

MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
October 1, 2009

Members Present: Erickson (Chair), Andersen (Vice Chair), Amato, Baker, Baptiste, Bloomquist, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Bugbee, Chaiken, Dean, Dormody, Erben, Fitzpatrick, González, Hardee, Holtzman, Huang, Hubbell, Ketelaar, Knight, Kozel, Lopez, MacGregor-Mendoza, McCormick, McNeel, Morrell, Murrell, Nishiguchi, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Oretskin, Osanloo, Rayson, Schultz, St. Hilaire, Thompson, Walker, Weisiger, Whittlesey-Jerome, Wojahn.

Members Absent: Bailey, Blank, de Boyrie, Hampton, Huttlinger, Idriss, Jimenez, Mathis, Montañez, Munson-McGee, Ni, Ranade, Reyes, Rice, Stanford, Storm, Teich, Torres.

Ex Officio Members Present: Morehead, Titus.

Guests: Dr. McKinley Boston, Director, NMSU Athletics Administration; James Hall, Associate Director, NMSU Athletics Administration; Becca Galves, Director, ASPSC, NMSU Athletics Administration.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson at 4:03 pm.

2. Dr. McKinley Boston, Director, NMSU Athletics Administration

Dr. Boston's power point presentation, Progress Report to the FS, illustrated the department's progress through their five year plan with several excellent graphs. Notably increased participation and improvement are seen in a number of areas including academic support which now includes student assistants as well as tutors and mentors; utilization of the Academic Center with its expanded hours including on-site nightly tutoring; and increased involvement in the early warning academic program which continually monitors athletes' academic progress and provides assistance and support to improve and maintain high academic standards. The latest statistics show that on an average 63% of student athletes graduate compared to 42% of all students at NMSU, and for the 8th consecutive semester all men's and women's sport teams have a cumulative GPA at or above 3.0. During Spring 2009 student-athletes earned 4,765 credits (for community service) averaging 12.8 credits per student-athlete. Associate Director James Hall and Becca Galves, ASPSC Director, provided additional comments and answered questions. (Appendix A, 22 pages)

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

4. Approval of Minutes of September 3, 2009, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the September 3, 2009, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

5. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Erickson reviewed his September report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. The Presidential Search Committee, working on a very tight schedule, is hoping to name a candidate by January; they now have about 20 very good candidates. He announced that the BOR has approved Proposition 11-08/09, Searches for Academic Administrators, which was tabled at their July meeting. He encouraged other senators to join him on the Service Learning Task Force which is developing a service learning policy. (Appendix B)

B. Vice Chair's Report

FS Vice Chair reviewed his September report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix C)

6. Reports of Standing Committees

None of the Standing Committees had business to consider and did not meet in September.

7. Other Reports

Senator Tracey Thompson, FS representative to the Bookstore Advisory Committee, reported on the first meeting of the BAC at which she expressed some of the faculty's comments and concerns. A public meeting will be held at CCSU on 10/6 to display the new bookstore design. Textbooks for the Spring 2010 semester need to be ordered by 10/6; the policy manual states that all textbook titles are to be submitted to the bookstore; some scholarships and some financial aid require that certain textbooks must be available at the bookstore.

8. New Business

A. Proposition 01-09/10 A Memorial In Honor of Dr. William (Bill) C. McCarthy (Munson-McGee, Engineering). The motion to consider as emergency legislation was approved. (Appendix D)

B. Proposition 04-09/10 Amendment to Section 5.96 Labeled "Searches for Academic Administrators" Policy Concerning Interim Faculty (Brown, A & S) was introduced by Sponsor Brown. This bill is essentially the same as Proposition 11-08/09 passed by the FS last year but tabled by the BOR at their July meeting, except that a new sentence has been added at the end of the **Proposed Language**. Chair Erickson reported that following that BOR meeting he contacted Regent Pino and discussed his reasons for tabling the bill. A compromise was reached in which this new sentence would be added and the amended bill submitted to the FS for approval, in return for which the BOR would approve the tabled bill; the BOR did indeed approve it at their last meeting. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet 10/22/09. (Appendix E)

9. Unfinished Business

A. Proposition 01-09/10 A Memorial In Honor of Dr. William (Bill) C. McCarthy (Munson-McGee, Engineering), Emergency Legislation. The motion to approve as emergency legislation passed unanimously. (Appendix D)

10. Other Business

Representatives to NMSU Committees, Task Forces, etc.

- A. Bookstore Advisory Board: Tracey Thompson
- B. Pornographic material Policy Review Task Force: Nancy Baker
- C. Student Fee Review Board:
- D. ASNMSU Publications and Communications Board
- E. Parking Task Force:
- F. Sick Leave Bank Committee:
- G. Service Learning Task Force: Azadeh Osanloo
- H. University Outcomes Assessment Committee: Deborah McCormick and Chair Erickson

11. Announcements

There were no other announcements.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Christopher A. Erickson, Faculty Senate Chair

Date