

MINUTES OF THE 7TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
March 31, 2011

Members Present: Munson-McGee (Vice Chair), Amato, Baptiste, Barello, Blair, Bloomquist, Boham, Boje, Buckholz, Bugbee, Dean, de Boyrie, Dormody, Drummond, McNeel, Blank, Gurrola, Holtzman, Huang, Hubbell, Huttlinger, Jimenez, Knight, Kozel, McCormick, Miller, Murrell, Oliver, Paz, Rayson, Reyes, Sanogo, Shuster, Storm, St. Hilaire, Train.

Members Absent: Andersen (Chair), Alexander, Bailey, Chung, Erben, Fitzpatrick, Hampton, Hardee, Herrera, Huerta-Charles, Ketelaar, Lakey, Ludeke, Malamud, Morrell, Ni, Oretskin, Osanloo, Rice, Schultz, Skaggs, Taylor, Walker, Winn.

Ex Officio Members Present: Wilkins.

Guests: John Hunner, Head, Department of History; Margaret Lovelace, NMSU Carlsbad; Rebecca Kongs, DACC; Hank Struvel, ASNMSU.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm by Acting Chair/FS Vice Chair Munson-McGee, in the absence of Chair Andersen.

2. Recognition of Guests

Acting Chair Munson-McGee recognized and welcomed the guests present.

3. Speakers

A. Provost Wendy Wilkins

Provost Wilkins said at the beginning of this term she felt it was one of her duties to attend Faculty Senate meetings to hear and understand the FS deliberating issues. She has since learned that perhaps it is not necessary for her to attend all the FS meetings, and asked the FS to convey their feelings on this issue to the FS leadership; she may meet more often with FS leaders.

President Couture has been very involved with the legislature and has not yet turned her full attention to the budget. The two premier institutions took the biggest hit, so we should be prepared for another budget reduction. President Couture will prepare and submit to the Board of Regents her recommendations as to where to make budget cuts.

B. Dr. Jon Hunner

Dr. Hunner, Chair of the NMSU Statehood Centennial, is forming a faculty committee at the request of Provost Wilkins to organize various events for this celebration in 2012. Among ideas they are considering are the recognition of the Morrell Act which established land grant

colleges and universities and a reunion of the NMSU class of 1912. He welcomes more suggestions and participation. Please contact him at jhunner AT nmsu.edu.

4. Approval of Agenda

Acting Chair Munson-McGee amended the agenda deleting Item 4 as the minutes of the March 3, 2011, FS meeting as they have not yet been distributed. The agenda was then approved as amended.

6. Reports of Officers

Acting Chair Munson-McGee reported that it was announced at the ADAC meeting that a new Academic Program Review will be tried out this fall, starting with six or seven departments. This is basically a performance review for your department and would occur every seven years. Details of the review content are still being developed, including whether community campuses would also be involved. ADAC is concerned about the budget.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

- A. Faculty Affairs Committee: Richard Oliver, Chair
- B. Long Range Planning Committee: Tim Ketelaar, Chair
- C. Scholastic Affairs Committee: William Storm, Chair
- D. University Affairs: David Boje, Chair

None of these Standing Committees had legislation to consider and did not meet.

8. Other Reports

There were no other reports.

9. New Business

- A. Proposition 15-10/11 Name Change for the Department of Economics and International Business to the Department of Economics, Applied Statistics, and International Business. (L. Blank, Business; Munson-McGee, Engineering) (with an attachment). Sponsor Blank introduced and described this proposition, noting that the proposal has been approved by the necessary entities. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs committee which will meet 4/5/11.
- B. Proposition 16-10/11 Industrial Technology Department Restructure at DACC (McCormick, Gurrola, DACC) (with 4 attachments) was introduced and described by Co-sponsor McCormick. This proposal was approved by their faculty and the necessary entities. Dr. Munson-McGee asked if a new faculty line would need to be created to establish the third department head. Dr. Kongs and Dr. Lovelace described how this has already been addressed and solved; another faculty line is not needed. Co-sponsor McCormick then asked that this proposition be approved today as emergency legislation. Dr. Lovelace and Dr. Kongs described the reasons for wanting approval today: If approved by the FS today and the BOR, the affected departments will be reorganized as described and ready for Fall 2011. The motion to approve today as EL (needs approval from three-fourths of the FS) was approved by 27 Ayes and

7 Nays, 2 Abstentions and moves to Unfinished Business.

10. Unfinished Business

A Proposition 16-10/11 Industrial Technology Department Restructure at DACC (McCormick, Gurrola, DACC) The motion to approve this bill as emergency legislation carried with 34 Ayes and 2 abstentions.

B. Proposition 14-10/11 A Proposal to Revise Policies Pertaining to Graduate Course Re-takes and Computation of GPA (Rayson, A & S). As this proposition was tabled at the last FS meeting, Dr. Munson-McGee asked for a motion to take it off the table and consider it today. No motion came forward so this proposition will perish this year but can be brought forward as a new proposal next year.

11. Other Business

Acting Chair Munson-McGee described how he arrived at the allocations for next year's senators (distributed earlier on the FS listserv) and asked if there were any questions or discussion. Hearing none, he said these allocations need the approval of the FS to be effective. FS approval was unanimously granted. (The list of senators to be replaced did not need approval)

12. Remarks and Announcements

None.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Chair

Stuart Munson-McGee, Acting Chair/FS Vice Chair

Date