

MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
FACULTY SENATE CHAMBERS, GARCIA ANNEX
December 3, 2009

Members Present: Erickson (Chair), Andersen (Vice Chair), Amato, Bailey, Baker, Baptiste, Blank, Bloomquist, Bosman, Brown, Buckholz, Bugbee, Dormody, González, Hardee, Holtzman, Huang, Hubbell, Huttlinger, Jimenez, Ketelaar, Knight, Kozel, Lopez, MacGregor-Mendoza, McCormick, McNeel, Montañez, Morrell, Munson-McGee, Murrell, Nishiguchi, K. Oliver, R. Oliver, Oretskin, Ranade, Rayson, Reyes, Schultz, Storm, Thompson, Whittlesey-Jerome.

Members Absent: de Boyrie, Chaiken, Dean, Erben, Fitzpatrick, Hampton, Idriss, Mathis, Ni, Osanloo, Rice, Stanford, St. Hilaire, Teich, Torres, Walker, Weisiger, Wojahn.

Ex Officio Members Present: Jacquez, Woods, Titus, Chappell, Dulany.

Guests: Noel Martinez, ASNMSU FS Representative; Joe Pfeiffer, Former FS Chair/CS/A & S; Lori McKee, Director, Health & Wellness; Jay Jordan, Assoc VP, Research/Incoming Interim Provost; Bobbie Derlin, Assoc. VP Student Success/Assoc. Dean, CEL; Amanda Gallivan, Student Health Center; Greg Walker, Asst. Director, Facilities Planning and Design; Chris Anaya, BOR Student Regent; Jennifer Taylor, Sr. VP Business/Finance and HR; Enrico Pontelli, Department Head, CS/A & S.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson at 4: 05 pm.

2. Guests

Chair Erickson recognized and introduced today's guests. Dr. Jordan thanked the FS for their hard work in supporting and promoting the research agenda.

3. Sr. V.P. Ben Woods: Merger of Employee and Student Health Centers Into One Building

Dr. Woods acknowledged the valuable input and support of ASNMSU (the Student Health Center is funded by student fees), Ms. Taylor, Mrs. McKee and others in creating and advancing this project, noting that the merger will result in greater economic and operational efficiency and make both stronger. The new facility's approximate cost of \$1.5 million will come from part of a bond issue. The merger will also free up valuable space in the Arrowhead Center, thus ending lease payments. Mrs. McKee estimates savings up to \$300,000 annually.

He is aware of concerns expressed by faculty and students (privacy, parking, sufficient examination rooms, etc.) and these will be addressed in the facility planning which can now begin. Both ASNMSU and EC have approved the concept.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

5. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 2009, Faculty Senate Meeting

The attendance was corrected, and then the minutes were approved as submitted.

6. Reports of Officers

A. Chair's Report

Dr. Erickson reviewed his report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. Incoming President Dr. Barbara Couture has asked that the FS submit faculty issues and concerns; Dr. Jordan will collect them and Chair Erickson will set up an FS Leadership meeting with her and Dr. Jordan. Dr. Jordan also noted that we are in a several years' long budget crunch and we need to plan strategy and keep everyone informed.

Chair Erickson announced that he will be forming a special FS Task Force (which will include other faculty as well) to study and develop learning outcomes for all bachelors' degrees, and is seeking volunteers. This will be centered in the Gen Ed curriculum. (Appendix A)

B. Vice Chair's Report

Vice Chair Andersen reviewed his report which was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. He emphasized the importance of an upcoming meeting with HR concerning the research faculty designation. (Appendix B)

7. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs: William Storm, Chair

Chair Storm reported that the committee met to Study Proposition 06-09/10 (English Proficiency Standards Memorial), reviewed an addition document provided by Co-sponsor Hubbell showing TOEFL data at other universities (Appendix G) and revised some language. An incorrect version was sent out on the FS listserv so he distributed the correct version to be considered today. The motion to accept his report was approved.

B. Long Range Planning: Stuart Munson-McGee, Chair

Chair Munson-McGee reported that as no legislation was assigned to his committee they did not meet.

C. Scholastic Affairs: Tracey Thompson, Chair

Chair Thompson reported that the committee met to study Proposition 05-09/10 (BA in CS) and recommended "Do Pass". the motion to approve her report was accepted.

D. University Affairs: Harry Hardee, Chair

Chair Hardee reported that as no legislation was assigned to his committee they did not meet.

8. Other Reports

- A. Anne Hubbell, FS representative to the Parking Committee, reported that they discussed funding and finances. They recommended asking the Parking Department to do some more research on the impact on their revenues of the following suggestions being considered:
 - a) \$5 off on parking ticket paid on time.
 - b) increasing late fees on unpaid parking tickets.
 - c) if the first ticket to a 2-year or more permit holder parking in the wrong zone is dismissed.
 - d) withdrawing the ticket given to someone without a permit who then buys a permit.
- B. Tracey Thompson, FS representative to the Bookstore Advisory Committee, reported that Barnes & Noble is offering \$25,000 scholarships to students to purchase their books; the committee decided that they will endow 50% of that money every year and the remaining 50% to offer scholarships immediately.
- C. Gary Rayson, FS representative to the Graduate Council, reported that they endorsed the concept of increasing the TOEFL standards (see Prop 06-09/10).
- D. Michele Nishiguchi, FS representative to the Campus Planning Committee, reported that the committee discussed the Arts Complex, and approved the second phase of Chamisa Village (dorms).
- E. Gary Rayson reported on the Grievance Task Force meeting yesterday. The committee is setting up plans to reconsider the grievance and appeals process as written in the Policy Manual (which is difficult to understand) and is planning to write clarifying language. Chair Erickson said that it will probably be May when they complete that task.
- F. Nancy Baker, FS representative to the Pornography Task Force, reported that the committee will start drafting language which will protect our freedoms better and plans to submit these to the FS. (Appendix C)

9. New Business

- A. Proposition 07-09/10 A Memorial in Honor of Dr. Waded Cruzado (Erickson, Business; Andersen, Bloomquist, ACES; Oliver, Rayson, Storm, A & S; Schultz, CHSS). At Chair Erickson's request, Dr. Pfeiffer introduced and read the memorial. The motion to consider today as emergency legislation was approved.
- B. Proposition 08-09/10 A Memorial Thanking Dr. Manuel Pacheco (Erickson, Business; Andersen, Bloomquist, ACES; Oliver, Rayson, Storm, A & S; Schultz, CHSS) was introduced and read by Chair Erickson. The motion to consider as emergency legislation today was approved.

10. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 05-09/10R: Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science (Brown, A & S) was presented by Sponsor Brown. He and Dr. Pfeiffer explained the differences between this degree and the

existing Bachelor of Science in Computer Science which is more complex. The motion to approve this proposition was approved unanimously. (Appendix D)

- B. Proposition 06-09/10 Amended: A Memorial Requesting an Increase in Minimal English Proficiency Standards for Regular Admission of International Students (Rayson, Hubbell, A & S; Munson-McGee, Engineering) was presented by Co-sponsor Rayson. He discussed the impact on their studies of communication difficulties experienced by all non-English speaking and writing students and the need to increase and adjust our TOEFL scores admission standards (we are the lowest of our peers); the backlog of students requiring English proficiency instruction due to lack of funding for the Center for Intensive Training in English (CITE) is also contributing to this problem. During the lengthy discussions and comments a friendly amendment was proposed by Senator Brown and accepted by Co-sponsor Rayson. The motion to approve this bill passed with a hands vote of 28 Aye, 5 Nay and 2 Abstentions. (Appendixes E and F)
- C. Proposition 07-09/10 A Memorial in Honor of Dr. Waded Cruzado (Erickson, Business; Andersen, Bloomquist, ACES; Oliver, Rayson, Storm, A & S; Schultz, CHSS). The motion to approve this bill (introduced earlier, see section 9A) was approved unanimously. (Appendix G)
- D. Proposition 08-09/10 A Memorial Thanking Dr. Manuel Pacheco (Erickson, Business; Andersen, Bloomquist, ACES; Oliver, Rayson, Storm, A & S; Schultz, CHSS). The motion to approve this bill (introduced earlier, see section 9B) was approved unanimously. (Appendix H)

11. Other Business

Chair Erickson encouraged all senators who have concerns about the Health Center merger to express their concerns quickly so they can be included in the planning process.

12. Announcements

A. Faculty Senate Chair 2010-2011: Nominations Due at January 14, 2010, FS Meeting

Stating that he will not be a candidate for FS Chair 2010-11, Chair Erickson urged senators to consider running for this important position

B. FS Representative to COIA

Chair Erickson asked for a volunteer to attend the COIA conference at SDSU January 22-24, 2010. (Appendix I)

C. Other

Chair Erickson invited all present to enjoy holiday refreshments of hot apple cider and pumpkin bread located at the head table. Holiday decorations were provided by Vice Chair Andersen.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Christopher A. Erickson, Faculty Senate Chair

Date