

MINUTES OF THE 5<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
*of the*  
NMSU FACULTY SENATE  
Domenici Hall, Room 109  
January 15, 2015 4:00 p.m.

SENATORS PRESENT: Chair Munson-McGee, Vice-Chair Blank, Parliamentarian Erickson, Abbott, Amatya, Andersen, Arakawa, Barney, Bawazir, Berning, Bishop, Bock, Brown, Cai, Corran, Creamer, Dawe, Dean, Gutierrez, Huhmann, Leon, Mandabach, McCormick, Miller, Morandi, Querty, Rayson, Reinhardt, Rice, Sassenfeld, Schirmer, Simon, Sohn, Spencer, Turner, Van Winkle, Vasiliev, Vazquez, Walker, Wear, Zhang

SENATORS ABSENT: Acharya, Baker, Billings, Bronstein, Butler, Campbell, Christensen, Fisher, Goehring, Huang, Jimenez, McAteer, Mora, Morgan, Oesterreich, Roark-Diehl, Smith, Villa (18)

EX-OFFICIO: Dr. Dan Howard, NMSU Executive Vice President and Provost; Karen Reid, Employee Council Liaison

GUESTS: None

1. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Chair Munson-McGee at 4:02 p.m.

2. Recognition of Guests

Provost Howard: Aggie Pathway to the Baccalaureate.

Provost Howard presented the power point given to the Regents at the Dec. 12, 2014 meeting.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve amended agenda moved and seconded; no opposition or abstention.

Amended agenda approved as submitted.

4. Approval of Minutes of December 04, 2014 meeting

Minutes will be amended to reflect Lynn Kelly's attendance.

Move to approve amended minutes made and seconded.

Minutes unanimously approved as submitted.

5. Reports of Officers

a. FS Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee

- FGRB now fully staffed
- A task force has been established that will work on researching peer institution credit requirements for graduation. The 120-Credit task force will write legislation to bring before the Senate.
- Work is being done to define minimum requirements for various degrees. The information is being expanded extensively. This will include information regarding who is responsible for approving a new degree, etc. Will also include who is responsible for approving changes to degree programs. A report concerning this work will be delivered to ADAC at their next meeting.

- Freedom of expression task force has finished first draft of the new policy. Formatting is in progress.
- b. FS Vice Chair, Larry Blank

#### 6. Reports of Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs: James Rice

Faculty Affairs had no new business; did not meet.

Long Range Planning: Ram Acharya

Long Range Planning reviewed Proposition 14- 14/15. Committee approved the proposition and unanimously voted “Due pass”.

Move to accept report made and seconded. Senate votes all in favor; none opposed.

University Affairs: Liz Schirmer

University Affairs had no new business; did not meet.

Scholastic Affairs: Deb McCormick

Scholastic Affairs had no new business; did not meet.

Government Affairs: Larry Blank

Government Affairs had no new business; did not meet.

#### 7. New Business

**Proposition 17-14/15:** Revisions to Prop 12-13/14, Changes to Sec. 4.05.50 of NMSU Policy regarding the Faculty Grievance Review Board. (S. H. Munson-McGee (ACES), Larry Blank (Business))

**Assigned to University Affairs meeting Jan. 29, 2015**

#### 8. Unfinished Business

**Proposition 14-14/15:** Support for NMSU’s participation in the Bicycle Friendly University Program and development of Bicycle Friendly Transportation infrastructure, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. (Rebecca Creamer (ACES), Christopher Brown (A&S), Laurie Abbott (ACES), Bruce Huhmann (Business))

Long Range Planning reviewed proposition and voted “due pass”.

Move to approve seconded with no discussion.

**Senate voted all in favor; none opposed. Motion passes unanimously.**

#### 9. Other Business

- a. ADAC response to Proposition 7-14/15: Resolution Changing Number of Credit hours for Graduate Student full-time status for tuition calculation

ADAC found the \$800,000.00 impact related to the proposal to cap tuition at 9 credits for graduate students is significant. The issue will be taken back to ADAC.

The Senate is asking for recognition that Graduate Student taking 9 credits can be considered full time status, and recognizes tuition matters are the jurisdiction of the administration.

- b. Faculty Senate Chair Election

The online Chair election is open for voting and will close Friday, Jan. 23, 2015.

- c. Allocation of Senators

The College of Education will lose one senator. College of Business will gain one new senator. Non-tenured faculty will have an NMSU wide election. Calculations for senators are based on student counts, major counts, and number of faculty at the main campus.

- d. NMSU Athletics Council Annual Report K. Mandabach

Report will be posted once permission is granted.

10. Remarks and Announcements

a. FS Chair

No additional remarks

b. FS Vice-Chair/SLC Chair

No additional remarks

11. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned by Faculty Senate Chair S.H. Munson-McGee at 4:50 p.m.