

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
September 4, 2008

Members Present: Pfeiffer (Chair), Erickson (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Andersen, Bejarano, Bloomquist, Bosman, Bronstein, Brown, Buckholz, Bugbee, Christman, Chung, Cramer, De Boyrie, Erben, González, Hampton, Hardee, Holtzman, Hubbell, Huttlinger, Kelly, Ketelaar, Knight, Lakey, McNeel, Munson-McGee, Nishiguchi, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Ranade, Rayson, Rosencrans, Schultz, Storm, M. Torres, P. Torres, Winn, Wojahn.

Members Absent: Bailey, Blair, Buckingham, Cecil, Fortin, Idriss, Mathis, Ni, Prentice, Teich.

Ex Officio Members Present: Cruzado-Salas, Moulton, Cooper, Dominguez, Morehead.

Guests: Laurence Creider, Former FS Chair, Library; Tom Burton, Department Head, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Bobbie Raub, ACAP Alternate FS Representative; Bobbie Derlin, DE/CEL (for Gonzalez); Tara Gray, Teaching Academy; Kathy Brook, Associate Dean, College of Business.

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pfeiffer at 4:04 pm. He welcomed all the new senators.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

3. Minutes of May 1, 2008, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the May 1, 2008, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

4. Election of Parliamentarian, Maria De Boyrie

Maria de Boyrie was reelected FS Parliamentarian by acclamation.

Election of Recording Secretary, Anne Meek

Anne Meek was reelected Recording Secretary by acclamation.

Chair Pfeiffer introduced Webmaster Heather Pfeiffer.

5. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Pfeiffer reviewed his report of Summer 08 activities which was distributed earlier. Vice Chair Erickson is organizing a task force to investigate the issue of faculty salaries. Chair Pfeiffer will be forming another task force to study enhancements to the faculty rank structure, including the creation of formal soft-money research faculty positions and increasing ranks in or above Professor. (Appendix A)

B. Vice Chair's Report

In his oral report, Vice Chair Erickson noted that he attended several Regents Task Force meetings and several ADAC meetings. The course change forms which used to be called "flimsies", then CCFs, are being changed again and will be called CAFs. COC still needs a member for Education and more A & S members which should be elected at the post-adjourment caucuses today. The Salary Task Force will hold its first meeting the 15th; more members are needed - volunteers welcome.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

None of the standing committees have met yet (no legislation assigned). Their chairs will be elected at the post-adjourment caucuses today.

7. Other Reports

Senator Nishiguchi, FS representative to the Campus Planning Committee, reported on action taken in their meeting last week. Solar-powered lighting will be installed on bus stops; these require no wiring and shelters are easier to move around; more enhancements are being considered as funding permits. A football building and women's soccer locker room are Aggie Memorial Stadium projects which will allow all coaches and their staffs to be in one location. She described the new Pam Am Marquee which will be located at the corner of Triviz and University. A pedestrian bridge will be installed on the east side of Engineering III and Harold Foreman Engineering Complex, crossing the surface water drainage channel. (Appendix B)

8. New Business

- A. Proposition 01-08/09: To Create MS and PhD Programs in Aerospace Engineering in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department (Hardee, Engineering) was introduced and discussed by Sponsor Hardee. These will be separate programs in the same department. Dr. Creider asked about Library resource funding; Dr. Burton said that departmental start-up funds have been allocated. Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs Committee which will meet 9/16/08. (Appendix C)
- B. Proposition 02-08/09: A Memorial to Change the Deadline for Filing the "Application for Degree" Form at the Registrar's Office (Amato, Brown, Nishiguchi, A & S) was introduced and described by Co-Sponsor Amato. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet 9/18/08. (Appendix D)
- C. Proposition 03/08/09: Memorial in Support of Allowing Academic Departments to Schedule Their Own Traditionally-controlled Rooms (Bronstein, A & S) was introduced and discussed. Provost Moulton noted that NMSU has purchased scheduling software to get away from the card file system, but didn't know when this will be utilized. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet 9/18/08. (Appendix E)
- D. Proposition 04-08/09: Name Change for College of Agriculture and Home Economics [to the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences] (Rosencrans, Bloomquist, Montañez, Andersen, Cramer, CAHE) was introduced and reviewed by Co-Sponsor Rosencrans. Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet 9/11/08. (Appendix F)

9. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

10. Other Business

Dr. Brook gave a power-point demonstration of Digital Measures, a software program being considered by NMSU which would facilitate the collection of data and reports needed for accreditation. She pointed out that this program has lots of flexibility to tailor the design appropriate to a department's needs. In the ensuing discussion concerns were raised about the privacy of information on this website and administrative access; security level has to be assigned and access would be limited. Chair Pfeiffer added that a program such as this would save the faculty and administration much time in preparation and distribution of reports; this year we will be experimenting with this kind of software to learn if it has value to us. (Appendix G)

11. Announcements

There were no announcements.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

13. Post-Adjournment Elections

A. Standing Committees Meet to Elect Chairs

- a. Faculty Affairs elected Christopher Brown chair.
- b. Long Range Planning elected Kathleen Huttlinger chair.
- c. Scholastic Affairs elected William Storm chair.
- d. University Affairs elected Lynn Kelly chair.

B. A & S, CCs and Education Meet to Elect COC Members

- a. Joan Erben will serve on the COC representing CCs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Joseph J. Pfeiffer, Jr., Faculty Senate Chair

Date