

MINUTES OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE  
Faculty Senate Chambers, Garcia Annex  
February 9, 2012

Members Present: Munson-McGee, Chair; Ketelaar, Vice Chair; Alexander; Bailey; Baptiste; Bawazir; Blank; Boham; Christensen; Cowley; Dean; DeMers; Drummond; Gutierrez; Gurrola; Huang; Huerta-Charles; Jimenez; Kratzke; Kozel; Lakey; Lapid; Malamud; McCormick; McNeel; Miller; Murrell; Oliver; Osanloo; Paz; Pontelli; Rayson; Rhein; Sanogo, Schirmer, Sevostianov, Shuster, Skaggs, St. Hilaire, Taylor.

Members Absent: Andersen, Barello, Bishop, Blair, Bloomquist, Bugbee, Chung, Hawkes, Herrera, Huhmann, Krishnan, Maratea, Morrell, Ni, Oretskin, Rice, Sankaran, Storm, Vazquez, Walker.

Ex Officio Members Present: Derlin.

Guests: Joan Crowley, Criminal Justice, A & S, NMSU-AAUP; Emily Clark, ASNMSU Faculty Senate Representative; Joy Griffin, NMSU ACE Fellow.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Recognition of New Senators and Guests

Chair Munson-McGee recognized and welcomed today's guests.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to move Proposition 11-11/12 Modification of ERB Rule 3, to Unfinished Business following approval of consideration as emergency legislation. The agenda was then approved as amended.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2012, Faculty Senate Meeting

The minutes of the January 19, 2012, Faculty Senate meeting were not available and will be submitted for approval at the March 1, 2012, Faculty Senate meeting.

5. Reports of Officers

A. FS Chair Stuart Munson Mc Gee

FS Chair Munson-McGee reported that he attended the last BOR meeting at which Dr. McKinley Boston (Athletics Department Head) presented his annual summary report of the Athletics Department. Discussion followed concerning whether the AD is paying its own way and could its debt be forgiven. No decision was reached as this would require approval by the state. He also reported that it appears that no new funds will be available for faculty-staff salaries (the Legislature is still in session), but the state will now pay its percentage of the

contributions to ERB which we have been paying, resulting in an increase of our take-home pay. The new funding formula may include a redefinition of the SCH.

B. FS Vice Chair Tim Ketelaar

Vice Chair Ketelaar's report was distributed earlier on the FS listserv. (Appendix A)

6. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs: Del Jimenez, Chair

Chair Jimenez reported that his committee had no business to consider and did not meet.

B. Long Range Planning: Gary Rayson, Chair

Chair Rayson reported that his committee had no business to consider and did not meet.

C. Scholastic Affairs: Deborah McCormick, Chair

Chair McCormick reported that her committee met to consider Proposition 10-11/12 (Fractional Grading), reviewed the bill and unanimously voted "Do Pass". Her report was accepted by the FS.

D. University Affairs: Ron McNeel, Soum Sanogo, Co Chairs

Chair McNeel reported that the committee had no business to consider and did not meet.

7. Other Reports

A. Provost's Academic Program Review Committee, Enedina Vazquez, FS Member: no report.

B. Campus Planning Committee, Mark Walker: no report

C. Sustainability Council, Rani Alexander:

FS Representative Alexander reported that the council met yesterday to review its progress and discussed additional activities.

D. Alcohol Committee, Priscilla Bloomquist, Chair: no report.

E. Working Groups

a. Compensation, Tim Ketelaar, Chair

Chair Ketelaar noted that update information on this group is in today's report (5B).

b. 120 Hour Credit Limit on Degrees, Stuart Munson-McGee, Chair

Chair Munson-McGee reported that this group has not yet met, but has asked for information to study.

c. Implementation of Digital Measures, Michael DeMers

Chair DeMers reported that the University of Nebraska has a good system and they will work with us. The committee will meet tomorrow. Regarding his previous request to include a Department head in his group, Former FS Senator Ed Scribner will be asked to join.

d. Distance Education Fee Allocation Recommendations, Richard Oliver, Chair

Chair Oliver reported that they met to consider the information they have so far. Regarding the \$35 fee to be activated in the fall, Dr. Derlin said that originally it was to be activated this spring but they are still deciding on a date. Probable enrollment decrease and increased costs may affect this decision.

e. College Faculty Sabbatical Leave (note name change), Cindy Murrell, Chair

Chair Murrell reported that her group is preparing a proposal to be submitted this spring.

f. Graduate Council Study, Gary Rayson, Chair

Chair Rayson reported that they are gathering information and will meet again in two weeks.

8. New Business

- A. Proposition 11-11/12: A Resolution to Recommend Modification of the ERB Proposed Rule 3 (V 2/7/12) (Larry Blank (Bus), Timothy Ketelaar (A&S), Stuart Munson-McGee (ACES), Cindy Murrell (CT/A&S), Richard Oliver (Bus), Chuck Kozel (H&SS). Co-Sponsor Blank requested that this memorial be considered as emergency legislation, which was approved.
- B. Proposition 12-11/12: A Change in the Undergraduate English Proficiency Requirement So That The IELTS and TOEFL Requirements Are Equivalent (Stuart Munson-McGee (ACES), Timothy Ketelaar, Rani Alexander, Gary Rayson (A&S), Deborah McCormick (DACC) was introduced by Co-Sponsor Munson-McGee. Assigned to Long Range Planning, Gary Rayson, Chair, which will meet 2/16/12.

9. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 10-11/12: A Modification of Proposition 12-10/11A (Fractional Grading) to Restrict Fractional Grading to between C+ and A- (Jeff Amato, Tim Ketelaar, Gary Rayson, (A&S), Stuart Munson-McGee (ACES). Scholastic Affairs Committee Chair McCormick reported that her committee met to consider Proposition 10-11/12 and unanimously voted "Do Pass". All students would be affected on the effective date of this change, Summer 2013, and there would be no retroactivity. Discussion followed regarding why there is no difference between C and C-. The motion to approve this bill passed by voice vote.
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Cindy Murrell (CT/A&S), Richard Oliver (Bus), Chuck Kozel (H&SS) was explained by Co-Sponsor Blank. NM Tech contacted us to see if we were doing anything about the ambiguous language. Two friendly amendments from the floor were accepted. The motion to approve this bill passed unanimously by voice vote. Chair Munson-McGee will fax this resolution to the ERB tomorrow.

10. Other Business

A. Need Faculty Senate Representatives to NMSU Committees, Task Forces, etc.

- a) One for the Diversity Council – meets 1 Thursday per month for 2 hours in the morning.
- b) One for the Effectiveness and Efficiency Committee, Dean Carruthers, Chair
- c) One for IDEAS Program Proposal Review Team, Provost Wilkins, Chair

There were no volunteers for these positions.

11. Announcements

A. Senator Blank suggested forming a Working Group to monitor ERB activities. Contact him if you are interested in participating.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek  
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

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Stuart H. Munson-McGee, Faculty Senate Chair

Date