

MINUTES of the 5<sup>th</sup> MEETING  
OF THE  
NMSU FACULTY SENATE  
Health and Social Services Annex, Room 101  
January 14, 2016 4:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Acharya, Alden, Amatya, Andersen, Berning, Bishop, Blair, Boeing, Brown, Christensen, Cibils, Corran, Creamer, DeBoyrie, Dhillon, Goss, Guynn, Huhmann, Jarry, Josselet, Kelly, Keys, Leon, Marin, Matthews, McAteer, Miller, Misra, Mora, Morandi, Nakotte, Prentice, Query, Reinhart, Roark-Diehl, Rosendorf, Sassenfeld, Schirmer, Smith, Spencer, Turner, Vazquez, Villa, Villaverde, Walker, Zemler

**ABSENT:** Bawazir\*, Billings, Blair, Cai, Campbell, Dawe\*, Dean, Eisele, Huang, McCarty\*, Mullen\*, Oesterreich, Prince, Ramos, Ricketts, Stokowski, Van Winkle (\* indicates an excused absence)

**EX-OFFICIO:** None

**GUESTS:** Edward Pines, Department Head, Industrial Engineering  
Shelly Stovall, Executive Director, Accreditation

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Recognition of Guests

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion made to amend agenda to add proposition 12-15/16
- Move to amend made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously in favor. Item added.

**Move to approve amended agenda made and seconded. Amended agenda approved.**

4. Approval of Minutes of Dec. 03, 2015 meeting

**Move to approve made and seconded; no objections. Minutes approved as submitted.**

5. Reports of Officers

a. FS Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee

- Gen Ed Summit
  - Summit was to discuss changes to happen in General Education
  - A statewide task-force is being formed; task force will be responsible for communication between institutions to develop a plan
  - We are being given 9 months to develop the new plan
  - General Education will change to a competency based approach (versus current exploratory approach)
- Questions arising from the potential changes
  - What are the competencies must graduates of NMSU have?
    - Communications
    - Critical Thinking
  - How would that be assessed?
  - What considerations and guidelines should the statewide committee follow as they work on developing this plan?

- Title of Gen Ed may change to “Essential Education”.
- Senators are encouraged to read *Academically Adrift*
- Provost committed to have students start reading more, and writing more college-level papers
- UNLV made changes 7-8 years ago; assessments are done on a three-year basis; still working out kinks
- Faculty should look at Complete College America ([Completercollege.org](http://Completercollege.org)) for information about direction we are being driven toward.
- Board of Regents meeting: Provost Howard gave an update on the progress towards 120 credit hours. Board feels all colleges should be mandated to move to 120 credit hour minimum. This will cause issue with some college’s accreditation. Faculty should be vocal about the issues arising from mandating a change of this sort.

b. FS Vice Chair, Gary Rayson

- Vice Chair report posted to the Senate website

6. Reports of Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs: Patrick Morandi

- Faculty Affairs is continuing work on NMSU P&T policy

Long Range Planning: Ram Acharya

- Committee met Dec 10<sup>th</sup>; reviewed proposition 07-15/16
- Committee recommends do pass as amended
- **Motion to accept committee report moved and seconded. Report accepted**

University Affairs: David Keys

- No business; committee did not meet

Scholastic Affairs: Becky Corran

- No business; committee did not meet

7. New Business

**Proposition 10-15/16:** Policy Statement for 5.90 – Promotion and Tenure Policy (P. Morandi (A&S))  
Assigned to Long Range Planning; meeting Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016

**Proposition 11-15/16:** Proposal for a Master of Engineering graduate degree to be offered by departments of the college of engineering. (R. Sassenfeld (Engineering), S. Stochaj (Dean, Engineering), E. Pines (Engineering))  
Assigned to Scholastic Affairs; meeting Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016

**Proposition 12-15/16:** Changes in Undergraduate Catalog to reflect decrease in minimum credit hours for specific degree programs (G.D. Rayson (A&S))  
Assigned to University Affairs; meeting Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016

8. Unfinished Business

**Proposition 07-15/16:** A proposition to change policy 6.82 to define requirements and approvals necessary for transcribed academic accomplishments (S.H. Munson-McGee (ACES), G.D Rayson (A&S))  
Long Range Planning met Dec. 10, 2015 committee voted “Do pass as amended”;  
**Move to table legislation until amended version becomes available. Move seconded. Legislation tabled.**

**Proposition 09-15/16:** A Memorial Requesting an Increase in the Scheduled Time between Classes (G. D. Rayson (A&S), H. Oesterreich (Education))  
University Affairs unanimously recommends “Do Pass”.

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

9. Other Business

- i. Rule 1.10 Discussion
  - How will Faculty Senate process propositions it initiates?
  - What level of Senate approval is needed prior to submitting to General Counsel to begin review and comment period?
- ii. Call for volunteer: NMSU Diversity Council
- iii. Call for volunteer: RFP review committee for Campus Beverage/Snack Vending and Beverage Pouring
- iv. Call for volunteer: Sustainability Council
- v. Faculty Senate consent agenda

10. Remarks and Announcements

- a. FS Chair
- b. FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Chair Munson-McGee at 5:07 p.m.

LEGISLATION APPENDIX

**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))

**Dec. 11, 2015: Legislation approved by NMSU Chancellor G. Carruthers**

**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))

**October 21, 2015: Approved by Board of Regents**

**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))

**October 21, 2015: Approved by Board of Regents**

**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))

**October 21, 2015: Approved by Board of Regents**

**Proposition 05-15/16:** Modification of the University’s Viewing a Wider World requirement. (R. Sassenfeld (Engineering), L. Kelly (Engineering), S. Stochaj (Engineering), H. Nakotte (A&S), L. Spencer (Education), R. Peterson (Business), G. Roemer (ACES), W. Matthews (DACC))

**Dec. 03, 2015: Senate votes to reject proposition.**

**Proposition 06-15/16:** Change in Major Name – Counseling & Educational Psychology Master’s Degree (Heather Oesterrich (Education), Enedina Vázquez (Education))

**Dec. 03, 2015: Senate unanimously approves legislation.**

**Proposition 07-15/16:** A proposition to change policy 6.82 to define requirements and approvals necessary for transcribed academic accomplishments (S.H. Munson-McGee (ACES), G.D. Rayson (A&S))

**Nov. 12, 2015: Long Range Planning Committee votes to table legislation for further discussion.**

**Proposition 08-15/16:** A Proposition to Clarify the Composition and Privileges of Ex-officio Membership in the Faculty Senate Bylaws (G. D. Rayson (A&S))

**Dec. 03, 2015: Senate unanimously approves legislation.**

**Proposition 09-15/16:** A Memorial Requesting an Increase in the Scheduled Time between Classes (G. D. Rayson (A&S), H. Oesterrich (Education))

**Nov. 10, 2015 University Affairs unanimously recommends “Do Pass”.**