

NMSU FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Health and Social Services Annex, Room 101
October 01, 2015 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Acharya, Alden, Amatya, Bawazir, Berning, Billings, Boeing, Brown, Christensen, Corran, Creamer, Dawe, DeBoyrie, Dhillon, Fisher, Goehring, Goss, Guynn, Jarry, Keys, Leon, Marin, Matthews, McAteer, Miller, Mora, Morandi, Nakotte, Oesterreich, Prentice, Prince, Query, Reinhart, Ricketts, Sassenfeld, Schirmer, Smith, Spencer, Stokowski, Turner, Villa, Walker

ABSENT: Andersen, Bishop, Cai, Campbell, Dean, Fisher, Huang, Josselet, Kelly, Misra, Peterson, Ramos, Roark-Diehl, Rosendorf, Van Winkle, Vasquez

EX-OFFICIO: Tamara Chaffee, Employee Council Liaison; Chris Erickson, Parliamentarian

GUESTS: Michael Jasek, Dean of Students; Rene Guillaume, ELA Assistant Professor; Robert Blair, School of Social Work Associate Professor

1. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Chair Munson-McGee at 4:00 p.m.

2. Recognition of Guests

Michael Jasek, Dean of Students, addressed the Senate to discuss a proposed Common Read Program for incoming freshmen. The proposed program would form a committee to choose a book for freshmen to read and discuss. The goal of the program is to provide a commonality and communication between students. Faculty could also incorporate the book with their lessons with the expectation that it will allow for ideas to expand beyond the book and bring it to life. *Faculty would not be mandated to use the book.* The idea was presented to ADC, who then requested that it be brought before the full Senate for discussion and to get the general sense of what Faculty thought of the idea.

Discussion:

- The committee will pick a representative from each college to determine what book will be used. The reading is not restricted to freshmen.
- Suggested to get someone from the freshman writing program within the English department be assigned to the committee.
- The community colleges would be involved in the selection committee if they choose.
- The means for students to acquire the book has not yet been determined.

Letters about the program have been sent to the Deans requesting names of faculty within their colleges who may be interested in serving on the committee. If you are interested in serving contact your Dean or Associate Dean.

3. Approval of Agenda

Propositions 6-15/16 & 7-15/16 will be removed. ADC requests further review of propositions.

Motion to approve amended agenda made and seconded. Senate unanimously votes all in favor.

4. Approval of Minutes of September 03, 2015 meeting

Minutes will be amended to reflect Liz Schirmer and Comfort Ricketts in attendance.

Motion to approve amended minutes moved and seconded. Senate unanimously votes all in favor.

5. Reports of Officers

a. FS Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee

- 1) A discussion has been started about changing when classes are taught. It is proposed classes will be held Monday & Wednesday or Tuesday & Thursday, and long classes on Fridays.
- 2) A Gen Ed task force being formed. Hope to make the Gen Ed program more directed.
- 3) NMSU is working towards moving to centralized scheduling in order to do a better job of classroom utilization.
- 4) Reminder: 6 week grades should be turned in.
- 5) Grants CC has a roundup happening October 02 & 03, 2015
- 6) New senator orientation was held Oct. 29th. The Chair is looking for suggestions from attendees about how to improve future orientations.

b. FS Vice Chair, Gary Rayson

Associate Deans Academic Council met reviewed proposition 05-15/16.

6. Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs: The committee met to discuss NMSU's P&T policy and to review survey results requested last spring. Committee is accepting input. Email pmorandi@nmsu.edu if you would like to join the discussion.

Long Range Planning: No legislation assigned; committee did not meet.

University Affairs: Reviewed proposition 01-15/16. Committee recommends "do pass as amended."

Move to accept committee report made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously to approve.

Scholastic Affairs: Reviewed proposition 02-15/16. Committee recommends "do pass as amended." Committee also reviewed propositions 03-15/16 & 04-15/16; unanimously recommends "do pass".

Move to accept committee reports made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously to approve.

7. New Business

Proposition 05-15/16: Modification of the University's Viewing a Wider World requirement. (Rolfe Sassenfeld, Faculty -College of Engineering; Lynn Kelly, Faculty -College of Engineering; Steve Stochaj, Dean -College of Engineering)

Assigned to University Affairs, meeting October 15th.

8. Unfinished Business

Proposition 01-15/16: A proposition to request approval for a new undergraduate major in Educational Leadership as outlined in 6.82A of the NMSU Policy Manual. (J. Berning (COE), E. Vasquez (COE), M. Prentice (COE))

University Affairs Committee reviewed legislation Sept. 17th; recommends "do pass as amended".

Move to approve made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously to approve.

Proposition 02-15/16: A Proposition to Change the Degree Name and major from "Bachelor of Science in Agriculture with a major in Wildlife Science" to "Bachelor of Science in Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology with a major in Fisheries and Wildlife Science" (R. Creamer (ACES), R. Acharya (ACES))

Scholastic Affairs reviewed legislation Sept. 15th; recommends "do pass as amended".

Amendment: Made the name of the degree and major align.

Move to approve made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously to approve.

Proposition 03-15/16: A Proposition to Change the Degree Name from “The Master of Science in Wildlife Science” to “Master of Science in Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology.” (R. Creamer (ACES), R. Acharya (ACES))

Scholastic Affairs reviewed legislation Sept. 15th; unanimously recommends “do pass”.

Move to pass made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously to approve.

Proposition 04-15/16: A Proposition to Change the Degree Name from “Bachelor in Conservation Ecology” to “Bachelor of Science in Conservation Ecology” (R. Creamer (ACES), R. Acharya (ACES))

Scholastic Affairs reviewed legislation Sept. 15th; unanimously recommends “do pass”.

Move to pass made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously to approve.

9. Other Business

- I. Approval of Britney Stout as Senate recording secretary per Constitution Article VI, section B.

Move to approve made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously to approve.

- II. Adjusted committee meeting dates for November and December.

Some committees meeting dates have been changed during the months of November and December in order to accommodate holiday breaks. If your committee meeting date has been changed and you would like it moved to a different date for that time period, please inform the recording secretary ASAP so that reservations for meeting rooms can be made.

10. Remarks and Announcements

- a. FS Chair

- b. FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair

Recently met with NMSU Administration regarding upcoming changes to the policy manual. Changes will be made incrementally. Each change will be brought to the Senate. We should start seeing these within the next few weeks. Changes in procedure will be moved away from Regents.

10. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned by Chair Munson-McGee at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Britney Stout

Faculty Senate Recording Secretary