

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
APRIL 30, 2009

Members Present: Pfeiffer (Chair), Erickson (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, M. Andersen, K. Anderson, Bailey, Bejarano, Blair, Bloomquist, Bosman, Bronstein, Brown, Buckholz, Bugbee, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erben, González, Hardee, Huttlinger, Kelly, Knight, Lakey, Mathis, McNeel, Munson-McGee, Nishiguchi, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Prentice, Rayson, Rosencrans, Schultz, Simon, Storm, M. Torres, P. Torres, Winn, Wojahn.

Members Absent: Buckingham, Christman, Fitzpatrick, Fortin, Hampton, Hubbell, Idriss, Montañez, Ni, Ranade, Reyes, Teich.

Ex Officio Members Present: Moulton, Chappell, Jansma.

Senators-Elect Present: Teresa Dean, CES; Chuck Kozel, CHSS/HSC; Azadeh Osanloo, CoEd/EMD; Mark Walker, A & S.

Guests: Lori McKee, Director, NMSU Health and Wellness; Albert Parra, Student Health Center; Scott Moore, Dean of Students; Heather Pfeiffer, FS Webmaster; Javier Gonzalez, Member, Board of Regents; Sam Fernald, University Research Council Chair; Iñigo Garcia-Bryce, A & S, History.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Javier Gonzalez, Member, Board of Regents

Mr. Gonzalez introduced himself to the FS with a brief biographical sketch. He graduated from NMSU in 1989 with a BA in accounting, then worked for Peat, Marwick in El Paso. After several years there he returned to his family's home and business in Santa Fe. He was elected county commissioner and also served as the chair of the National Association of Counties. He has worked in the family's radio station, accounting consulting, and now is a partner in Santa Fe Studios, a film business. Governor Richardson appointed him to the Highlands University BOR which placed a new president who has done well there. He told Governor Richardson that he would like to return to NMSU in some capacity and was pleased when the governor appointed him to our BOR which will now begin the search for a new president. With today's visit he hopes to open broader communications between the FS (and NMSU faculty in general) and the BOR; he can be reached at Javier AT SantaFeStudios.com. Chair Pfeiffer said this is the first visit by a Regent in the 6 years he has served in the FS.

3. Robert Moulton, Interim Executive Vice President/Provost

Dr. Moulton announced that Professor Emeritus Ken White will serve as interim dean of the College of Engineering following the resignation of Dean Castillo, and Robert Rhodes will chair the dean search committee. He also announced that the BOR will be asked to confirm the appointment of Manuel Pacheco as NMSU's Interim President.

4. Lori McKee, Director, NMSU Health and Wellness Programs

Mrs. McKee announced that following an intensive review of the many NMSU health and wellness programs a new comprehensive and coordinated program will become available to all NMSU faculty, staff, students and dependents as of July 1. Most will be centered in or near the Activity Center and participation is voluntary. Previously, many of these programs were funded solely by student activity fees and operated at a loss. A new and fairer nominal fee system has been developed: a flat \$5 per pay period for faculty and staff includes the swimming pool, exercise programs, and use of the recreation areas as well as many other programs; spouses and dependents can be added for small fees. Additional information will be located on the Wellness Programs websites at <http://wellness.nmsu.edu/>.

5. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

6. Minutes of April 2, 2009, Faculty Senate Meeting

Minutes of the April 2, 2009, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as distributed.

7. 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 added Stanley Lopez, Education, as the fourth college senator. (Appendix B)

8. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs: Christopher Brown, Chair

Chair Brown reported that the committee studied Proposition 23-08/09 MA in LAS and recommended "Do Pass", and Proposition 13-08/09 (Electronic Forms Memorial) 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 the committee studied Proposition 18-08/09 (Research Infrastructure Memorial) and recommended "Do Pass as Amended", and Proposition 19-08/09 (CC Faculty Teaching Load Policy) and recommended "Do Pass". The motion to accept her report was approved.

C. Scholastic Affairs: William Storm, Chair

Chair Storm reported that the committee studied Proposition 20-08/09 (Equity Pay Raises Memorial) and recommended "Do Pass", and Proposition 22-08/09 (URC Charter Update) and recommended "Do Pass as Amended". The motion to accept his report was approved.

D. University Affairs: Lynn Kelly, Chair

Chair Kelly reported that the committee studied Proposition 14-08/09 (College and Research Faculty) and recommended “Do Pass as Amended”, and Proposition 21 (A & S Depts Reorganization: Soc/Anth/WS Memorial) and recommended “Do Pass”. The motion to accept her report was approved.

9. Other Reports

A. Report on Faculty Retention at NMSU was previously distributed on the FS listserv. (Appendix C)

B. Annual Reports of FS Standing Committee Chairs and FS Representatives to NMSU Committees and Organizations (FS By-Laws Section B6).

Chair Pfeiffer reminded these chairs and representatives to submit their reports electronically to the Recording Secretary who will submit them to the President and Provost.

10. New Business

There was no new business.

11. Unfinished Business

A. Proposition 13-08/09 Amended: A Memorial Requesting Prioritization of Creation of Electronic Forms (Erben, Grants; Buckholz, Carlsbad) [FA] was presented by Co-sponsor Erben. Chair Pfeiffer noted that both Registrar Zimmerman and Shaun Cooper, ICT, are delighted to receive direction from the FS on the creation and improvements of electronic forms. The motion to approve this proposition carried unanimously. (Appendix D)

B. Proposition 14-08/09 Amended: College and Research Faculty (Brown, A & S; Andersen, CAHE) [UA] was presented by Co-sponsor Brown. The motion to approve this proposition carried unanimously. (Appendix E)

C. Proposition 18-08/09 Amended: Memorial Concerning Declining Research Infrastructure Support (Rayson, Ni, A & S; Munson-McGee, CoEng) [LRP] was presented by Co-Sponsor Rayson. The motion to approve this proposition carried unanimously. (Appendix F)

D. 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) [LRP] was presented by Co-sponsor Buckholz. The motion to approve this proposition carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

E. Proposition 20-08/09 A Memorial Regarding Equity Pay Raises (Brown, Rayson, Storm, A & S; Kelly, Eng; Schultz, CHSS; González, DACC) [SA] was presented by Faculty Salary Task Force Chair/FS Vice Chair Erickson. The motion to approve this proposition carried unanimously. (Appendix H)

F. 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) [UA] was presented by Co-sponsor Alexander. Co-sponsor Brown noted that this reorganization has been supported unanimously by all faculty and department heads affected. The motion to approve this proposition carried unanimously. (Appendix I)

G. Proposition 22-08/09 Amended: Update to the University Research Council (URC) Charter (M. Torres, CoEd; Nishiguchi, Wojahn, A & S) [SA] was presented by Co-sponsor Wojahn. Chair Pfeiffer stated that the Academic Deans Council meeting at which these updates would have been reviewed was cancelled; the ADC would have made some amendments prior to the proposition's submission to the FS, and Chair Pfeiffer was asked to propose these amendments from the floor today. Vice Chair Erickson then assumed the chair for the discussion. Chair Pfeiffer stated that the first amendment is the addition of the Vice Chair of Research as an ex officio member of the committee; this was accepted as a Friendly Amendment by Co-sponsor Wojahn. The second amendment proposed modification to the requirement that members of the Research Council be active researchers. [URC Membership, Faculty, P.7]. Following lengthy discussion, the second amendment carried with 2 nays and 10 abstentions; a friendly amendment adjusting the language to the second amendment was accepted by co-sponsor Wojahn. The motion to approve this proposition as amended carried unanimously, and the chair was returned to Dr. Pfeiffer. (Appendix J)

H Proposition 23-08/09 Master of Arts Degree in Latin American Studies (Brown, A & S) [FA] was presented by Co-sponsor Brown. Dr. Garcia-Bryce spoke in favor of the proposal. Senator Bosman asked if this proposal was a duplicate of the UNM program or in competition with it; Dr. Garcia-Bryce replied no, that ours is different by including Border Studies. He also noted that there is sufficient interest and support for this graduate degree to offer it. The motion to approve this proposition carried with one abstention. (Appendix K)

12. Other Business

A. Chair Pfeiffer recognized and thanked the retiring senators who will not be returning to the FS.

B. Chair Pfeiffer recognized and welcomed the senators-elect present.

C. In his closing remarks Chair Pfeiffer reviewed the activities and success of this academic year. The administration sought (and listened to) FS opinion on a number of issues. Other institutions are experiencing much more severe problems than NMSU, yet our FS has worked together harmoniously and has seen NMSU remain solid and even improved. He thanked Recording Secretary Anne Meek, Parliamentarian Maria de Boyrie and FS Webmaster Heather Pfeiffer for their service this year with gifts of NMSU pens.

D. Ceremonial Transfer of Faculty Senate Gavel to new Faculty Senate Chair 2009-2010.

Chair Pfeiffer announced that Vice Chair Chris Erickson was elected Faculty Senate Chair for 2009-2010, handed him the gavel and gave him an appropriate gift. He noted that today's refreshments were suggested by the provost and invited everyone present to enjoy them before leaving.

Chair-elect Erickson reminded senators returning next year that they need to caucus immediately following adjournment for their COC elections, and the recording secretary reminded next year's senators to complete and turn in their Standing Committee Assignments requests for 2009-10.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

14. Caucus of Faculty Senators for 2009-2010 by College/Electing Groups to Elect Their Members to the 2009-2010 Committee on Committees

COC members for 2009-2010 elected: Senators Clay Mathis, CES; Mark Andersen, ACES; Rita González, DACC; Pamela Schultz, CHSS; Gary Rayson, William Storm and Ellen Bosman, A & S; Stuart Munson-McGee, Engineering; and Richard Oliver, Business.

15. Caucus of 2009-2010 Committee on Committees to Elect 2009-2010 Faculty Senate Vice Chair

COC members elected Mark Andersen, ACES, to be FS Vice Chair 2009-2010.

FS Chair Election results (required by FS By-Laws Section B1)

Chris Erickson: 119 votes
Mark Andersen: 99 votes.

FS College Senators Election Results (required by FS Constitution Article IV, Section C)

*Nancy Baptiste: 11
*Stanley Lopez: 9
*Cindy Murrell: 11
*Tracey Thompson: 12
Alan Berryman: 5
Van Bullock: 6
Tauna Cole-Dorn: 9
Patricia R. Hoffman: 7
Amalia Humada-Ludeke: 7
Sheila Horan: 8
Charles A. Martin: 4
John Scarbrough: 5
Ben Taylor: 9

*elected

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Christopher A. Erickson, Faculty Senate Chair

Date