

MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
*of the*  
2014 – 2015 FACULTY SENATE  
Domenici Hall, Room 109  
May 07, 2015 4:00 p.m.

SENATORS PRESENT: Chair Munson-McGee, Vice-Chair Blank, Parliamentarian Erickson, Baker, Bawazir, Berning, Bishop, Bock, Campbell, Christensen, Corran, Creamer, Dawe, , Fisher, Gutierrez, Huhmann, Jimenez, Kelly, Keys, Leon, Mandabach, McAteer, McCormick, Miller, Mora, Morgan, Querty, Rayson, Reinhardt, Rice, Roark-Diehl, Sassenfeld, Simon, Sohn, Spencer, Van Winkle Vasiliev, Villa, Walker, Zhang (38)

SENATORS ABSENT: Abbott, Acharya, Amatya, Andersen, Barney, Billings, Bronstein, Brown, Butler, Cai, Dean, Goehring, Huang, Morandi, Oesterreich, Schirmer, Turner, Vazquez, Wear (19)

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

GUESTS: Judy Bosland, Institutional Analysis; Andrés Cibils, ACES; Ryan Goss, ACES; Merranda Marin, ACES; Wade Matthews, NTT/DACC; David Stokowski, GRCC; Jason Turner, CES

1. Call to Order

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

2. Recognition of Guests

Judy Bosland: NMSU Employee Climate Survey

Results of survey conducted in October 2014. Survey results can be found at

<http://oia.nmsu.edu/files/2015/02/Employee-Council-Presentation-021815-v2.pdf>.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to amend agenda item 12 – Each college will caucus to elect group representatives to the SLC caucus of each college. Representatives will then caucus to elect the Senate vice-chair.

Approval of amended agenda moved and seconded.

**Senate votes all in favor, none opposed. Amended agenda approved.**

4. Approval of Minutes of April 02, 2015 meeting

Minutes will be amended to reflect Senator Liz Miller's attendance.

Approval of minutes moved and seconded.

**Senate votes all in favor, none opposed. Amended minutes approved.**

5. Reports of Officers

a. FS Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee

b. FS Vice Chair, Larry Blank

- ADAC and Larry have made progress in further revising policy 6.82 to specify and define what are degrees, majors, minors, concentrations and

certificates (community college or graduate), as well as specifying what terms will and will not be reported on transcripts. If approved, a cleanup of the catalog will be necessary.

- If a program wishes to use a term not approved for use in the catalog (terms such as area, specialization, emphasis, option, etc.), the program will be required to specify in the catalog that students *will not* see the unapproved term on their transcript.

## 6. Reports of Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs: James Rice

Faculty Affairs met April 12<sup>th</sup> and reviewed Proposition 26- 14/15. Committee approved the proposition and unanimously voted “Due pass” by a vote of 7 – 0.

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

Long Range Planning: Ram Acharya

Long Range Planning had no assigned legislation and did not meet.

University Affairs: Liz Schirmer

University Affairs had no assigned legislation and did not meet.

Scholastic Affairs: Deb McCormick

Scholastic Affairs had no assigned legislation and did not meet.

Government Affairs: Larry Blank

Government Affairs had no assigned legislation and did not meet.

## 7. New Business

**Proposition 27-14/15 (Emergency Legislation)** A Memorial in Support of Graduate Certificates in Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and in Family Nurse Practitioner. (Anita Reinhardt (HSS))

**Motion to accept as emergency legislation moved and seconded; none opposed.**

Discussion: This affects about 10 students in the fall alone. This needs to be done as emergency legislation so that it can be put into effect in the fall.

**Senate votes in favor of considering proposition as emergency legislation; none opposed.**

## 8. Unfinished Business

**Proposition 26-14/15:** A proposition to change Article III, Section A of the Faculty Senate Constitution for more equitable representation of the Community College Faculty (Sam Christensen (CACC); Becky Corran (DACC); Deb McCormick (DACC); Keith Mandabach (ACES); Gary Rayson (A&S); Kathy Roark-Diehl (ALCC); Stuart Munson-McGee (ACES) Liz Miller (Library); Del Jimenez (Co-op Extension); Eric Morgan (Communication); Heather Oesterrich (Education))

Faculty Affairs Committee reviewed this legislation and unanimously voted “due pass”.

*Discussion:* Current allocation of senators among community colleges is 1 per college. With the implementation of this legislation, DACC’s allocation of senators will increase from 1 to 5, Carlsbad and Alamogordo CC’s will increase from 1 to 2 senators each, Grants will retain 1.

**Move to “due pass” moved and seconded.**

*Further Discussion:* This is a change to constitution, so this will go to entire faculty for a vote if this proposition is approved.

Senator Blank added two points of clarification:

- 1) The community colleges currently have 5 representatives. Community colleges also get a NTT faculty member.
- 2) This will increase representation for tenure track faculty from about 6% to about 15%.

**Senate votes in favor of passing proposition with no opposition and one abstention. Proposition passes.**

**Proposition 27 – 14/15:** A Memorial in Support of Graduate Certificates in Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner and in Family Nurse Practitioner. (Anita Reinhardt (HSS))

Discussion: When people come into primary care many have mental health issues (depression, anxiety, etc.), nurse practitioners may write prescriptions for these mental health issues. Currently there is a crisis in Las Cruces; La Frontera has moved out and some local psychiatrists have closed their practices. This leaves a heavy burden on nurse practitioners who have been left with patients desperate to find mental health care providers. This certification will allow a nurse practitioner, who practices in the area of primary care, to take these courses and finish the degree within a year. The student would then be able to sit for an additional certification exam after completing about 560 clinical hours in their specialized area. In this area of New Mexico, nurse practitioners have to travel to other states in order to get this certification. The Graduate Council has approved this proposition.

**Senate votes: All in favor, no oppositions or abstentions. Proposition passes unanimously.**

#### 9. Other Business

- a. Results of the election for all voting groups / Welcome new senators. / Thank you to departing senators.  
All elections have been completed.
- b. Preliminary report based on the P&T survey – J. Rice  
Faculty Affairs conducted a survey of all faculty at main and branch campuses asking if they see a problem with section 5.90 of the NMSU Manual, dealing with all promotion and tenure issues. Among 38 responses they were able to identify 10 items of concern:
  1. External letters: Should be stricter criteria as to who serves as external letter writers.
  2. Collegiality: There were questions as to whether collegiality and civility can be a factor in evaluation, with some saying it should not be considered, and if it is, then it should be stipulated.
  3. Allocation of effort.
  4. Associate Deans / Department Heads influence on P&T decisions.
  5. Leadership: 5.90 implies different types of leadership, but does not define it explicitly.
  6. Timeline and process of P&T application
  7. Post-tenure review
  8. Prior Service
  9. Distinction between service and scholarship.
  10. Evaluation of teaching effectiveness.
- c. Results of Faculty Senate election – Constitution changes

- Proposition 08-14/15: A Proposition to Modify “Article VII–Committees” of the Faculty Senate Constitution to Remove the Duties of the Committees to the By-Laws  
**Passed: 153 -17**
- Proposition 10-14/15: A Proposition to Modify the Faculty Senate Constitution to Include Non-tenure Track Faculty Representation on the Senate Leadership Committee  
**Passed: 140 - 33**
- Proposition 12-14/15: A Proposition to Modify “Article VII–Committees” Section B.3. of the Faculty Senate Constitution to Remove the Government Affairs Committee  
**Passed: 144 - 26**

10. Remarks and Announcements

a. FS Chair

List of bodies to appoint or have representative on due to senators retiring etc.

- Athletics Council: Teresa Leon volunteers
- University Discipline Committee
- Campus Planning Committee: Derek Fisher volunteers
- Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) : John Campbell volunteers
- Community Engagement Council

b. FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Munson-McGee at 5:08 p.m.

12. **Post-Adjournment Elections:** Standing committee caucus and election of chairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Britney Stout, Faculty Senate Recording Secretary