

MINUTES OF THE 7th MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
March 06, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Dennis Clason, Vice-Chair Munson-McGee, Acharya, Andersen, Baker, Barney, Bawazir, Berning, Blank, Bock, Bugbee, Butler, Christensen, Corran, Cowley, Creamer, Fisher, Goehring, Gutierrez, Hawkes, Hitter, Jimenez, Lakey, Mandabach, Maratea, Miller, Mora, Morgan, Oesterreich, Pontelli, Ramos, Reinhart, Rhein, Rice, Roark-Diehl, Rodriguez, Sankaran, Sassenfeld, Schirmer, Sevostianov, Simon, Smith, Sohn, Stair, Turner, Vasiliev, Walker, Zhang (46)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Abbott, Bishop, Bronstein, Chung, Dean, DeMers, Drummond, Huang, Huhmann, Kratzke, McCormick (11)

EX-OFFICIO: Provost Dan Howard
Karen M Reid, Liaison Employee Council

GUESTS: Victor S. Mendoza, ASNMSU Senator

1. Call to Order
This meeting was called to order by Chair Clason at 4:00 p.m.
2. Recognition of Guests
Provost Dan Howard
3. Approval of Agenda
Request to amend item 8 to add "Item C: Consideration of Proposition 12-13/14"
Moved and seconded.
Senate vote: All in favor none opposed. Item added to the agenda.
4. Approval of Minutes of February 06, 2014 meeting
Approval of minutes moved and seconded with no changes or amendments.
Senate vote: All in favor of nomination. None opposed. Minutes adopted as submitted.
5. Reports of Officers
 - a. FS Chair, Dennis Clason
Senate Chair report submitted via listerv.
 - b. FS Vice Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee
Senate Vice-Chair report submitted via listerv and available online.
The vice-chair looked to accept a motion to accept allocation for the 2014/2015 academic year.
Senate vote: All in favor of nomination. None opposed. Apportionment adopted.
6. Senate Chair Nominations
Senator Barney has withdrawn his nomination. A new nominee is needed.
Stuart Munson-McGee nominated and seconded. Motion to close nominations made and seconded
Senate vote: All in favor of nomination. None opposed.
7. Reports of Standing Committees
Faculty Affairs: Dr. Michael DeMers

Faculty Affairs had no business and did not meet.

Long Range Planning: Elizabeth (Liz) Miller

Long Range Planning had no business and did not meet.

University Affairs: Mindy Turner

University Affairs had no business and did not meet.

Scholastic Affairs: Dr. Deborah McCormick

Senate Goehring reports Scholastic Affairs met February 18th and attained quorum. The committee reviewed Proposition 9-13/14. The committee votes do pass with almost full support, and one abstention.

Senate vote: All in favor of approving committee report. None opposed.

Government Affairs: Dr. Larry Blank

Government Affairs met March 6th and received a detailed de-briefing from Ricardo Rel and Vicente Vargas. Senator Blank will send a link to the summary report.

Senate vote: Moved to accept report made and seconded

Senate vote: All in favor. No opposition or abstention. Report accepted

Vice-Chair Munson-McGee requested a vote for a brief 3-minute recess in order to give the Senate Leadership Committee time to meet and briefly discuss the proposal of Proposition 12-13/14: A Proposition to Clarify and Enhance Section 4.05.50 of the NMSU Policy Manual Regarding the Faculty Grievance Review Board

Senate vote: All in favor.

Faculty Senate reconvened. The Senate Leadership Committee accepted the proposal to assign Proposition 12-13/14 to a committee for review.

Move to accept proposal made and seconded.

Senate vote: All in favor

8. New Business

Proposition: 10-13/14: A Memorial In Support of Creating a Mechanism for Long-Term Sustainability of the Library's Base Materials Budget (Liz Miller (Library); Dennis Clason (Business); Rebecca Corran (DACC); Margaret Goehring (A & S); Joseph Lakey (A & S); Igor Sevostianov (Engineering))

Assigned to Long Range Planning meeting March 13th.

Proposition: 11-13/14: A proposition to change New Mexico State University's Undergraduate Catalog to reflect new admissions requirements for first-time freshmen, effective with the Academic Year 2016-17 (Dennis Clason (Business), Stuart Munson-McGee (ACES), Joe Lakey (A&S), Mike deMers (A&S))

Assigned to Faculty Affairs meeting March 11th

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Assigned to University Affairs meeting March 20th

8. Unfinished 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); David A. Rockstraw (Chemical Engineering))

The Scholastic Affairs committee met February 18th and attained quorum. After discussion the committee voted do pass with 8 in favor, none opposed, and 1 abstention.

Senate Vote: 44 in favor, 2 opposed. Proposition adopted by voice vote with dissent

9. Other Business

Questions were raised concerning Proposition 07-13/14 & 08-13/14. Both propositions were vetoed by President Carruthers in February. Can the Senate take any further action, or is that as far as the proposition can go? Chair Clason explained that, according to the Faculty Senate Constitution, the proposition can be re-introduced, but it would need a super majority vote from the Senate. The proposition would then go directly to the Board of Regents, who would take action.

Procedurally, the Senate could vote to return the proposition to the president, and ask that he rescind his veto. If he does not rescind it, it will go to the Regents directly.

Chair Clason advises the Senate that it might be better to have the items reworked and resubmitted to the Leadership Committee for discussion. The items can then be added to the April Senate agenda. Provost Howard offered to sit with the committee to work on the language, or work on a compromise situation to assist the proposition to move forward.

Motion on the floor to resubmit Proposition 07-13/14 to the SLC for reconsideration for possible reintroduction to Senate in April.

Motion made to remand the bill to the Senate Leadership Committee for discussion and amendment.

Call made for division of the House.

Senate vote: 33 in favor, 12 opposed, one abstention. Amendment passes.

Motion made for reconsideration of Proposition 07-13/14

Senate vote: 45 in favor, 1 opposed.

The ayes have vote. Proposition 07-13/14 will be reconsidered by the Senate Leadership Committee.

Motion made to amend the motion for reconsideration of Proposition 08-13/14.

Motion to amend the motion seconded.

Senate vote: Ayes have vote. No call made for division of the house. Motion to amend the motion passed with dissent.

Vote for amended motion of resubmitting Proposition 08-13/14 to the Senate Leadership Committee for discussion with the Provost.

Senate vote: Ayes have vote. No call made for division of the house. Motion passes with dissent.

10. Remarks and Announcements

- a. FS Chair
- b. FS Vice-Chair/SLC Chair

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Faculty Senate Chair Clason at 5:02 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 vetoed by President Carruthers

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))
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