

MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX  
April 29, 2010

Members Present: Erickson (Chair), Andersen (Vice Chair), Amato, Bailey, Baker, Baptiste, Bloomquist, Bosman, Brown, Bugbee, de Boyrie, Chaiken, Dean, Erben, González, Hampton, Holtzman, Huttlinger, Jimenez, Ketelaar, Knight, Kozel, Lopez, Mathis, McNeel, Montañez, Morrell, Munson-McGee, Murrell, Ni, Nishiguchi, R. Oliver, Rayson, Storm, St. Hilaire, Thompson, Torres, Walker, Weisiger, Wojahn.

Members Absent: Blank, Buckholz, Chung, Dormody, Fitzpatrick, Hardee, Huang, Hubbell, Idriss, McCormick, K. Oliver, Oretskin, Osanloo, Ranade, Reyes, Rice, Schultz, Stanford, Teich, Whittlesey-Jerome.

Ex Officio Members Present: Jordan, Chappell.

Senators-Elect Present: Rhonda Skaggs, ACES; Soum Sanogo, ACES; David Boje, Business; Tracy Drummond, CES.

Guests: David Melendez, CEL; Lisa McKee, Family & Consumer Sciences, ACES; Jack Thomas, Former FS Chair, ACES, Lisa Warren, Assistant General Counsel.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson at 4:00 p.m.

2. Recognition of Guests

Chair Erickson recognized guests at the meeting and invited Dr. Jordan to speak.

Dr. Jordan's remarks expanded on Prop 20-09/10 (changes to Summer Compensation) and the financial and salary concerns we are now facing. He said \$1.5 million is budgeted for salaries, but we may not get it all because of "budget gyrations", and believes there would be layoffs before there are faculty salary cuts.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to add Proposition 24-09/10 A Memorial in Honor of Dr. Stuart C. Brown to New Business, then approved as amended.

4. Approval of Minutes of the April 1, 2010, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the April 1, 2010, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Erickson reviewed his report which was sent earlier on the FS listserv, noting that this year has been the most rewarding year of his life even in stressful situations. He appreciated the full cooperation of all the senators he asked to take on additional responsibilities, and thanked the elected and appointed FS officers. (Appendix A)

#### B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Andersen reviewed his report which was sent earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix B)

### 6. Reports of Standing Committees

#### A. Faculty Affairs: William Storm, Chair

Chair Storm reported that the committee studied Proposition 14-09/10 (Modification of Faculty Grievance Policy), made a minor change and recommended "Do Pass as Amended"; they also studied Proposition 15-09/10 (Modification of Emeritus Status Policy) and recommended "Do Pass". The motion to accept his report was approved.

#### B. Long Range Planning: Stuart Munson-McGee, Chair

Chair Munson-McGee reported that the committee studied Proposition 19-09/10 (Revision of PM Re Non-Work Related Use of University Resources), made some revisions and recommended "Do Pass As Amended". The motion to accept his report was approved.

#### C. Scholastic Affairs: Tracey Thompson, Chair

Chair Thompson reported that the committee studied Proposition 11-09/10 (Amend Undergraduate Catalog re Extracurricular Activities) and recommended "Do Pass". The motion to accept her report was approved.

#### D. University Affairs: Harry Hardee, Chair

Reporting for Chair Hardee, Committee Member Chaiken reported that the committee studied Proposition 16-09/10 (Graduate Degrees in Water Science/Management), changed the title to "...Water Science and *Water* Management" and recommended "Do Pass as Amended"; they also studied Proposition 18-09/10 (BA in Food Science and Technology) and recommended "Do Pass". The motion to accept her report was approved.

### 7. Other Reports

There were no other reports.

### 8. New Business

Chair Erickson pointed out that these New Business items must be approved as emergency legislation today (by 2/3 of the quorum present) or they will fail as they cannot be carried over the summer. Those thus approved will be moved to Unfinished Business for consideration today.

- A. Proposition 20-09/10 Technical Changes to Proposition 10-09/10 “Summer Compensation” (Ketelaar, Brown, Nishiguchi, A & S; Munson-McGee, Engineering) was introduced by Co-sponsor Ketelaar who pointed out that this bill provides needed change to the Summer Compensation bill approved earlier this year (Prop 10-09/10). His motion to consider this bill as emergency legislation was approved by a hands vote. (Appendix C)
- B. Proposition 21-09/10 A Memorial in Honor of Dr. Rebecca M. Verser (Hubbell, Baker, A & S) was introduced by Co-sponsor Baker. Her motion to consider this bill as emergency legislation was unanimously approved by a hands vote. (Appendix D)
- C. Proposition 22-09/10 Memorial in Support of Preservation of the NMSU Graduate Assistantships (Torres, Reyes, Osanloo, Education) was introduced by Co-sponsor Torres. In discussions to consider as emergency legislation, Senator Bloomquist said she felt this memorial was not necessary; Senator Amato said that it would benefit from committee review if it was necessary; Senator Chaiken said the consensus at Dean Lacy's meeting of graduate coordinators was that Graduate Assistants should be preserved at all costs and any decision to make cuts should be done within each department rather than the administration; she felt this memorial was not necessary. Chair Erickson recognized Dr. Boje to speak in support of this memorial; he said the Management Department is sending memos reassuring their GA candidates about their positions, and he heard of similar concerns in Education. Dr. Jordan said he is not opposed to this memorial, but he believes 90% of GA's (a Tier One issue) will be funded although cuts may be made in further reviews. Senator Wojahn asked to see a copy of Dean Lacy's letter. Chair Erickson said that with Dr. Jordan's and Dean Lacy's assurances this memorial may not be necessary. The motion to consider this memorial as emergency legislation failed by a hands vote of 20 yeas, 12 nays, 5 abstentions. (Appendix E)
- D. Proposition 23-09/10E A Memorial Calling for NMSU Administration to Take Steps to Reduce the Proposed Budget Cancellations for the NMSU Library (Brown, Weisiger, Ketelaar, A & S) (Appendix F) was introduced by Co-sponsor Brown who said this memorial came from similar considerations that budget cuts would severely restrict necessary library journals. Senator Bloomquist felt this memorial was not necessary; Senator Holtzman spoke in favor, saying more information was needed as to exactly which subscriptions would be cut. Senator Ketelaar said he feels the memorial doesn't advise the administration of the Faculty Senate's concerns. Senator Thompson said that this memorial would help the library's position, and Senator Bosman pointed out that there is a deadline (beyond the library's control) as to when journals must be renewed or their subscriptions will be cancelled. The motion to consider this memorial as emergency legislation was approved by a hands vote of 26 yeas, 9 nays and 2 abstentions. (Appendix F)
- E. Proposition 24-09/10 A Memorial in Honor of Dr. Stuart C. Brown (Wojahn, English, A & S) was introduced by Sponsor Wojahn. Her motion to consider this memorial as emergency legislation was unanimously approved by a hands vote. (Appendix G)

## 9. Unfinished Business

Chair Erickson, recognizing that Roberts Rules of Order state that new business approved as emergency legislation is supposed to be considered first, said that with FS approval he would take

his prerogative and place them last so that the bills that have already been through committee could be considered first; there were no objections.

- A. Proposition 11-09/10: Proposal to Amend Undergraduate Course Catalog for Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities While Under Academic Warning and Academic Probation (Bailey, St. Hilaire, ACES) [SA] was presented and reviewed by Co-sponsor Ketelaar. The motion to approve this bill carried with 3 nays and no abstentions. (Appendix H)
  
- B. Proposition 14-09/10A: Proposal to Modify the NMSU Faculty Grievance Policy “4.05.50 Appeals – Faculty” so as to Replace the *University Appeals Board* and the *Review Board of Faculty Salary Increase/Performance* with the *Faculty Grievance Review Board (FGRB)* (Rayson, A & S) [FA] was presented and reviewed by Sponsor Rayson. Senator Bosman proposed a friendly amendment to Section M.6 removing "*the library*" from the first sentence and adding a new sentence to read "*The Main Campus library is considered a single entity for purposes of this policy.*" which was accepted by Sponsor Rayson. Senator Bosman also said that the phrase in the existing policy "faculty [as grievants] have a right to representation" does not appear in this modification, so if the person grieved against is a department head (and also faculty) he has access to the university's general counsel and thus favored (Section G). Chair Erickson and AGC Warren said the faculty/grievant's right to bring representation to the hearing has been preserved, explained the new language and said the rights of both sides are balanced. Clarifications were provided in response to other questions. The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously. (Appendix I)
  
- C. Proposition 15-09/10: A Proposal to Modify University Policy on Emeritus Status (Reyes, Osanloo, Lopez, Baptiste, Education) [FA] was presented by Senator Lopez who explained that this modification will allow the inclusion as emeritus of qualified college professors. The motion to approve this bill carried with one nay and no abstentions. (Appendix J)
  
- D. Proposition 16-09/10A: Proposal for Graduate Degrees in Water Science and Water Management (Brown, A & S; Huttlinger, CHSS) [UA] was presented and discussed by Co-sponsor Brown. The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously.
  
- E. Proposition 18-09/10: Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology (Bloomquist, Bailey, Montañez, ACES; Munson-McGee, Engineering) [UA] was presented and discussed by Co-sponsor Bloomquist. The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously. (Appendix L)
  
- F. Proposition 19-09/10A: Revision of Policy Manual, Section 3.75: Non-work Related Use of University Resources (Ellen Bosman, Library; Nancy Baker, A & S) [LRP] was presented and discussed by Co-sponsor Baker. Co-sponsor Bosman said this revision was difficult to prepare in order to eliminate the perception of conflicts with the principles of academic freedom. Chair Erickson pointed out that this bill has been carefully crafted to revise and clarify existing policy language regarding university-owned computer use issues [related to pornographic material]. The motion to approve this bill carried with one nay and one abstention. (Appendix M)

At this point Senator Brown asked that the rules of the senate be suspended in order to revisit

Proposition 16-09/10A (Graduate Degrees in Water Science/Management) as he objected to the amended title change submitted by the University Affairs committee and approved earlier [see 9D above]. The motion to approve suspending the senate rules (requiring a vote of 2/3 of the quorum) carried with no nays, six abstentions. He stated that the title change to "...and *Water* Management" did not reflect the content of the programs which were designed and would be administered by a three-department Management Committee, and this change does not accurately reflect the programs which were approved by ADAC, ADC and the Grad School Council. He then proposed an amendment that the original title be retained. The motion to approve his amendment carried with six nays, no abstentions. (Appendix K)

G. Proposition 20-09/10 Technical Changes to Proposition 10-09/10 "Summer Compensation" (Ketelaar, Brown, Nishiguchi, A & S; Munson-McGee, Engineering) was presented and described by Co-sponsor Ketelaar. The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously. (Appendix C)

H. Proposition 21-09/10 A Memorial in Honor of Dr. Rebecca M. Verser (Hubbell, Baker, A & S) was presented by Co-sponsor Baker. The motion to approve this memorial carried unanimously. (Appendix D)

I. Proposition 23-09/10E A Memorial Calling for NMSU Administration to Take Steps to Reduce the Proposed Budget Cancellations for the NMSU Library (Brown, Weisiger, Ketelaar, A & S) was presented and discussed by Co-sponsor Brown. Senator Bosman pointed out that the library's proposed cut of some journals is the result of increased subscription costs (inflation) without a corresponding increase in their budget since 1994 and is not related to the 2% to 10% proposed budget cut. Following more discussion (see 8D above) the motion to approve this memorial as emergency legislation was approved with no nays, one abstention. (Appendix F)

J. A Memorial in Honor of Dr. Stuart C. Brown (Wojahn, A & S) was presented by Sponsor Wojahn. The motion to approve this memorial as emergency legislation carried unanimously. (Appendix G)

## 10. Other Business

### A. Introduction of New Faculty Senators 2010-2011 by College/Electing Unit Senior Senators

Business: David Boje, Management (serving one-year term replacing Jeff Teich).

ACES: Rhonda Skaggs, AEAB, and Soum Sanogo, EPPWS; Derek Bailey was reelected to a second term.

Library: Liz Miller.

CES: Tracy Drummond, Catron County.

College Track: Ben Taylor, Finance/Business, and Abby Train, Mathematics/A & S.

Alamogordo CC: Jim Gallagher will serve Fall semester 2010 as replacement for Ron McNeel who will be on a one-semester sabbatical.

Engineering, CHSS, A & S, Education, Business and DACC elections are still in progress.

### B. Recognition of Faculty Senators Who Have Completed Their Terms

Chair Erickson recognized and thanked the senators who have completed their terms and will be leaving the FS, Senator Lopez who is retiring from NMSU and Senator Thompson who is relocating to another state.

C. Ceremonial Transfer of Faculty Senate Gavel to New Faculty Senate Chair 2010-2011

Chair Erickson conducted the ceremonial transfer of the FS "gavel" to incoming Chair Mark Andersen and presented him with several meaningful gifts, then retired from the chair.

11. Announcements

The recording secretary asked all senators serving next year to complete the Standing Committees Preferences form and return it to her today; the sign-up sheet for next year's COC is at the head table.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

13. Caucus of Faculty Senators for 2010-2011 by College/Electing Group to Elect Their Members to the 2010-2011 Committee on Committees (please report these to the Recording Secretary).

New COC members are Priscilla Bloomquist, ACES; Kathleen Huttlinger, CHSS; Kelly Knight, ACES/CES; Stuart Munson-McGee, Engineering; Maria deBoyrie, Business; Jeff Amato and Tim Ketelaar, A & S; and Cindy Murrell, College Track/ English.

14. Caucus of 2010-2011 Committee on Committees to elect 2010-2011 Faculty Senate Vice Chair

The COC elected Stuart Munson-McGee to serve as next year's FS Vice Chair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek  
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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Mark C. Andersen, Faculty Senate Chair

Date