

MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX  
October 2, 2008

Members Present: Pfeiffer (Chair), Erickson (Vice Chair), Amato, Andersen, Bloomquist, Bosman, Bronstein, Brown, Buckholz, Bugbee, Christman, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erben, González, Hampton, Hardee, Huttlinger, Ketelaar, Knight, McNeel, Montañez, Munson-McGee, Nishiguchi, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Prentice, Reyes, Rosencrans, Schultz, Storm, M. Torres, P. Torres, Winn, Wojahn.

Members Absent: Alexander, Bailey, Bejarano, Blair, Buckingham, Cecil, Chung, Fitzpatrick, Fortin, Holtzman, Hubbell, Idriss, Kelly, Lakey, Mathis, Ni, Ranade, Rayson, Teich.

Ex Officio Members Present: Catlett, Titus, Chappell.

Guests: Jim Libbin, Interim Associate Dean, CAHE; Tom Burton, Department Head, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering; Helen Stork, Media Advisor, MAE. .

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pfeiffer at 4:07 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

3. Minutes of September 4, 2008, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the September 4, 2008, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

4. Reports of Officers

A. Chair

Chair Pfeiffer reviewed his report of September activities which was distributed earlier. He distributed the Polycom communication equipment to the distant senators. (Appendix A)

B. Vice Chair

In his oral report Vice Chair Erickson said that the ADC approved the Faculty Workload Policy which will be re-introduced today as Proposition 05-08/09. The FS Salary Task Force, which he chairs, has met twice and they are working toward reaching a consensus. They are looking at approximately \$4.5 million needed to reach a 25% salary increase if enrollment continues to grow at the present pace, no new faculty lines are added and staff increases are not considered, but the last two are not acceptable. He urged senators to talk to their faculty and ask them to submit suggestions and comments to the committee; these will be posted on the FS website.

## 5. Reports of Standing Committees

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

Chair Brown stated that the Faculty Affairs Committee had no legislation to consider and did not meet.

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

Chair Huttlinger reported that the committee studied Proposition 04-08/09, CAHE Name Change, and unanimously 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 01-08/09, MS and PhD Degrees in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Both the sponsor and the department head were present to answer questions. The committee unanimously recommended "Do Pass". The motion to accept his report was approved.

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

Reporting for Chair Kelly, committee member Amato reported that the committee studied Proposition 02-08/09, A Memorial to Change the Deadline for Filing the "Application for Degree" Form at the Registrar's Office [to the second Friday after the beginning of instruction]. Registrar Zimmerman submitted written comments for their discussion, and the Graduate School supports this change which would give faculty time to meet with students to determine that they are ready for graduation. The committee unanimously recommended "Do Pass". The committee also considered Proposition 03-08/09, Academic Room Scheduling (Appendix G); the registrar also submitted comments on this bill. The committee is asking for more time to continue their study and will contact History Department Head Jeff Brown for additional information. The motion to accept his report was approved.

## 6. Other Reports

Chair Pfeiffer stated that starting in November he will give monthly reports on the progress through the university channels of legislation approved by the FS. He reported that all the policy changes approved by the FS at the final meeting May 1, 2008, have been signed by the president and the BOR, and the constitutional amendment ballot to allow college track representation on the FS is now in the mail.

## 7. New Business

A. Proposition 05-07/08: A Proposal to Modify University Policy on Faculty Teaching Load (Erickson, Business) was introduced by Sponsor Erickson. This policy is consistent with the current P & T Policy and is more flexible than the current policy. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 10/14/08. (Appendix B)

B. Proposition 06-08/09: Proposal to Amend Section 5.98 of the NMSU Policy Manual (Brown,

A & S; Rosencrans, CAHE) was introduced and described by Sponsor Brown. This bill stems from some of the recommendations made by the Regents Professors Task Force formed earlier this year to study management issues and make recommendations for improvement and clarification. Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet 10/9/08. (Appendix C)

C. Proposition 07-08/09 Proposal to Amend Section 5.45.20 of the NMSU Policy Manual (Brown, A & S; Rosencrans, CAHE) was introduced and described by Sponsor Brown. This bill also is a result of the findings and recommendations of the Regents Professors Task Force as in Proposition 06-08/09. Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet 10/9/08. (Appendix D)

## 8. Unfinished Business

A. Proposition 01-08/09: MS and PhD Programs in Aerospace Engineering (Hardee, Engineering) was presented by Sponsor Hardee. He noted the informative article in today's paper describing and supporting the Aerospace Engineering programs. The motion to approve this legislation carried unanimously. (Appendix E)

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 presented and described by Co-Sponsor Amato. The motion to approve this legislation carried unanimously. (Appendix F)

C. Proposition 04-08/09 Name Change for College of Agriculture and Home Economics [to College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences] (Rosencrans, Bloomquist, Montañez, Andersen, Cramer, CAHE; P. Torres, Knight, Mathis, CES) was presented by Co-Sponsor Rosencrans. The motion to approve this legislation carried unanimously. (Appendix H)

## 9. Other Business

Chair Pfeiffer announced that Faculty Senate representatives are needed on three university committees:

A. Corbett Center Student Union Board: there were no volunteers.

B. University Research Council: Myriam Torres agreed to serve a second three-year term.

C. Gen Ed CCC: Joan Erben volunteered to serve a one-year member term and Loui Reyes volunteered to serve a three-year alternate member term.

## 10. Announcements

There were no announcements.

## 11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek  
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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Joseph J. Pfeiffer, Jr., Faculty Senate Chair

Date