

MNUTES OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
February 06, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dennis Clason, Vice-Chair Munson-McGee, Abbott, Acharya, Andersen, Baker, Barney, Bawazir, Berning, Blank, Bock, Bugbee, Butler, Christensen, Corran, Cowley, Creamer, Dean, DeMers, Goehring, Gutierrez, Hawkes, Hitter, Huang, Jimenez, Kratzke, Lakey, McCormick, Miller, Mora, Oesterreich, Pontelli, Ramos, Reinhart, Rhein, Rice, Rodriguez, Sassenfeld, Simon, Smith, Stair, Turner, Vasiliev, Zhang (43)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bishop, Bronstein, Chung, Drummond, Fisher, Huhmann, Mandabach, Maratea, McNeel, Morgan, Sankaran, Schirmer, Sevostianov, Sohn, Walker (15)

EX-OFFICIO: Karen M Reid, Liaison Employee Council  
Nancy Flores, Chair Graduate Council

GUESTS: Dr. Gary Rayson, Chair, Graduate Council

1. Call to Order  
This meeting was called to order by Faculty Senate Chair, Dennis Clason at 4:00 p.m.
2. Recognition of Guests  
Dr. Gary Rayson, Chair, Graduate Council  
Dr. Dan Howard, NMSU Provost
3. Approval of Agenda  
Motion made to accept agenda as submitted.  
Senate Vote: All in favor; no objections or discussion.  
Agenda approved as submitted.
4. Approval of Minutes of January 09, 2014 meeting  
Motion made to accept minutes as submitted.  
Senate Vote: All in favor; no objections or discussion.  
Minutes accepted as submitted.
5. Senate Chair Nominations  
Dr. David Barney accepts nomination  
Dr. Paul Andersen accepts nomination  
Move made to close nominations. Seconded.  
All vote in favor of closing nominations.  
David Barney and Paul Anderson elected by acclimation.
6. Reports of Officers
  - a. FS Chair, Dennis Clason  
Chair Clason's report was distributed via Faculty Senate listserv.  
Arts & Sciences are in the process of making changes to minimum class size requirements for undergraduate classes. There are questions regarding how this will affect classes that don't have adequate equipment for the new class size. Creating a standard rule could create an issue. Community College classes will be affected by this change. The change could potentially have a domino effect among the other colleges. A minimum number of 15 needs to be met two-weeks prior to start of classes. If this number is not met, the class will be cancelled. This change has the potential to affect accreditation, and will be an issue for 400-level courses and student graduation time frames. The change could cause an infringement on the structure of academic programs.  
Chair Clason requests A&S Senators caucus.
  - b. FS Vice Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee  
Vice Chair report was submitted via Faculty Senate listserv

7. Reports of Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs: Dr. Michael DeMers

No business; did not meet.

Long Range Planning: Elizabeth (Liz) Miller

LRP met January 16<sup>th</sup> to review Proposition 04-1314. After discussion, the committee voted, 9 in favor and 2 against; do pass as amended.

Motion made to accept report. Moved and seconded. No discussion

**Senate vote:** All in favor. None opposed. Report Accepted

University Affairs: Mindy Turner

No business; did not meet.

Scholastic Affairs: Dr. Deborah McCormick

No business; did not meet.

Government Affairs: Dr. Larry Blank

No business; did not meet.

Motion made to adopt report. Moved and seconded. No discussion

**Senate vote:** All in favor. None opposed. Report adopted.

8. New Business

**Proposition 09-13/14** A Proposal to Change Department Name from the “Department of Chemical Engineering” (CH E) to the “Department of Chemical & Materials Engineering” (CHM E). (Igor Sevostianov (Engineering); Paul K. Andersen (Engineering))

**Assigned to Scholastic Affairs meeting February 18<sup>th</sup>**

9. Unfinished Business

**Proposition 04-13/14** A proposition to change the timeline for the Administrative Review of Academic Administrators from every five years to every three years (Ron McNeel (NMSU-Alamogordo); Richard Gutierrez (NMSU-Grants))

**Long Range Planning recommends: Do pass as amended**

*Discussion:* Opposition to the proposition was expressed. Questions were regarding the policy surrounding the reporting of the results. It was suggested to add a requirement that the Provost discuss the results of the evaluation with the faculty.

**Senate vote:** 40- In favor; 3 Opposed; no abstentions.

Proposition 04-13/14 is adopted as amended

10. Other Business

- a. DACC Presidential Search Committee  
Sam Christensen
- b. Tobacco Free Campus
- c. Admission Requirements

11. Remarks and Announcements

- a. FS Chair  
Chair Clason asks the Faculty Affairs Committee to meet February 11<sup>th</sup> to consider a request from the University Graduate Council to make the chair of that body an ex-officio member of the SLC with a reciprocal agreement.
- b. FS Vice-Chair/SLC Chair

11. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned by Senate Chair Clason at 4:56 p.m.

**2013 – 2014 Legislation Appendix**

**Proposition 01-13/14** Request Change of Major Name (Dennis Clason; Cynthia Kratzke)  
**Legislation signed by President Carruthers 11/01/2013**

**Proposition 02-13/14** A Proposition to Amend the Undergraduate Catalog Concerning Satisfactory Performance (S.H. Munson-McGee (ACES); Michael DeMers (A&S); Margaret Goehring (A&S))  
**Legislation signed by President Carruthers 12/28/2013**

**Proposition 03-13/14** A Memorial in Support of Resolving the Impending Financial Insolvency of the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship (S.H. Munson-McGee (ACES); Teresa Dean (CES); Anita C. Reinhardt (HSS))  
**Legislation approved by Long Range Planning.**

**Proposition 05-13/14** Modification of the late registration period (Sam Christensen (NMSU-Carlsbad); S. H. Munson-McGee (ACES))  
**Legislation approved by Faculty Affairs**

**Proposition 06-13/14** Departmental name change for EMD (Cristobal Rodriguez, Enedina Vazquez (Ed))  
**Legislation signed by President Carruthers 01/15/2014**

**Proposition 07-13/14** A proposition to change section 5.90.4 of the NMSU Policy Manual, Criteria for Promotion and Tenure (Tom Smith (A&S); Laurie Abbott (ACES))  
**Legislation approved by University Affairs**

**Proposition 08-13/14** A proposition to change section 5.90.4.5 of the NMSU Policy Manual, Leadership (Tom Smith (A&S); Laurie Abbott (ACES))  
**Legislation approved by University Affairs**