

MINUTES OF THE 9TH MEETING
OF THE 2013 - 2014 NMSU FACULTY SENATE
May 01, 2014

1. Call to Order
This meeting was called to order by Chair Clason at 4:08 p.m.
2. Recognition of Guests
Provost Dan Howard
3. Approval of Agenda
Agenda approved as submitted.
Motion made to modify agenda. Propose to move the issue of GPA to last point on agenda.
Motion to modify agenda moved and seconded. Prop 11 is moved to last item of business prior to adjournment.
Senate vote: ayes have vote. Agenda is amended.
4. Approval of Minutes of April 03, 2014 meeting
Move to approve seconded. No amendments.
Senate vote: All in favor none opposed.
5. Reports of Officers
 - a. FS Chair, Dennis Clason
Chair report distributed via Faculty Senate listserv.
 - b. FS Vice Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee
Reports ADAC is discussing implementation of SaVe requirements.
6. Reports of Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs: Dr. Michael DeMers
Committee reviewed Proposition 11-13/14. Proposition was recommitted to Faculty Affairs for amendments. Final recommendation for do pass.
Move to accept report moved and seconded. All in favor; none opposed.

Long Range Planning: Elizabeth (Liz) Miller
No business; did not meet.

University Affairs: Mindy Turner
No business; did not meet.

Scholastic Affairs: Dr. Deborah McCormick
Prop 14-13/14. Committee attained quorum and recommended do pass unanimously.
Move to accept report moved and seconded. All in favor; none opposed.

Government Affairs: Dr. Larry Blank
No business; did not meet.
7. New Business
No new business
8. Unfinished Business

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 (S.H. Munson-McGee (ACES); Dennis Clason (Business))
This proposition was tabled from last meeting received a do pass in committee.
Motion to approve made and seconded.

Discussion
Addresses the issue to fix documentation, and who gets what in terms of documentation. The version distributed contains typos. There is an issue with approving a PDF with typos, because of track changes. The document reviewed by the committee was approved. The Chair asked if highlighted areas amounted to substantive changes. Senate determined it did not.
Senate vote: all in favor none opposed.

Proposition 14-13/14: A Memorial Approving the Formation of a Joint Doctorate of Philosophy with a specialization in Civil Engineering between NMSU and the University Autonomous of Chihuahua (UACH)
(A. Salim Bawazir (Engr.); Rolfe Sassenfeld, (Engr.); S.H. Munson-McGee (ACES))
NMSU has already committed to this program.
Move to approve made and seconded.

Discussion

This is a memorial because it's not specific policy language.

Senate Vote: Majority in favor, one opposed.

The ayes have the vote. Proposition passes.

9. Other Business

None

10. Remarks and Announcements

a. FS Chair

Vice chair Munson-McGee has been elected to serve as chair for the 2014-2015 year.

Chair Clason bade a sad farewell to the Senate.

b. FS Vice-Chair/SLC Chair

Vice-Chair Munson-McGee informs the senate a retirement reception will be held for Chair Clason on Monday, May 5th at 3:30 p.m. in the business complex, 3rd floor and invites all to attend.

11. **Proposition 11-13/14:** Changes in undergraduate admissions requirements. (Clason (Business), Munson-McGee (ACES), DeMers (A&S), Lakey (A&S))

Motion to move to approve moved and seconded.

Parliamentarian Blank moves to limit debate to 2 minutes per member with debate to close no later than 5 p.m

Motion to limit debate moved and seconded. Ayes have the vote. Debate is limited.

Discussion

- Rodriguez The problem of transfer needs to be fixed before we address admission.
- Corran There is an issue with narrative. This suggests the community colleges aren't doing their job, when in fact 30% of students at the main campuses take developmental courses at the cc's, and are successful. The community college wants to serve all students.
- The issue is NMSU will lose about 80% of students in the first year with the 2.5 - 2.75 range. The second year NMSU will lose 90% of the remaining students. Our junior college systems are well prepared to take students from high school, who are unprepared to go into a university, prepare them, and *then* send them to a university. This is not done to block them, from getting an education, but rather to help students succeed in reaching their goals,
- Oesterric NMSU is Land Grant University. It is about access. The biggest concern is about still unanswered questions regarding this proposal. Senators have requested information about the impact it will have on specific programs. This information was requested from the Provost. The College of Education is experiencing a 40% decrease in student enrollment in teacher education programs. As a Land Grant Institution, it is important we step up to the requirement to provide teachers for this community. Community Educators, ones who know the community, are better educators for kids in K-12; our pipeline. We have pipeline issues at NMSU, and we need to do a better job with working with those in pipeline, to try and get them here. Part of our mission statement, as a Land Grant University, is to serve the people in the community. Lastly, we would like to see more data before the change is made. This legislation has one data point and there is serious concern over making this change over one data point.
- Students understand the issues on both sides. There are positive significant correlation between gpa's and 4-year graduation rate.
- Christina Medina - There are concerns about process and data points. It seems there is much more to consider and we should reevaluate data points. Would like to work on fixing problem. There is discontent over process. We should not rush, but wait and consider the true impact and make sure students aren't disadvantaged.
- Miller NMSU is one of 7 four-year colleges in this state, and not the only 4-year college to have standards. Arizona State has much more stringent standards. Having standards helps the community as a whole. We are able to then take the students who are now prepared, and prepare them further for a career. This proposal offers a path for students who may not have had the preparation in high school.
- Provost Howard has met with several groups. He is creating a "guaranteed pathway" that will allow students in this lower range of GPAs to move to the main campus earlier, after satisfactory performance at a community college. The details are still being determined. Done right, it will help the students and hold them accountable. An advising group is set up to review. This will not go into effect for two years. Once implemented, it needs to be reviewed and tracked. If it is not working, we will change it. Will work to make sure any student who wants a degree at NMSU has the opportunity to do so.

Vice Chair Munson-McGee assumes the chair.

Chair Clason addresses the senate. - Has heard pleas to put procedure in place and then write policy. If this is done we have no actual policy. Policy comes before procedure. When we have policy we can ensure procedure.

Chair Clason reassumes the chair.

Vote will be taken by secret ballot
Senate votes: 34 in favor; 11 against. Motion passes.

11. Adjournment

Move to adjourn made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Per Article VI, Section D of the Constitution:

12. Electing groups shall caucus and elect their members to the Senate Leadership Committee.

13. The new Senate Leadership Committee shall caucus to elect its Chair, who will also be Vice Chair of the Senate.