

MINUTES OF THE 3RD MEETING OF THE NMSU FACULTY SENATE
Faculty Senate Chambers, Garcia Annex
November 3, 2011

Members Present: Munson-McGee, Chair; Ketelaar, Vice Chair; Alexander, Bailey, Barello, Bawazir, Bishop, Blair, Blank, Boham, Bronstein, Bugbee, Christensen, Chung, Cowley, Dean, DeMers, Dormody, Drummond, Erben, Gurrola, Hawkes, Herrera, Hubbell, Huhmann, Jimenez, Kozel, Maratea, McCormick, McNeel, Miller, Morrell, Mullins, Murrell, Oliver, Paz, Rayson, Rhein, Rice, Sanogo, Schirmer, Shuster, Storm, Taylor, Train, Walker.

Members Absent: Andersen, Baptiste, Bloomquist, Huang, Huerta-Charles, Oretskin, Osanloo, Pontelli, Sankaran, Sevostianov, Skaggs, St. Hilaire, Vazquez.

Ex Officio Members Present: Wilkins, Derlin, Bosman.

Guests: David Keys, Graduate Council Representative; Former Senator William Gould, Economics; Former Senator Mary Wolf, Languages and Linguistics; Former Senator Loui Reyes, Education; Hank Strevel, ASNMS; Emily Clark, ASNMSU FS Representative; Heather Oesterreich, Education; Jeanette Haynes, Waiter, Education; Christina Medina, A & S; Joan Crowley, A & S; Steve Ludington, DACC; Inigo Garza-Boyce, A & S.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Recognition of Guests and Speakers

3. Dr. Wendy K. Wilkins, Executive Vice President and Provost

In her remarks, Dr. Wilkins reported that her committee met three days ago for research on Strategic Planning. An initiative process is coming up in her office on the proposed five-year academic evaluation plan which would include a review of the deans. She noted that the FS has said they want her to come to the FS meetings, give her remarks then leave, so she is concerned about how she can get their opinions on current topics. For instance, she would have welcomed their input and comments on the Faculty Salary Enhancement Plan for professors, and she is aware that the FS is concerned about Shared Governance. When asked if she talked with deans and faculty when she was planning the structure, she said she recommended a professorship option of an award but the idea came from the faculty. She also said she wants very much to attend the Working Group meetings. She has learned that the Santa Fe Legislature wants to see a salaries formula for NMSU; President Couture has made faculty salaries her top priority. Chair Munson-McGee said the FS now needs to develop an effective mechanism for creating continuing dialogue with the Provost.

4. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

5. Approval of the Minutes of the October 6, 2011, Faculty Senate Meeting

The attendance was amended to add a senator who was present, then the minutes were approved as amended.

6. Reports of Officers

A. FS Chair Stuart Munson-McGee

Chair Munson-McGee reported that the NMERB has placed various options on their website and encourages senators to study their options; they can even vote on the website; he asked if the FS as a body wanted to respond to their options? Some options are in the minimum retirement age; the multiplier didn't change, stays at 2.5%; an option suggested eliminating the COLA; he will talk to the faculty senates of other state institutions to see what they're doing and thinking. He also noted that the \$35 DE course delivery fee is now scheduled to go into effect in the Fall semester.

B. FS Vice Chair/CoC Chair Tim Ketelaar

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

7. Reports of Standing Committees

A. Faculty Affairs: Del Jimenez, Chair

Chair Jimenez reported that the committee had no legislation to consider and did not meet.

B. Long Range Planning: Gary Rayson, Chair

Chair Rayson reported that the committee studied Proposition 06-11/12, revised some language, and recommended "Do Pass As Amended." The motion to accept his report carried.

C. Scholastic Affairs: Deborah McCormick, Chair

Chair McCormick reported that a quorum was not present at their meeting so no business could take place. The motion to approve her report carried.

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

The chairs reported that they had no business to consider and did not meet.

8. Other Reports

A. Academic Program Review Committee – no report

B. Building the Vision Committee – no report

C. Campus Planning Committee, Mark Walker – no report

D. Sustainability Council, Chris Brown/David Boje

Former Senator Chris Brown reported that the council continues with the measures already in place, continues to seek new and/or improve processes and is receiving positive off-campus recognition of our efforts; they are pleased with growing campus participation and want to continue campus input on new and/or improved activities. On-campus recycling (blue bins) has begun and initial response was slow but positive and is increasing. The recycling firm is pleased with early response but hopes to see it increase; they want to learn how campus personnel can improve participation such as where they can place or relocate bins for maximum availability. Contact Dr. Brown or any SC member with your input. A new FS Representative is needed.

E. Alcohol Committee, Priscilla Bloomquist, Chair

Chair Bloomquist was not present, but Chair Munson-McGee said she reported to him that two new alcohol licenses are being considered, one for CCSU and one for the Pan Am Center.

F. Working Groups

a. Compensation, Tim Ketelaar, Chair

Chair Ketelaar reported that he was preparing outlines for the group to consider, and asked that senators continue to email him with their suggestions. He will announce the group's first meeting when they've set a time and date.

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

Chair Munson-McGee said there has been very little interest in this topic so far, and he is considering adding the VWW review to their tasks.

c. Implementation of Digital Measures

Chair Munson-McGee said he has received no interest at all in this group.

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

Chair Oliver reported he is compiling a history of previous allocations and he wants more interest and input on this topic.

e. College Faculty Professional Development Leave, Cindy Murrell, Chair

Chair Murrell reported that the group met last week and began preparation on a proposal, but that it probably won't be ready for submission until the beginning of the Spring semester.

9. New Business

- A. Proposition 07-11/12 A Memorial Regarding Shared Governance in Developing the Faculty Salary Enhancement Program (Ketelaar, Rayson, Hubbell, Pontelli, A&S; Bloomquist, Bailey, ACES; Morrell, Engineering). Assigned to the Faculty Affairs Committee which will meet 11/8/11.

- B. Proposition 08-11/12 A Memorial Regarding the Faculty Salary Enhancement Program (Rayson, Hubbell, Ketelaar, Pontelli, A & S; Bloomquist, Bailey, ACES; Morrell, Engineering). Assigned to the University Affairs committee which will meet 11/10/11.

Co-Chair and Co-sponsor Ketelaar said these two memorials appear similar but each has a different emphasis.

10. Unfinished Business

- A. Proposition 05-11/12 A Memorial to Endorse the Proposed Mission, Goals, Objectives and Vision for the Baccalaureate Experience at NMSU-Las Cruces (Herrera (A&S), Hubbell (A&S), Miller (Library), Oretskin (Business)) Assigned to the Scholastic Affairs Committee, Deb McCormick, Chair. Chair McCormick said a quorum was not present to study this so they will try to arrange a different meeting time and/or date to guarantee a quorum next time.
- B. Proposition 06-11/12A Revise the Faculty Senate Constitution to Clarify Representation and to Allow Electronic Voting (Paul Andersen (Engr), Robert Blair (HSS), Priscilla Bloomquist (ACES), Thomas Dormody (ACES), Lucy Gurrola (DACC), Timothy Ketelaar (A&S), Deborah McCormick (DACC), Stuart H. Munson-McGee (ACES), Richard Oliver (Business), Gary Rayson (A&S), Loui Reyes (Education), William Storm (A&S)). Assigned to the Long Range Planning Committee, Gary Rayson, Chair. Chair Rayson reported that the committee studied this bill, made a few revisions, then recommended "Do Pass As Amended". The motion to approve this bill carried unanimously.

11. Other Business

- A. Election of One Administrative Member to Faculty Grievance Board

Ballots were distributed to the senators present who elected Janet Green as the new board member.

- B. Election of Faculty Senate Representatives

- a). Sustainability Council – no nominees or volunteers
- b) Campus Planning Committee

Cindy Murrell was nominated and elected by acclamation.

12. Announcements

There were no additional announcements.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Meek
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary

Stuart H. Munson-McGee, Faculty Senate Chair

Date