

MINUTES OF THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE  
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX  
September 2, 2010

Members Present: Andersen (Chair), Munson-McGee (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Bailey, Baptiste, Barello, Blair, Bloomquist, Boham, Boje, Buckholz, Bugbee, Chung, de Boyrie, DeMers, Dormody, Drummond, Erben, Gallagher, Gould, Gurrola, Hampton, Herrera, Holtzman, Hubbell, Huerta-Charles, Huttlinger, Jimenez, Ketelaar, Knight, Kozel, Lakey, Ludeke, McCormick, Miller, Morrell, Murrell, Ni, Oretskin, Osanloo, Rayson, Reyes, Rice, Sanogo, Schultz, Shuster, Storm, St. Hilaire, Taylor, Train, Walker, Weisiger.

Members Absent: Dean, Fitzpatrick, Hardee, Huang, Idriss, Oliver, Skaggs.

Ex Officio Member Present: Couture, Wilkins, Woods, Chappell, Dulany.

Guests: Jim Peach, Economics/Business; M. H. Myers, ICT Telecomm & Networking; Jack Thomas, Former Faculty Senate Chair/ACES; McKinley Boston, Athletics Director; Jennifer Taylor, VP for Finance.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Andersen at 4:00 pm.

2. Recognition of Guests and Speakers

Chair Andersen recognized and welcomed guests, then turned the meeting over to President Couture for her power point presentation.

She recognizes that the NMSU faculty and the Faculty Senate are concerned about the transfer of \$4.1 million of I & G funds to the Athletics Department budget at a time of serious budget restraints, and pledged that we will stay within the budget set by the state and approved by the BOR. Contracts which were in place prior to her presidency must be honored. She reviews the athletics department budget each month with the AD and the budget director; they are currently on a 10-year plan to reduce the deficit. If we stop the transfer of these I & G funds we would have to drop out of the WAC which would incur heavy fines. State universities with bowl division teams get an average of 8% more in state funds, and almost all bowl division universities transfer funds to help support their athletics departments; we are better than average. 59% of our I & G budget goes into instruction. She noted that we need to increase our fundraising which can help athletics: only 7% of our alumni give to NMSU, so she has separated the Alumni Office from Advancement to allow them to improve alumni contacts.

Dr. Boston's power point presentation reviewed NMSU's adherence to NCAA rules, his department's emphasis on maintaining high academic standards for all of NMSU's athletes, and how the improvements in these efforts have resulted in higher academic standings and graduation rates for our athletes than the student body as a whole.

Dr. Andersen asked Jennifer Taylor if “no stone has been left unturned” for alternate sources [other than I & G] to support the Athletics Department. She stated that budget transfers are transparent, i.e., they appear on our budget posted on the website. Senator Hubbell asked how these transfers impact the Mercer Report on NMSU faculty salaries. The president, provost and Ms. Taylor are aware of this report; \$10 million is needed to bring faculty salaries up to the median. Provost Wilkins has found and released funding for 13 new faculty positions and will hire new faculty over faculty raises for now.

Provost Wilkins said she is looking forward to working with the Faculty Senate, plans to attend Faculty Senate meetings, and each time will ask the senate, “What have you heard?” and “What do you want to know?”

This entire program was webcast and is available at [://mediasite-server.nmsu.edu/ictmsite5/Viewer/?peid=d8280158402b4416b7d9084085182765#](http://mediasite-server.nmsu.edu/ictmsite5/Viewer/?peid=d8280158402b4416b7d9084085182765#)

### 3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

### 4. Approval of Minutes of April 29, 2010, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the April 29, 2010, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

### 5. Elections of Other FS Officers

A. Parliamentarian: Senator Tom Dormody was reelected by acclamation.

B. Recording Secretary: Anne Meek was reelected by acclamation.

### 6. Reports of Officers

#### A. Chair’s Report

Chair Andersen’s summer report was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix A)

#### B. Vice Chair’s Report

Vice Chair Munson-McGee’s summer report was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix B)

### 7. Reports of Standing Committees

The four standing committees (other than COC) have not met this academic year.

### 8. Other Reports

There were no other reports.

9. New Business

- A. Proposition 01-10/11: A Memorial Calling for NMSU to Stop Funding the Athletic Program With Program and General Instruction Funds (Weisiger, Walker, Hubbell, A & S; Boje, Business; Reyes, Education; Miller, Library) was introduced by Co-sponsor Weisiger and assigned to the Long Range Planning committee which will meet 9/9/10. (Appendix C)
- B. Proposition 02-10/11R: Proposal to Replace Policy 5.15.50 Appointments – Postdoctoral (St. Hilaire, A&S; Ketelaar, Shuster, A & S; Boje, Business; Munson-McGee, Engineering) was introduced by Co-sponsor Ketelaar and assigned to the Scholastic Affairs committee which will meet 9/21/10. (Appendix D)
- C. Proposition 03-10/11: Memorial in Support of Regent Selection Process (Bloomquist, ACES; Ketelaar, Barello, A & S; Boje, Business; Reyes, Education; Munson-McGee, Engineering) was introduced by Co-sponsor Ketelaar. Chair Andersen noted that the governor is in favor of this process. Assigned to the University Affairs committee which will meet 9/16/10. (Appendix E)

10. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

11. Other Business

Faculty Senate Representatives to NMSU Committees:

- A. Liz Miller will serve on the Bookstore Advisory Committee.
- B. Azadeh Osanloo will serve on the Diversity Committee
- C. Anne Hubbell will serve on the Sick Leave Bank Committee.
- D. Priscilla Bloomquist will serve on the Athletics Committee and will continue to serve on the Alcohol Committee.

12. Announcements

- A. Senator Amato announced the formation of an ad hoc committee to study changes to GPA calculations and the impact of numerical values assigned to “+” and “-“ grades”, and is seeking volunteer members.
- B. Provost Wilkins said she had hoped to see a name plate in front of each senator so she could learn their names. As we don’t have these, the recording secretary will bring name tags to the next meeting.
- C. Chair Andersen designated a corner for each standing committee to meet to elect their chairs.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

14. Post Adjournment Elections

- A. Richard Oliver was elected chair of the Faculty Affairs committee.
- B. Tim Ketelaar was elected chair of the Long Range Planning committee.
- C. William Storm was elected chair of the Scholastic Affairs committee.
- D. David Boje was elected chair of the University Affairs committee.

These committee chairs become members of the COC.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Recording Secretary