

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
September 3, 2009

Members Present: Erickson (Chair), Andersen (Vice Chair), Amato, Bailey, Baptiste, Blank, Bloomquist, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Bugbee, de Boyrie, Chaiken, Dormody, Erben, Fitzpatrick, González, Hampton, Hardee, Holtzman, Hubbell, Huttlinger, Jimenez, Ketelaar, Knight, Kozel, Lopez, Mathis, MacGregor-Mendoza, McCormick, McNeel, Montañez, Morrell, Munson-McGee, Murrell, Ni, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Oretskin, Osanloo, Rayson, Reyes, Rice, Schultz, Storm, St. Hilaire, Thompson, Weisiger, Wojahn.

Members Absent: Baker, Dean, Huang, Idriss, Nishiguchi, Ranade, Stanford, Teich, Torres, Walker.

Ex Officio Members Present: Pacheco, Jacquez, Chappell, Dulany.

Guests: Noel Martinez, ASNMSU FS Representative.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Speakers

A. Interim President Manuel Pacheco

FS Chair Erickson introduced and welcomed Dr. Pacheco, pointing out that Non Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty now represented by six new senators on the Faculty Senate makes today's meeting an historic occasion.

Dr. Pacheco commented on the various faculty senates he has worked with in his more than 20 years as a college/university president, noting that our cordiality and compatibility makes ours relatively easy to work with. As interim president, he doesn't plan to make major changes, and will carefully make decisions that need to be made now but not major changes others will have to live with after he's gone. He is looking at trimming some administrative areas he considers unnecessary or redundant; he has transferred some of the assistants to the president to other areas where they will be more useful. As a land grant university, NMSU's outreach to the state is very good in agriculture and extension services, but he feels we could make even better use of our presence and expertise throughout the state in such disciplines as health and social services, research, the arts, and business.

He stated that we must face the fact that budget cuts are coming; the governor wants 3%, the legislature wants 6%, and he feels that somewhere in the middle is more realistic. He wants to make as small an impact as possible with decisions made on the basis of priorities; faculty salaries should not be affected, but some travel may be. When Chair Erickson asked him if furloughs or layoffs are likely, he replied no furloughs but some layoffs are likely. He also noted that we operate a "lean" institution, especially as compared to other universities.

Chair Erickson said he has met with President Pacheco several times since he arrived, and the president seems receptive to many of our ideas.

B. ASNMSU President Travis Dulany

Chair Erickson introduced ASNMSU President Travis Dulany. Mr. Dulany reviewed some of their priorities for this year. They are working with other NM universities/colleges on work study funding, primarily to show the state that they want to keep the jobs they now have rather than increasing jobs. The Crimson Cab service which was terminated last year is back and they are trying to get more funding to keep that going.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

4. Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2009, Faculty Senate Meeting

A typo was pointed out on page 2; the minutes of the April 30, 2009, Faculty Senate Meeting were then approved as corrected.

5. Appointment of Parliamentarian and Recording Secretary

A. Parliamentarian Tom Dormody

Chair Erickson nominated Tom Dormody as parliamentarian. No other nominations being received, Senator Dormody was elected by acclamation.

B. Recording Secretary Anne Meek

Chair Erickson nominated Anne Meek as recording secretary. No other nominations being received, Ms. Meek was elected by acclamation.

6. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Erickson reviewed his September report of summer activities which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. Reporting on the Presidential Search in progress, he said there were about 30 highly qualified candidates who, of course, cannot be named. January is the goal for naming the new president, a very short timeline; on-campus interviews with the finalists could be expected to start in October. (Appendix A)

He then reviewed BOR action on bills we have passed:

- A. Proposition 06-08/09A Proposal to Amend Section 5.98 of the NMSU Policy Manual [Renewal of Contract and Termination of Appointment] (Intro 10/2/08, Apr 1/15/09): approved.
- B. Proposition 05-08/09 Amend Chapter 5.20.20 "Assignments – Teaching Load" of the New Mexico State University Policy Manual by Replacing the Current Text with the Proposed Text [Faculty Workload Bill] (Intro 10/2/08, Apr 10/30/08): approved.
- C. Proposition 14-08/09A College and Research Faculty [originally Proposition to Change NMSU Policy Manual Concerning Research Faculty Designation for Externally Funded Researchers and College Faculty] (Intro 3/5/09, Apr 4/30/09): approved.

- D. Proposition 19-08/09A Amendment to Faculty Teaching Load [Re CC's] (Intro 4/2/09, Appr 4/30/09): approved.
- E. Proposition 22-08/09A Update to the University Research Council (URC) Charter (Intro 4/2/09, Appr 4/30/09): approved.
- F. Proposition 11-08/09A Remove Prohibition of Interims [in NMSU Policy Manual] From Competing for Academic Administrative Positions (Intro 3/5/09, Appr 4/2/09): tabled. This is the first time within collective memory that the BOR has done this. Since that event he has negotiated a compromise with the BOR in which they will take this bill off the table and approve it at their 9/25/09 meeting, and he will add an amendment to this bill and submit it as a new proposition which would allow the BOR to restrict a candidate if they choose; this is consistent with NMSU policy.

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Andersen reviewed his September report of summer activities. ADAC has asked the FS to appoint a task force to review and write an updated policy on "applied credit" as the present policy in the Policy Manual is not being followed. Also, ADAC has drafted a recommendation on certain academic programs and asks the FS to review it and prepare a proposal. (Appendix B)

He then called for nominations of FS representatives to various committees and task forces.

- A. "Applied Credit" Task Force: Senator McNeel volunteered to serve with Vice Chair Andersen.
- B. University Appeals Board: Senator Weisiger volunteered to be a candidate. Nominations for the UAB will close in one week.
- C. Performance Evaluation Review Board: Senators Richard Oliver and Tracey Thompson volunteered to be candidates.

Chair Erickson then called for nominations to the University Budget Committee. Senator Hardee gave a brief report on the last meeting which he attended at the request of Chair Erickson, then volunteered to serve on the UAB; Senator Thompson also volunteered. Each candidate gave brief introductions and qualifications for this position. In the show-of-hands vote Senator Hardee received 27 votes and Senator Thompson received 20 votes.

7. Reports of Standing Committees

None of the standing committees have met this academic year.

8. Other Reports

Senator Buckholz reported that the annual Community College Roundup will be held September 25 and 26 at the Carlsbad campus. This year's theme is "Educating challenging Students".

9. New Business

- A. Proposition 01-09/10 was postponed.

- B. Proposition 02-09/10 Memorial Commemorating Dr. Barbara Simmons, College of Education Dean 1985 – 1997 (Reyes, Education) was introduced by Sponsor Reyes. He then requested that this memorial be considered as emergency legislation; motion approved.
- C. Proposition 03-09/10 A Memorial In Honor Of Gregory Lee Mullins (Bloomquist, Andersen, St. Hilaire, ACES) was introduced by Co-sponsor Bloomquist. She then requested that this memorial be considered as emergency legislation; motion approved.

10. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 02-09/10 Memorial Commemorating Dr. Barbara Simmons, College of Education Dean 1985 – 1997 (Reyes, Education), emergency legislation. The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously. (Appendix C)
- B. Proposition 03-09/10 A Memorial In Honor Of Gregory Lee Mullins (Bloomquist, Andersen, St. Hilaire, ACES), emergency legislation. The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously. (Appendix D)

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Announcements

There were no other announcements.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm, followed by the post-adjournment elections.

14. Post-Adjournment Elections

A. Standing Committees' Chairs

- A. William Storm was elected Faculty Affairs Committee Chair.
- B. Stuart Munson-McGee was elected Long Range Planning Committee Chair
- C. Tracey Thompson was elected Scholastic Affairs Committee Chair
- D. Harry Hardee was elected University Affairs Committee Chair

B. COC Members

- A. Education elected Azadeh Osanloo and Loui Reyes to the COC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary