

MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
November 4, 2010

Members Present: Andersen (Chair), Munson-McGee (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Baptiste, Barello, Blair, Bloomquist, Boje, Buckholz, Bugbee, Dean, DeMers, Dormody, Drummond, Erben, Fitzpatrick Gallagher, Gould, Gurrola, Holtzman, Huang, Jimenez, Ketelaar, Knight, Kozel, Ludeke, Miller, Morrell, Murrell, Oliver, Rayson, Sanogo, Shuster, Storm, St. Hilaire, Taylor, Train.

Members Absent: Bailey, Boham, Chung, de Boyrie, Fitzpatrick, Hampton, Hardee, Herrera, Hubbell, Huerta-Charles, Huttlinger, Idriss, Lakey, McCormick, Ni, Oretskin, Osanloo, Reyes, Rice, Schultz, Skaggs, Walker, Weisiger.

Ex Officio Members Present: Wilkins, Titus, Bosman.

Guests: Bobbie Derlin, Assoc. Vice President Student Success/Assoc Dean DE & EL; Hank Strevel, ASNMSU; Joan Crowley, A&S/Criminal Justice; Norma Grijalva, Mrinal Virnave, ICT.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Recognition of Guests

Chair Andersen recognized and welcomed today's guests.

3. Provost Wendy Wilkins

In her first item today she thanked the faculty for participating in the COACHE survey, noting that there is still time for those who have not yet responded to do so; we have the highest response rate in our group. Second, she reviewed the FS Constitution and Bylaws with Dr. Andersen and was pleased with the high quality of language and the inclusion of shared governance. Finally, she discussed with the Faculty Affairs committee the conflict of interest issue, specifically full-time NMSU faculty teaching at other universities. She has asked Chair Andersen and the FS to form a task force to study this issue and advise her of their findings.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

5. Approval of Minutes of October 7, 2010, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the October 7, 2010, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

6. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Chair Andersen reviewed his report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv.
(Appendix A)

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Munson-McGee reviewed his report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. He noted that there would probably be a review and a correction to the VWW concerns. (Appendix B)

7. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs Committee: Richard Oliver, Chair

Chair Oliver reported that the committee met and studied Proposition 04-10/11 and unanimously recommended "Do Pass". He also reported that Provost Wilkins attended the meeting and encouraged faculty to complete and submit the COACHE survey. She is considering separating "policy" from "procedures" in the Policy Manual. The Roush Award medals have increased in cost so she would like to see if another award token can be found. The conflict of interest issue was also discussed. The motion to accept his report carried.

B. Long Range Planning Committee: Tim Ketelaar, Chair

Chair Ketelaar reported that the committee was not assigned legislation to study and did not meet.

C. Scholastic Affairs Committee: William Storm, Chair

Chair Storm reported that the committee was not assigned legislation to study, but met with Provost Wilkins to discuss several issues. She wants to move the basic English ESL classes (for undergraduates) from Communications Studies so they can become revenue producing, not credit producing. She also wants to see a broader base of our certificate programs; this would need a different classification for affected students and a new category on Banner. The motion to accept his report carried.

D. University Affairs: David Boje, Chair

Chair Boje reported that the committee was not assigned legislation to study and did not meet. A quorum was not present at the previous meeting so he is distributing a list to the members asking them to enter their email addresses and office phone numbers so they can be contacted prior to future committee meetings.

8. Other Reports

A. Senator Amato reported on the progress of the VP for Business and Finance Search Committee. He also reported on the Ad Hoc committee studying the grade change issue. They have met twice and have received lots of cooperation and input from the provost, registrar and other administrators; a proposition has been prepared and now will go to ADAC and ADC before being introduced to the FS.

- B. Senator Oliver reported that the Learning Management Systems task force has completed the survey instruments which will go to the students, staff and faculty. He asked the senators to contact their units urging them to complete the survey as soon as possible and add comments if desired so they can proceed with finding a replacement for Blackboard/WebCT.

9. New Business

- A. Proposition 05-10/11 Proposed Revisions to FS Constitution (Bloomquist, ACES; Ketelaar, Rayson, A & S; Boje, Business; Munson-McGee, Engr; Murrell, Non T/TT) was introduced by Co-sponsor Bloomquist who reviewed the changes being proposed. The timeline is being improved to allow the BOR to approve our propositions sooner and is supported by the president. This bill would also change “branch campuses” to “community colleges”. Assigned to the Long Range Planning committee which will meet on 11/11/10.
- B. Proposition 06-10/11 Proposal to Amend Faculty Senate Bylaws (Bloomquist, ACES; Ketelaar, Rayson, A & S; Boje, Business; Munson-McGee, Engr; Murrell, Non T/TT) was introduced by Co-sponsor Ketelaar. This is another Policy Manual improvement which specifies FS representation on the University Budget Committee. Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs committee which will meet on 11/16/10.
- C. Proposition 07-10/11 Amend Policy Manual 1.05.70 Regarding FS Shared Governance (Bloomquist, ACES; Ketelaar, Rayson, A & S; Munson-McGee, Engr; Murrell, Non T/TT) was introduced by Co-sponsor Murrell. At the Provost’s request there would now be more specific mention of “Shared Governance”; the definition shown comes from the AAUP website. Another change adjusts the timeline for the President’s approval of our legislation to 45 days from when she receives it. Friendly Amendments may be added in committee. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet on 11/18/10.

10. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 04-10/11: A Proposal to Change the Name of the Human Nutrition and Food Science Major to Human Nutrition and Dietetic Sciences and to Change the Existing HNFS Course Prefix to HNDS (Bailey, Bloomquist, Dormody, Sanogo, Skaggs, St. Hilaire, ACES; Munson-McGee, Engineering). The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously.

11. Other Business

Norma Grijalva and Mrinal Virnave, ICT, presented and reviewed the improvements to our software and email systems (my.NMSU) beginning in May 2011. Their documents were distributed earlier on the FS listserv and are available for viewing on the FS website under Current Issues. These changes won’t affect Blackboard. Their new systems will cost less and be more reliable, and the addition of the Microsoft Office Systems will be very useful. The portal will look similar at first, but changes will be gradually introduced, and they will be launching an information campaign, probably in January; the email appearance won’t change. With the new system all 14 NMSU calendars will be integrated. Senator Erben said that the Grants campus has been ordered to use a separate email system starting in January; under the new systems this won’t be necessary. Senator Alexander said there are frequent problems with webmails from foreign

countries (especially in Distance Ed courses); this should improve. Microsoft will not “harvest” our emails nor will they keep our deleted emails; we keep our deleted emails for 30 days before dumping. There are no data security issues we don’t already know about.

12. Remarks and Announcements

Chair Andersen said that at the Provost’s request he is forming a committee to study the conflict of interest issue of NMSU faculty teaching at other universities and is seeking 3 volunteers (2 T/TT, 1 CT). Senators Boje and Murrell volunteered; he will look for another member from fields that are likely to receive outside offers.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Mark C. Andersen, Faculty Senate Chair

Date