

MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
December 4, 2008

Members Present: Pfeiffer (Chair), Erickson (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Bailey, Blair, Bloomquist, Bosman, Bronstein, Brown, Bugbee, Cramer, de Boyrie, Erben, Fitzpatrick, Fortin, González, Hardee, Holtzman, Hubbell, Kelly, Ketelaar, Knight, Lakey, McNeel, Ni, Nishiguchi, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Rayson, Rosencrans, Schultz, Storm, M. Torres, Winn.

Members Absent: Andersen, Bejarano, Buckholz, Buckingham, Cecil, Christman, Chung, Hampton, Huttlinger, Idriss, Mathis, Montañez, Munson-McGee, Prentice, Ranade, Reyes, Teich, P. Torres, P. Wojahn.

Ex Officio Members Present: Moulton, Cooper, Dominguez, Chappell.

Guests: Bobbie Derlin, DE/CEL, for Gonzales; Scott Southward, UComm.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Agenda

Chair Pfeiffer amended the agenda adding a report on the NMSU Diversity Council. The agenda was then approved as amended.

3. Minutes of October 30, 2008, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the October 30, 2008, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

4. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Pfeiffer reviewed his report of November activities which was distributed earlier.
(Appendixes A & B)

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Erickson reviewed his October and December reports which were distributed earlier. He noted that the faculty equity pay adjustment will appear on the 1/15/09 paychecks; these are based mainly on the Mercer Report and will include college faculty. Dean Moulton said that Jennifer Taylor will meet with any faculty group to discuss these salary increases.
(Appendixes C & D)

5. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs: Christopher Brown, Chair

Chair Brown reported that no legislation was assigned to his committee and they did not meet.

B. Long Range Planning: Kathleen Huttlinger, Chair

No legislation was assigned to this committee and they did not meet.

C. Scholastic Affairs: William Storm, Chair

Chair Storm reported that no legislation was assigned to his committee and they did not meet

D. University Affairs: Lynn Kelly, Chair

Chair Kelly reported that no legislation was assigned to her committee and they did not meet.

6. Other Reports

A. Report on Progress of Approved Legislation

Chair Pfeiffer reported that Proposition 05-08/09 is in the president's office but has not been signed [she is out of town].

B. Senator Bosman, FS Representative to the Diversity Council, reported on the development and progress of the Diversity Council. Next meeting is 2/4/09. (Appendix E)

C. Senator Ni, FS Representative to the Athletic Council, reported that the women's soccer team has a new coach, progress on the new stadium area, and that Coach Mumme has been dismissed. (no written report)

D. Dr. Cooper reported on a new version of Blackboard Web CT. Computer server will be down 1/2/09 – 1/9/09 for maintenance.

7. New Business

A. Proposition 08-08/09 Memorial Concerning the Search for a Permanent President at NMSU (Brown, Bejarano, Hubbell, Winn, A & S; Buckholz, Carlsbad CC; R. Oliver, Business; Schultz, CHSS) was introduced by Co-sponsor Brown who then asked for Emergency Legislation. The motion to approve as Emergency Legislation carried with 1 nay, no abstentions.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Proposition 08-08/09 Memorial Concerning the Search for a Permanent President at NMSU [Emergency Legislation] (Brown, Bejarano, Hubbell, Winn, A & S; Buckholz, Carlsbad CC; R. Oliver, Business; Schultz, CHSS) was presented by Co-sponsor Brown; lengthy discussions concerning the proposal's language followed. Senator Winn offered a friendly amendment clarifying the definition of "candidates" in bullet-point #2 which was accepted by Co-sponsor Brown. Chair Pfeiffer pointed out that as a memorial, this proposition is not changing NMSU policy. It is requesting that an internal NMSU policy be waived by those with the authority to do so in this circumstance. Senator Winn offered a second friendly amendment revising and adjusting the language in bullet-point #5 which would remove Regent members from the search

committee. Chair Pfeiffer said this was a substantive amendment and should be submitted to a vote. The question was called and approved, and the motion to accept this amendment carried, voice vote in favor with 2 nays, no abstentions. Senator Kelly proposed eliminating bullet-point #2 in favor of a permanent change in the policy. Following comments for and against this amendment, the question was called and approved, and the amendment failed with a hands vote of 10 ayes, 18 nays, 1 abstention. The question on the amended proposition was called and approved, and the bill passed with a hands vote of 22 ayes, 1 nay, 4 abstentions. (Appendix F)

Due to the duration of the meeting, the remaining items on the agenda were tabled followed by a call for adjournment. Chair Pfeiffer said he would be taking Proposition 08-08/09 Amended to the BOR tomorrow and encouraged interested senators to attend that meeting.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Meek, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Joseph J. Pfeiffer, Jr., Faculty Senate Chair

Date