

MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE MEETING
November 7, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Clason, Vice-Chair Munson-McGee , Abbott, Acharya, Baker, Barney, Bawazir, Berning, Bock, Bugbee, Christensen, Corran, Cowley, Creamer, DeMers, Fisher, Goehring, Gutierrez, Hawkes, Huang, Jimenez, Lakey, Mandabach, McCormick, McNeel , Miller, Morgan, Oesterreich, Rhein, Schirmer, Simon, Smith, Stair, Vasiliev

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bishop, Blank, Bronstein, Chung, Dean, Drummond, Huhmann, Jimenez, Kratzke, Maratea, Mora, Pontelli, Ramos, Reinhart, Rice, Rodriguez, Sankaran, Sassenfeld, Sevostianov, Sohn, Turner , Vasquez, Walker, Zhang

EX-OFFICIO: Erik Tischofer, ASNMSU Rep

GUESTS: Nancy Flores, ACES/Grad Council

1. Call to Order
This meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Chair Clason
2. Recognition of Guests
Nancy Flores - Grad Council Representative
3. Approval of Agenda
Vice-Chair Munson-McGee moved to amend the agenda to insert item #8 "Other Business" after item #7 "New Business."
The change was adopted by the Chair.
Motion to adopt moved and seconded. All in favor; no opposition or abstention.
Agenda approved.
4. Approval of Minutes of October 03, 2013 Meeting
Motion made to accept minutes as submitted. All in favor; no objections or discussion.
Minutes accepted as submitted.
5. Reports of Officers
 - a. FS Chair, Dennis Clason
Senate Chair Clason's report was disseminated via email to faculty Senate listserv.
 - Chair Clason informed the Senate a discussion has begun regarding raising the admission standards to NMSU.
 - Chair Clason discussed building renewal to update the Senate Chambers to provide more energy and better sound. ICT has approached the SLC regarding updating the room.
 - b. FS Vice Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee
Vice Chair Munson-McGee's report was distributed via email to Faculty Senate listserv.
 - Vice Chair Munson-McGee's informed the Senate of work being done to for course alignment.
 - Vice Chair Munson-McGee informed the SLC that they have been tasked by President Carruthers to look into the role of leadership as part of promotion and tenure. Emails were sent to Peer Institutions in order to see how they handle the situation. The response was generally negative. Printouts of the responses received were distributed to the Senate.
6. Reports of Standing Committees
Faculty Affairs: Dr. Michael DeMers

Faculty Affairs met to discuss leadership as part of promotion and tenure and discovered a discrepancy in the description of leadership. Because of this, the issue will probably need to be re-addressed next month.

Long Range Planning: Elizabeth (Liz) Miller

The Long Range Planning Committee met with campus attorneys and discussed Proposition 14-12/13, which was vetoed last year. The committee determined the issues facing Adjunct Faculty are larger than just the FGRB issue, and decided not to try and pass legislation again this year.

University Affairs: Dr. Mindy Turner - Liz Schirmer reporting

University Affairs met October 17th and achieved quorum. The committee discussed the impending insolvency of the Lottery Scholarship, and moved to draft a memorial to in support of resolving the issue

Scholastic Affairs: Deborah McCormick

The Scholastic Affairs Committee had no pending legislation and did not meet.

Government Affairs: Dr. Larry Blank - Paul Andersen reporting

The Government Affairs Committee had no pending legislation and did not meet.

7. New Business

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))
Assigned to University Affairs Committee; meeting November 21st.

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))

Assigned to Long Range Planning Committee; meeting November 14th. Government Affairs Committee will also meet with the committee.

8. Other Business

Nancy Flores, Faculty Representative for the Grad Council addressed the Senate to request a memorial to the administration, concerning the national search for a Graduate Dean. A delay in the search is requested, until the expectations and vision of Grad School is clearly defined.

Senator DeMers and the Faculty Affairs Committee will take on consideration of the Council's request.

9. Remarks and Announcements

a. FS Chair

Chair Clason reminds the Senate that the Constitution directs Senate nominations and elections are to be done in December. He sent out a call to find out whose terms are expiring and get nominees and to try to hold elections early in spring.

b. FS Vice-Chair/SLC Chair

10. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m. by Chair Clason