

MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING
of the
NMSU FACULTY SENATE
Health and Social Services Annex, Room 101
December 03, 2015 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Acharya, Alden, Amatya, Andersen, Bawazir, Berning, Billings, Boeing, Brown, Cai, Christensen, Corran, Creamer, Dean, Dawe, DeBoyrie, Dhillon, Fisher, Guynn, Jarry, Josselet, Kelly, Keys, Leon, Matthews, McAteer, McCarty, Miller, Misra, Mora, Morandi, Nakotte, Oesterreich, Prince, Query, Ramos, Reinhart, Ricketts, Roark-Diehl, Sassenfeld, Schirmer, Smith, Spencer, Stokowski, Turner, Van Winkle, Walker

ABSENT: Bishop, Campbell, Goss, Huang, Marin, Peterson, Prentice, Rosendorf, Vasquez

EX-OFFICIO: Dr. Daniel Howard, Provost & Vice-President

GUESTS: Shelly Stovall, Executive Director of Accreditation
Gladys DeNecochea, Assistant Dean, CEP
Ginger Dixon, CEP
Chad Martin, ASNMSU Senator

1. Call to Order

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

2. Recognition of Guests

3. Approval of Agenda

- Motion made to modify agenda: Move item 9) Other Business, ahead of item 8) Unfinished Business.
- **Moved and seconded; no objections. Motion carries.**
- Motion made to approve amended agenda.
- **Moved and seconded; no objections. Amended agenda approved.**

4. Approval of Minutes of Nov. 05, 2015 meeting

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

5. Reports of Officers

a. FS Chair, Stuart Munson-McGee

- Regents approved Policy 1.10, the companion to Rule 1.10, at the October 2015 meeting.
- Rule 1.10 should go before the UAC on Monday, Dec. 7, 2015 and before the Regents Dec. 11, 2015
 - This change is expected to speed up the process for getting things reviewed and approved.
 - Rules are being structured so more thought will be given as to which groups should review proposals.
 - Faculty Senate will have review authority over items related to the academic mission of the University.

- Ongoing discussions are being held regarding general education at NMSU and across the state.
- Search committees for the Dean of the College of Engineering & the Dean of the College of ACES will have their first meetings tomorrow, Dec. 04, 2015.

b. FS Vice Chair, Gary Rayson

- Vice-Chair report has been posted on the Senate website.
- ADAC report: A proposition will be coming for the creation of a collection of Masters Degrees from the College of Engineering. The degrees will be for each area of study within the college. The proposition will also be presented to ADC. Faculty Senate should expect to see this brought forward for consideration in the near future.

6. Reports of Standing Committees

Faculty Affairs: Patrick Morandi

NMSU P&T policy: The committee has a draft policy statement completed. The draft will be brought for review at the January 2016 Faculty Senate meeting.

Long Range Planning: Ram Acharya

- Committee met Nov. 12 and reviewed proposition 07-15/16.
- Committee voted to table legislation.
- Chair requests input from community college senators be sent to him at smunsonm@nmsu.edu by Dec.10th.

University Affairs: David Keys

- Committee met Nov. 10 and reviewed:
 - Proposition 05-15/16: Committee recommends "Do pass as amended".
Motion to accept committee report moved and seconded. Report accepted.
 - Proposition 08-15/16: Committee recommends "Do pass as amended".
Motion to accept committee report moved and seconded. Report accepted.
 - Proposition 09-15/16: Committee recommends "Do pass".
Motion to accept committee report moved and seconded. Report accepted.

Scholastic Affairs: Meg Goehring

- Committee met Nov. 17 and reviewed proposition 06-15/16.
- Committee voted "Do pass".
- **Motion to accept committee report moved and seconded. Report accepted.**

7. New Business

No new business

7.5 Other Business

- Call for nominees: Faculty Grievance Review Board
 - David Keys
 - William Walker
- Call for volunteer: RFP review committee for Campus Beverage/Snack Vending and Beverage Pouring
 - No volunteers
- Faculty Senate Chair Nominees
 - Dr. Christopher Brown (Arts & Sciences) accepts nomination
 - Dr. Gary Rayson (Arts & Sciences) accepts nomination
 - Dr. Rolfe Sassenfeld (Engineering) accepts nomination

- Motion made to have senators vote for one candidate. Top two candidates will move forward. Motion seconded.
- **Senate votes in favor. Ayes have the vote by 2/3 majority. Motion passes.**
- Ballots distributed for candidate choice.

8. Unfinished Business

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))

University Affairs committee voted 7-5 "Do Pass".

Discussion

- This is an opt-out resolution.
- Programs will have the ability to decide to remove classes, based on the needs of the student.
- Judgement call would be more informed after the lower-division Statewide General Education assessment has gone in for review
- This could have the effect of enabling a VWW course to become the student's minor.
- Disagree with waiting for Gen Ed assessment. Gen-Ed task force could take 5-10 years to determine requirement. Even if the 5 lower-division Gen Ed humanities are dropped, some will remain. Our students will always be exposed to humanities.
- Disagree with propositions on 4 premises:
 - 1) Departments *will not* be mandated to move to 120 credits
 - 2) Bill is premature; we need to wait for the assessment from the Gen Ed task force.
 - 3) If we moved from VWW from 6 to 2 units, it will impair NMSU's ability to meet projected numbers for Vision 20/20, to provide a diverse academic environment.
 - 4) Change will affect ALL students of NMSU.
- Effectiveness of the program should be assessed.
- This should not be about the VWW class, but about the outcomes of the students.
- Rolfe Sassenfeld met with Judy Bosland and Dustin Chavez concerning distributing a university-wide survey to access student's opinion of the program, the outcomes, and the courses.
- The goal of VWW is an important part of any undergraduate educational process.
- VWW courses were put into place to bring up the bar for students, to expand perspective, challenge critical thinking, and go outside of their comfort zone. Passing this proposition does a disservice to our students.
- Removal of VWW courses impacts degree programs; this in turn impacts value of degrees awarded past, present, and future.

Motion to *not* approve proposition made and seconded.

Motion made to table; seconded. Call made for division of the house. Motion to table rejected.

Motion to reject proposition made and seconded.

Vote taken: 40 – 14; 1 abstention. Vote is in favor of motion to reject proposition.

Proposition 06-15/16: Change in Major Name – Counseling & Educational Psychology Master's Degree (H. Oesterrich (Education), E. Vázquez (Education))

Scholastic Affairs unanimously recommended "Do Pass".

Motion to pass made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously to approve.

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 committee voted to table legislation.

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))

University Affairs unanimously recommended "Do Pass as amended".

Motion to pass made and seconded. Senate votes unanimously to approve.

Votes Tallied. Senate nominees for Chair are:

- Dr. Christopher Brown
- Dr. Gary D Rayson

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

Motion to table and adjourn made and seconded

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm

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))

Sept. 17, 2015: University Affairs committee recommends “do pass as amended”

Oct. 01, 2015: Faculty Senate unanimously approved

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))

Sept. 15, 2015: Scholastic Affairs committee recommends “do pass as amended”.

Oct. 01, 2015: Faculty Senate unanimously approved

October 06, 2015: Legislation provisionally approved by NMSU Chancellor G. Carruthers

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))

Sept. 15, 2015: Scholastic Affairs committee unanimously recommends “do pass”.

Oct. 01, 2015: Faculty Senate unanimously approved

October 07, 2015: Legislation provisionally approved by NMSU Chancellor G. Carruthers

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))

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