

MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
December 2, 2010

Members Present: Andersen (Chair), Munson-McGee (Vice Chair), Alexander, Amato, Bailey, Baptiste, Barello, Blair, Bloomquist, Boje, Buckholz, Bugbee, Dean, de Boyrie, DeMers, Dormody, Erben, Gallagher, Gurrola, Hampton, Hardee, Herrera, Holtzman, Hubbell, Huerta-Charles, Huttlinger, Jimenez, Ketelaar, Knight, Kozel, McCormick, Miller, Morrell, Murrell, Oliver, Oretskin, Osanloo, Rayson, Reyes, Sanogo, Shuster, Skaggs, Storm, St. Hilaire, Taylor.

Members Absent: Boham, Chung, Drummond, Fitzpatrick, Gould, Huang, Idriss, Lakey, Ludeke, Ni, Rice, Schultz, Train, Walker, Weisiger.

Ex Officio Members Present: Wilkins, Bosman.

Guests: Hank Strevel, ASNMSU Representative to the FS.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Andersen at 4:05 p.m.

2. Recognition of Guests

Chair Andersen recognized the guests present, then asked Provost Wilkins to speak.

3. Provost Wendy Wilkins

Provost Wilkins asked for input on the idea of a “Reading Day”, the Friday before exam week, on which there would be no classes or activities (including athletics) scheduled and presently observed on many campuses. Some senators suggested that it might be useful, but the impact of the 5-day Thanksgiving break before finals presented more problems and they hope to see better arrangements. There is no one single solution, but many views are being considered in the preparation now underway of a 3-year academic calendar. She also discussed reaching out to academically struggling first and second year students and is considering asking the registrar to send a roster to instructors somewhere around mid-term, asking them to indicate students who are not doing well academically, then notify the Student Success centers to reach out to those students offering assistance. Senator Boje asked for an explanation and clarification of the sweeping of salary savings; there are presently 28 classes in the Business College for which there are no instructors. Dr. Wilkins replied that the salary savings stay in the college all year, the positions are swept; she will look into this to make sure faculty understand this.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

5. Minutes of the November 4, 2010, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the November 4, 2010, Faculty Senate meeting were approved as submitted.

6. Reports of Officer

A. Chair's Report

Chair Andersen reviewed his report which was distributed on the listserv earlier. He urged as many senators as possible to attend the benefits package meeting Thursday, 12/7, which conflicts with 2 scheduled FS committee meetings. (Appendix A)

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Munson-McGee reviewed his report which was distributed earlier on the listserv. (Appendix B)

7. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs Committee: Richard Oliver, Chair

Chair Oliver reported that the committee had no business to consider and did not meet. The motion to approve his report carried.

B. Long Range Planning Committee: Tim Ketelaar, Chair

Chair Ketelaar reported that he did not have a quorum, but the members present discussed their assigned legislation and suggested some friendly amendments. Chair Andersen asked that by general consent the motion to accept Chair Ketelaar's report they are also asking the committee to study these important bills at their next meeting. The motion to accept the report carried.

C. Scholastic Affairs Committee: William Storm, Chair

Chair Storm reported that the committee met to consider Proposition #6 (FS Bylaws revision); They made one friendly amendment and voted to recommend "Do Pass as Amended". The motion to accept his report carried.

D. University Affairs: David Boje, Chair

Chair Boje reported that the committee met and studied Proposition #7 (amend PM re shared governance). There were 13 friendly amendments accepted and the committee unanimously recommended "Do Pass As Amended". The motion to accept his report carried.

8. Other Reports

- A. Senator Boje reported on the progress of the ad hoc committee exploring the policy on NMSU Faculty teaching for other institutions. They determined a number of pertinent issues and established steps to sort them out and prepare a policy. (Appendix C)

- B. Senator Rayson reported that the Graduate Council met today and will ask the Faculty Senate to submit all proposals concerning the graduate school to submit them first to the GC for review before introducing to the FS. Senator Ketelaar suggested the COC could play a larger role in overseeing the proper approval route of propositions before they are introduced to the full senate.

9. New Business

- A. Proposition 08-10/11 A Memorial to Recognize the New Office of Sustainability and to Support the Plans and Goals of the Sustainability Council [and attachment] (Boje, Business; Walker, Alexander, A & S; Dormody, ACES; Miller, Library) was introduced and reviewed by Co-sponsor Boje. Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee which will meet on 12/9/10. (Appendix D)
- B. Proposition 09-10/11 A Memorial to Review the Consequences of the Policy Change Proposed by the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board (Boje, Business; Murrell, A & S) was introduced by Co-sponsor Boje. Chair Andersen said that a number of entities are working on this issue which ultimately will be decided by the legislature. Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 12/7/10. (Appendix E)
- C. Proposition 10-10/11 A Proposition to Amend the Viewing a Wider World Description to the Undergraduate Catalog and NMSU Policy Manual to Reinstate the Requirement That the Two VWW Courses Be Taken From Different Colleges (Amato, A & S) was introduced and explained by sponsor Amato. Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs Committee which will meet 12/7/10 in Jacobs Hall Room 200. (Appendix F)
- D. Proposition 11-10/11 Memorial Regarding Requirement of External Transcript Evaluation for Foreign Graduate Student Applicants Prior to Application Submission (G. Rayson, J. Ni, A&S; K. Huttlinger, CHSS) was introduced by Co-sponsor Rayson. Provost Wilkins said that she recognizes the burden of these fees and has spoken to her budget committee; they have decided that by next fall we should be doing this in-house. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee which will meet 12/9/10. (Appendix G)

10. Unfinished 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). LRP Committee Chair Ketelaar reported earlier (see 7B) that he did not have a quorum so this bill will go back to the LRP committee which will meet 12/9/10. (Appendix H)
- B. Proposition 06-10/11A Proposal to Amend Faculty Senate Bylaws (Bloomquist, ACES; Ketelaar, Rayson, A & S; Boje, Business; Munson-McGee, Engr; Murrell, Non T/TT). The motion to approve this proposition carried unanimously. (Appendix I)
- C. Proposition 07-10/11A Amend Policy Manual 1.05.70 Regarding FS Shared Governance (Bloomquist, ACES; Ketelaar, Rayson, A & S; Munson-McGee, Engr; Murrell, Non T/TT).

Vice Chair Munson-McGee reviewed the language friendly amendments as a final version including these amendments was not available. The motion to postpone final approval of this bill until a final “clean copy” is distributed carried unanimously, so it will be placed on the January agenda under “Unfinished Business”. [TD: has already been approved in committee] (Appendix J)

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Remarks and Announcements

Senator Boje asked for additional sponsors to the ERB memorial (Proposition 09-10/11)

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Mark C. Andersen, Faculty Senate Chair

Date