial in Support of Reorganization of Academic Units Within the College of Arts and Sciences: Separation of the Department of Sociology & Anthropology and Integration of the Women's Studies Program (Brown, A & S) was introduced by co-sponsor Brown. Assigned to University Affairs which will meet 4/16/09. (Appendix F)
- D. Proposition 22-08/09: A Memorial to Update the University Research Council (URC) Charter (M. Torres, CoEd; Nishiguchi, Wojahn, A & S) was introduced by Co-sponsor M. Torres. Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs Committee which will meet 4/14/09 (Appendixes G & H)
- E. Proposition 23-08/09 Master of Arts Degree in Latin American Studies (Brown, A & S) was introduced by Co-sponsor Brown. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 4/7/09. (Appendixes I, J & K)

9. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 11-08/09 Amended: 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 presented by Co-sponsor Brown. Senator Cramer had several concerns which were addressed by Dr. Brown. The motion to approve this proposition carried with 2 No votes and 2 Abstentions. (Appendix L)
- B. Proposition 12-08/09 School of Nursing Proposal for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program (Schultz, Huttlinger, CHSS, Nursing) was presented by Co-sponsor Schultz. When asked about funding, she said the faculty for this program is already in place. The motion to approve this proposition carried with 1 Abstention. (Appendixes M & N)
- C. Proposition 13-08/09 Amended: A Memorial Requesting Prioritization of Creation of Electronic Forms (Erben, Grants; Buckholz, Carlsbad). No action: the Faculty Affairs Committee has asked for more time. Reassigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 4/7. (Appendix O)
- D. Proposition 14-08/09 Edited: College and Research Faculty (Brown, A & S; Andersen, CAHE) was reassigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet 4/16; no quorum at March meeting. (Appendix P)
- E. Proposition 15-08/09 Withdrawn
- F. Proposition 16-08/09 Amended: Theses and Dissertations Embargos (Bosman, Library; Brown, Wojahn, A & S) was presented by Co-sponsor Bosman. The motion to approve this proposition carried with 1 No vote and 3 Abstentions. (Appendix Q)

G. Proposition 17-08/09 Withdrawn

H. Proposition 18-08/09 Amended: Memorial Concerning Declining Research Infrastructure Support (Rayson, Ni, A & S; Munson-McGee, CoEng) was reassigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet 4/9, no quorum at March meeting. (Appendix R)

10. Other Business

A. 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 reported that he has received several nominations and would accept more.

12. Announcements

A. Senator Christopher Brown, Graduate Council Chair

Graduate Council Chair Brown distributed the agenda for the annual meeting of the graduate faculty (with breakfast) at 8 am on April 22, 2009, in the Large Conference Room at PSL. He also distributed the memo calling for nominations for 8 new members of the Graduate Council. (Appendixes S & T)

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Joseph J. Pfeiffer, Jr., Faculty Senate Chair

Date