

MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING OF THE 2014 – 2015
NMSU FACULTY SENATE
September 04, 2014

SENATORS PRESENT: Chair Munson-McGee, Vice-Chair Blank, Abbott, Acharya, Amatya, Baker, Barney, Berning, Billings, Bock, Bronstein, Brown, Campbell, Christensen, Corran, Goehring, Gutierrez, Jimenez, Leon, Mandabach, McAteer, Miller, Mora, Morgan, Morandi, Oesterreich, Querty, Rayson, Reinhardt, Rice, Roark-Diehl, Sassenfeld, Schirmer, Simon, Smith, Sohn, Spencer, Turner, Vasiliev, Vazquez, Wear, Zhang (40)

SENATORS ABSENT: Arakawa, Bishop, Butler, Creamer, Dawe, Dean, Fisher, Huang, Huhmann, McCormick, Van Winkle (11)

EX-OFFICIO: Garrey Carruthers, NMSU President; Karen Reid, Employee Council Liaison; Erik Tishchofer, ASNMSU

GUESTS: Debra Knapp, CoE Council Chair; Ricardo Rel, Government Affairs Council Rep

1. Call to Order

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

2. Recognition of Guests

NMSU President Garrey Carruthers

- Faculty and staff salaries: NMSU has committed to 3 years of the Mercer Investment for faculty salaries. NMSU is trying to achieve the objective to have everyone within 10% above or below the Mercer medium.
- Council of University Presidents had a strategic planning meeting in June. The highest priority is compensation for faculty and staff. They expect this to be a good year because the projection of new revenues is far exceeding what was projected, almost entirely because of oil production in New Mexico.
- Money will continue to be distributed on a merit pay basis. (This means work done by faculty should be touted by the individual during the evaluation process.)
- General Obligation Bond C issue. This particular bond issue was lost about 4 years ago, mostly because it was unsupported by the county. This year's bond issue has about 26 million in capital improvement projects for NMSU. Our large bond issue includes the renovation of Jett Hall and Rentfrow Gym. All senators are encouraged to vote for G.O. Bond issue B & C.
- Domenici Conference is in the near future. All senators are encouraged to attend.
- Student count is down 5.4%, partially because of the credit requirement. As a result of declining enrollment NMSU will need to cut 4.5 – 5 million from the budget. May have to look at carry over funds and reduce them to about 7 or 8 % for this time period.

3. Approval of Agenda

Move to modify agenda:

- Add Stuart Munson-McGee as a sponsor for proposition 01-14/15.
- Strike item 9a: presentation by Ricardo Rel.

Move to approve made and seconded.

Senate votes in all in favor. Amended agenda is approved.

4. Approval of Minutes of May 01, 2014 meeting

5. Reports of Officers

a. FS Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee

- Aggie pathway to baccalaureate is still going strong.
- Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine has been approved.
- Free Expression Task Force had its first meeting. There will be an open meeting in about a month. Senators should look for the announcement.
- Ongoing search for a new athletic director.

- b. FS Vice Chair, Larry Blank
Written report posted to senate website.

6. Reports of Standing Committees
Faculty Affairs: No reports
Long Range Planning: No reports
University Affairs: No reports
Scholastic Affairs: No reports
Government Affairs: No reports

7. New Business

Proposition 01-14/15: A proposition for department name change from: *Human Performance Dance and Recreation*, to: *Kinesiology and Dance* (Joseph M. Berning (College of Education) and Heather Oesterrich (College of Education); Stuart Munson-McGee (ACES))
Assigned to Scholastic Affairs meeting Tuesday, September 16th.

Proposition 02-14/15: A Proposition to Allow Dependent Tuition Reduction for Graduate Courses by Modifying Policy 7.05Ed (Stuart Munson-Mcgee (ACES); Gary Rayson (A&S))
Assigned to Faculty Affairs meeting Tuesday, September 9th.

Proposition 03-14/15: A Proposition to Modify the Duties of the Faculty Senate Leadership Committee as Defined in the Faculty Senate Constitution (Stuart Munson-Mcgee (ACES); Gary Rayson (A&S))
Assigned to Long Range Planning meeting Thursday, September 11th.

Proposition 04-14/15: Proposition to Establish a Graduate Certificate Program in Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) (Linda Spencer (College of Education))
Assigned to Scholastic Affairs meeting Tuesday, September 16th.

Proposition 05-14/15: Faculty Senate Memorial Recognizing the Achievements and Contributions of Professor John (Jack) Monagle (Emergency Legislation) (Gary Rayson (A&S))
Dr. Monagle was Director of the College of Arts and Sciences and initiated the PhD program in Chemistry at NMSU. He was known nationally and internationally in terms of his contributions. Dr. Jack Monagle passed August 14, 2014.
Motion made to move this proposition to emergency legislation. Move seconded with no discussion. All in favor; none opposed. Item will move to unfinished business

8. Unfinished Business

Proposition 05-14/15: Faculty Senate Memorial Recognizing the Achievements and Contributions of Professor John (Jack) Monagle (Emergency Legislation) (Gary Rayson (A&S))
All in favor; none opposed. Memorial passes.

9. Other Business

- A. General Obligation Bond - Ricardo Rel.

- B. Committee Assignments.

- First order of business for all committees is to elect a chair.
- Larry Blank will coordinate the election of a chair for the University Affairs committee.
- The Government Affairs will only need 7 members. Senator Blank will chair the Government Affairs committee.
- Government Affairs currently has two volunteers to serve. There is a call for 4 more volunteers from the SLC.

- C. Search for new Parliamentarian.

- Call to the senators to look for help finding one.
- The parliamentarian does not have to be serving as a senator.

D. Athletic Council Rep- Keith Mandabach.

A representative needs to be appointed / reappointed. Senator Mandabach is willing to continue serving as rep. The Athletic Council meets about once a month and reviews the academic side of the athletic department. They also review Title 9 and made a report each year.

E. Coalition for Intercollegiate Athletics. – Keith Mandabach

This is a national coalition of representatives from Faculty Senates of Universities across the country. The COIA meets annually to try to develop policy statements from an academic perspective, relevant to college athletics. Ben Taylor was our representative; however he is no longer with NMSU. The SLC feels the Senate should be involved. The Coalition recommends the Senate Chair not be the representative. Senator Mandabach is willing to be the senate rep.

10. Remarks and Announcements

a. FS Chair

- The SLC meeting has changed meeting dates from the Tuesday before the Senate meetings, to the Thursday prior in order to approve the agenda in a timely manner and give senators more time to review documents. A new email list called “Friends of the Senate” will be created for the purpose of keeping all who wish to receive notifications about Senate business. All submissions for agenda items must be made and ready a week prior to the Senate meeting.
- Elections need to be held to select members for the Faculty Grievance Review Board. There are nine members of the FGRB: 4 tenure track, 2 non-tenure track, and 3 department heads. We need to elect 8 members. The faculty side will be elected first; then the department head side. We need 8 nominations for the 4 tenure track faculty members. Members do not need to be a senator to serve. A call for nominations will also go through Faculty Talk.

b. FS Vice-Chair/SLC Chair

- There are 3 vacancies on SLC.
- Reminder to sign in.

11. Adjournment

This meeting was adjourned by Chair Munson-McGee at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Britney Stout
Faculty Senate Recording Secretary