

MINUTES OF THE 8TH MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
Faculty Senate Chambers, Garcia Annex
March 1, 2012

Members Present: Munson-McGee, Chair; Ketelaar, Vice Chair; Alexander, Andersen, Baptiste, Barello, Bishop, Blair, Blank, Christensen, Cowley, DeMers, Drummond, Hawkes, Huerta-Charles, Jimenez, Kozel, Lakey, Lapid, Malamud, Maratea, McCormick, McNeel, Morrell, Murrell, Osanloo, Paz, Rayson, Rhein, Sanogo, Schirmer, Sevostianov, Shuster, Skaggs, St. Hilaire, Vazquez, Walker; Clason, Parliamentarian.

Members Absent: Bailey, Bawazir, Mikaela Boham, Bugbee, Dean, Gurrola, Herrera, Huang, Huhmann, Kratzke, Krishnan, Miller, Ni, Oliver, Oretskin, Pontelli, Rice, Sankaran, Storm, Taylor, Train.

Ex Officio Members Present: Bosman.

Guests: Emily Clark, ASNMSU Representative to the FS.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Welcome and Recognition of Guests

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

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

4. Approval of Faculty Senate Minutes

- A. January 19, 2012: approved as submitted.
- B. February 9, 2012: approved as submitted.

5. Reports of Officers

A. FS Chair Stuart Munson-McGee

FS Chair Munson-McGee reported that after the FS approved Proposition 10-11/12 (Fractional Grading) at the 2/9/12 meeting, ASNMSU voted down their version of the bill. This disappointment was most likely due to new ASNMSU officers and members who were not aware of the more-than-two-year history of this issue. We worked with ASNMSU in an effort to keep them advised and address their concerns, but as ASNMSU does not dictate FS legislation, he recommended to the President and Provost that they take the final version of this bill to the BOR and asked them to move on it.

There is no policy to address when the FS makes adjustments to policies that have been reviewed and approved by ADAC/ADC, so he is preparing legislation to modify our constitution to conciliate this issue.

The Parking Department has proposed raises of about 5% to the cost of parking permits. Please contact him if you have opinions on this increase. EC Representative to the FS Ellen Bosman said that the Parking Department gave a presentation to the EC on their master plan to be ready in about 2 years, but they have not addressed the issue of fewer cars now parking on campus which means more parking spaces available.

B. FS Vice Chair Tim Ketelaar

Vice Chair Ketelaar's report was distributed earlier on the FS listserv.

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 studied Proposition 12-11/12 (IELTS & TOEFL Requirements Change), made some amendments and recommended "Do Pass As Amended". His report was accepted by the FS.

C. Scholastic Affairs: Deborah McCormick, Chair

Chair McCormick reported that her committee had not business to consider and did not meet.

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

The Co-chairs reported that their 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, Cindy Murrell: no report.

C. Sustainability Council, Rani Alexander, Chair

Chair Alexander reported that the Sustainability Council is very pleased with the campus response to their "Recycle-mania" and expects it to be a big success. Her report was accepted by the FS.

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

E. Working Groups

a. Compensation, Tim Ketelaar, Chair

Chair Ketelaar reported that his group is brainstorming on strategies to bring items to the attention of the administration; they continue working on their "Fact Sheet". They are working on their draft of a letter grade to the administration, but emphasized that privacy is very important; Senator Jimenez felt that this is inappropriate at this time when all colleges are short of funds.

- b. 120 Hour Credit Limit on Degrees, Stuart Munson-McGee, Chair: no meeting.
- c. Implementation of Digital Measures, Michael DeMers

Chair DeMers said that he wasn't able to get new members.

- d. Distance Education Fee Allocation Recommendations, Richard Oliver, Chair: no report.
- e. College Track Faculty Sabbatical Leave, Cindy Murrell, Chair

Chair Murrell reported that their proposition is "in the pipeline".

- f. Graduate Council Study, Gary Rayson, Chair

Chair Rayson reported that the group is formalizing their plans.

- g. ERB Monitoring Group, Larry Blank, Chair

Chair Blank reported that seven people are interested in joining this group, but he wants it to be more diverse by including other colleges.

8. New Business

A. Proposition 13-11/12A; Changes to Section 5.47 of the Policy Manual to Require the Burden of Proof to be "Preponderance of the Evidence" instead of "Clear and Convincing" (Miller, Library; Ketelaar, Rayson, A & S). (With Attachments) Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee, Del Jimenez, Chair, which will meet 3/6/12.

B. Proposition 14-11/12A: Memorial in Support of the COIA (Taylor, NTT). The COIA wants to be sure ALL athletes are indeed students. Assigned to the University Affairs Committee, Ron McNeel and Soum Sanogo, Co-Chairs, which will meet 3/15/12.

9. Unfinished Business

A. Proposition 12-11/12A: 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). Following discussion about whether this was the wisest decision, Chair Munson-McGee returned this bill to committee: Long Range Planning, Gary Rayson, Chair, 3/8/12.

10. Other Business

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

a) Diversity Council Has Disbanded.

11. Announcements

FS Chair Munson-McGee announced that our new FS Website will be rolled out by April – watch for the announcement. Liz Schirmer asked if there would be a place to post Working Group minutes; he said to go to the index on the left of Page 1, look for Working Groups.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Stuart H. Munson-McGee, Faculty Senate Chair

Date