

MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
*of the*  
NMSU FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
Domenici Hall, Room 109  
March 05, 2015 4:00 p.m.

SENATORS PRESENT: Chair Munson-McGee, Vice-Chair Blank, Parliamentarian Erickson, Abbott, Acharya, Amatya, Andersen, Baker, Bawazir, Berning, Bock, Brown, Christensen, Corran, Creamer, Dawe, Dean, Fisher, Goehring, Gutierrez, Huang, Huhmann, Jimenez, Kelly, Keys, Leon, McAteer, Mandabach, Mora, Morgan, Oesterreich, Querty, Rayson, Reinhardt, Rice, Roark-Diehl, Sassenfeld, Schirmer, Simon, Sohn, Spencer, Turner, Vasiliev, Vazquez, Villa, Walker, Wear, Zhang (45)

SENATORS ABSENT: Barney, Billings, Bishop, Bronstein, Butler, Cai, Campbell, McCormick, Miller, Morandi, Van Winkle (12)

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

GUESTS: Asst. Professor Neal Rosendorf

1. Call to Order

2. Recognition of Guests

Provost Howard & Andrew Peña: Online Compliance Training modules

NMSU strives to be in compliance with Federal and State regulations. Completion of the Title IX and Campus SaVe Act training module is a regulation we need to meet in order to receive accreditation and financing. The HR department has put together 5 training modules that range in time and length. The training modules can be found at my.nmsu.edu. Employees will have 90 days to get through them. The Title IX and Campus SaVe Act module will need to be done once every two years. The Drug Free Workplace module will only need to be done once. Notification of mandatory training will come from NMSU and should say “mandatory training” on the subject line. Once training is completed you can print out a certificate of completion.

3. Approval of Agenda

Governor Gary Rayson will provide the report for the Government Affairs Committee, item 6e. Motion to approve amended agenda moved and seconded; no opposition or abstention.

Amended agenda approved as submitted.

4. Approval of Minutes of February 05, 2015 meeting

Minutes will be amended to reflect senators Christensen, Fisher, Gutierrez, Morgan and Rayson. Move to approve amended minutes made and seconded.

Minutes unanimously approved as submitted.

5. Reports of Officers

a. FS Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee

Report will be delivered during proposition discussion.

b. FS Vice Chair, Larry Blank

- Constitutional amendments election will close next Tuesday.
- Progress is being made on individual voting unit elections.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs: James Rice

Faculty Affairs had no legislation to consider and did not meet. Senator Rice has contacted ICT about doing a survey for the faculty.

Long Range Planning: Ram Acharya

Long Range Planning reviewed Proposition 18 - 14/15. After discussion, the committee recommended tabling action on the proposition. The committee will meet next month to continue discussion and return to the Senate with a recommendation in April.

University Affairs: Liz Schirmer

University Affairs had no assigned legislation and did not meet.

Scholastic Affairs: Deb McCormick

University Affairs reviewed Proposition 19- 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.*

Government Affairs: Larry Blank - Gary Rayson reporting

Government Affairs reviewed Proposition 20- 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.*

7. New Business

**Proposition 21-14/15:** A Proposition to Change the Undergraduate Catalog and Other Documents to Reduce the Minimum Number of Required Credits for a Bachelor's Degree from 128 to 120 (S. H. Munson-McGee (ACES), Gary Rayson (A&S))

**Assigned to Long Range Planning; meeting Thursday, March 12, 2015.**

**Proposition 22-14/15:** A Proposition to Revise Policy 6.92 on Retroactive Course Withdrawals (Larry Blank (Business))

**Assigned to Faculty Affairs; meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2015.**

**Proposition 23-14/15:** A proposition modifying section 6.70 Grade Reports of the policy manual to require that students in 100-level and 200-level courses be notified of their grade seven weeks into each semester reflecting all their work up to that point in the semester. (Larry Blank (Business), D. J. Howard (Ex-officio))

**Assigned to Scholastic Affairs; meeting Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

**Proposition 24-14/15:** A Memorial in Support of the Revised Freedom of Expression, Policy 3.63. (Stuart Munson-McGee (ACES); Christopher Brown (A&S))

**Assigned to Government Affairs; meeting Thursday, April 02, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.**

**Proposition 25-14/15:** A proposition to restructure academic programs and units at Doña Ana Community College (Becky Corran (Doña Ana Community College), Deborah McCormick (Doña Ana Community College))

**Assigned to University Affairs, meeting Thursday, March 19, 2015**

8. Unfinished Business

**Proposition 18-14/15:** Senate Memorial to Encourage a Campus-Wide Increase in Student Effort/Class Preparation (Jamie Bronstein (A&S))

Long Range Planning reviewed the proposition. The committee was not able to reach consensus. The committee will once again review the proposition at the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Legislation is tabled.

**Proposition 19-14/15:** A Proposition to create a Graduate Certificate Program in Sustainability (Larry Blank (Business))

Scholastic Affairs Committee reviewed this legislation and voted “due pass”.  
Move to approve made and seconded.

**Senate voted 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 7 abstentions. Proposition passes.**

**Proposition 20-14/15:** A Proposition to modify the Faculty Senate Bylaws to create a senator liaison for the NMSU Office of Government Relations. (Larry Blank (Business))

Discussion: This is a modification of the Faculty Senate bylaws. This committee was formed a few years ago, at a time when the Senate was more directly involved in matters being considered before legislature. Currently, Government Affairs, as a standing committee, is no longer necessary. Ricardo Rel still needs to have a senate liaison that could be a reliable point of contact for him. This proposition asks to modify the Senate bylaws to make finding a liaison the responsibility of the Vice-Chair.

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

#### 9. Other Business

Projected budget cuts will be made for the coming fiscal year and are expected to be permanent. NMSU will cut 5.2 million from the budget this year. NMSU is currently looking at a 7 million dollar deficit. The current deficit is associated with declines in enrollment. There will be challenges going into the coming year, and NMSU will involve Deans and Faculty as much as possible to help in meeting these challenges NMSU is likely to have some sort of hiring freeze for the rest of this year. However, the hiring freeze will not apply to searches that are currently underway.

#### 10. Remarks and Announcements

##### a. FS Chair

- Faculty Marshal for Spring 2015 Commencement

Looking for volunteers. Email Stu if interested. Volunteers will be for their college.

##### b. FS Vice-Chair/SLC Chair

#### 11. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned by Chair Munson-McGee at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Britney Stout  
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary