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The Faculty Senate meeting for October 26, 2004 was called to order at 3:15 p.m. in the Lobo Room, Student Union Building, Room 3037. Senate President Ed De Santis presided.

1. ATTENDANCE

Guests Present: Director of Native American Studies Gregory Cajete.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

3. APPROVAL OF SUMMARIZED MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 2004 MEETING

The minutes for the August 24, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

4. APPROVAL OF SUMMARIZED MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2004 MEETING

The minutes for the September 28, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

5. MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR PROFESSOR DOLORES SMITH BUTT

Professor Bopanna Ballachanda (Speech and Hearing Sciences) read the following memorial minute for Professor Dolores Butt. This was followed by a minute of silence in her honor.

Professor Emeritus, Dolores Smith Butt, a long time resident of Albuquerque, passed away on September 7, 2004. She was born on August 3, 1931 to Eunice and Joel Smith in Chicago, Illinois. While attending Albuquerque High School, she met her future husband, Paul L. Butt, whom she married in 1951. She graduated from UNM in 1965 with a PhD in Psychology, and taught at the University for 30 years, retiring as a full professor in 1995 from the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences. Throughout her teaching career, Dr. Butt shared her knowledge and passion for learning with her students. Her dedication to teaching, her commitment to helping handicapped children, and her relationship with the people of Mexico culminated in the development of a program to bring her students, along with specialized technology, and specialists to the Comunidad Crecer Clinic in Mexico City each year to help the handicapped children of Mexico. The Comunidad Crecer Clinic honored Dr. Butt for her work by naming a new wing for augmentative communication after her. Paul and Dolores loved Mexico and its wonderful people, and after many years of vacationing there, the couple retired to San Carlos, in 1995. Dolores was a prodigious reader and a true lover of books on all sorts of subjects. She enjoyed painting, writing, and the opera. She is survived by her husband, Paul L. Butt, four sons and their spouses, seven grandchildren. Cremation has taken place and...
a family memorial service will be held at a later date, at which time her ashes will be spread on the Sea of Cortez that she so loved. A bright mind and inquisitive intellect is no longer with us and will be greatly missed.

The minute was adopted by the Faculty Senate and will be presented to the family of the deceased.

6. POSTHUMOUS DEGREE FOR ALEX TURTLETAUB

Professor Allen Parkman (Organizational Studies) read the following posthumous degree request for Alex Turtletaub.

Whereas Alex Turtletaub was a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration at U.N.M. in good standing up until his death in February 2003; and

Whereas he had completed all but four semester hours of credit for the B.B.A. degree; and

Whereas the request for posthumous award of the B.B.A. degree to Alex Turtletaub is fully supported by the Anderson Schools of Management; and

Whereas the request has been reviewed by the Faculty Senate Operations Committee and unanimously recommended for approval by that body;

Be it resolved that the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration be awarded posthumously to Alex Turtletaub.

The posthumous degree was approved by the Faculty Senate and will be presented to the family of the deceased.

7. PRESIDENT OF BOARD OF REGENTS JAMIE KOCH

Board of Regents President Jamie Koch introduced himself and presented the following:

- Board of Regents President Jamie Koch has been a UNM Regent for two years. When he was appointed to the Board of Regents, he had not intended on serving as Board of Regents President.
- During the selection for the UNM President, Board of Regents President Jamie Koch and regent Mel Eves attended over 100 hours of functions for the candidates. They listened to all the questions and answers and learned greatly about the university. President Koch discovered there was a lack of openness in regard to the regents.
- The Regents typically met in the Roberts Room in Scholes Hall. President Koch found the venue too small and did not allow for the public to attend and was filled instead with administrative people. In the last two years of Regents meetings, there were only two times where there was public input. This was a concern because it prevented a dialogue. He believes true open meetings are best.
- The faculty is the university. People come to this school because of the faculty. The compensation of the faculty has to be addressed. Presently most of the compensation comes from the legislature.
Until Executive Vice President for Administration David Harris joined UNM, the true financial condition of the university was unknown. Currently there is a $1.2 Million surplus on the main campus.

There will be mid-term budget presentations to the public so everyone will know where the money is.

The Budget Summit was excellent and will continue.

November 4, 2004 the Board of Regents will be meeting to set goals for University President Louis Caldera and review his past performance. The results will immediately be made public. The past two University Presidents' goals were not released.

At the November 4, 2004 meeting the Regent's will make changes to the Regent's Manual, for example they will request quarterly financial reports on the status of the university.

The regents have five standing committees. The regents will broaden what the committees are doing and possibly assign advisors to participate with the standing committees.

Board of Regents President Koch encourages the faculty senate to invite the other regents to speak at faculty senate meetings.

The Regents appointed three women to the Science and Technology Corporation Board of Directors: Terri Cole, President & CEO, Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce; Carolyn Monroe, President, LandAmerica Albuquerque Title; and Suellyn Scarnecchia, Dean and Professor of Law, University of New Mexico.

President Jamie Koch took questions from the Senate and several discussions developed around his responses. President Koch emphasized the need of more women and minorities in upper level positions, the need of one campus thinking instead of main campus versus north campus, faculty compensation, the opening of Regent's meetings, and athletics being self sufficient.

8. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
The Faculty Senate President reported on the following:

- Faculty Senate President De Santis met with University of New Mexico President Louis Caldera on October 16, 2004. Two issues President De Santis raised were faculty support and faculty compensation. President De Santis discussed the importance of having members of the Faculty Senate Budget Committee interact with high-level administration to establish a budget and the Governance Committee aiding in working with the legislature.

- The senate committees are very important for the governance of the university and provide an element of the infrastructure. Certain committees are more important than others. Many committees meet regularly and have ongoing projects and agendas, for example the Curricula Committee and the Intellectual Property Committee. Other committees meet infrequently or not at all, such as the Government Relations Committee. The Ethics and Advisory Committee is not meeting, and their charge needs to be re-examined. President De Santis spoke with Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Brian Foster regarding the need of the Ethics and Advisory Committee to be available for more than legal and problematic issues. The Ethics and Advisory Committee currently does not have any power. The committee will be asked to revise and rewrite the charge and bring the new charge before the senate. President De Santis asked Professor Elizabeth Rapaport (School of Law) to serve on the committee for her skills and knowledge. A senator questioned if the committee would handle student plagiarism. President De Santis responded it would be within the range of their interest, but the committee needs to address those themselves. He does not want to impose anything upon the committee at this point.

- Scholarships, Loans, and Prizes Committee may need a new charge. Currently they have no power and do not review students who have interest in scholarships. They do not give out any prizes. The committee is merely advisory.

- Faculty Senate Initiatives will be addressed individually:

  Faculty compensation and support will be addressed by the Budget Committee and the Faculty Staff Benefits Committee.
Governance will require strengthening the faculty senate standing committees. Integration of branch and main campus departments has not yet been addressed. President De Santis seeks comments and thoughts from the senators regarding integration of the branch and main campus departments.

Student retention and achievement will be addressed by the Undergraduate Committee. The Undergraduate Committee is currently gathering information to report on undergraduate advisement across the university. Departments, as well as the schools and colleges, will be reviewed. A discussion developed regarding the advisement practices in certain departments and the number of students in classes such as Biology 101 and Sociology 101. There can be more than 200 students in these classes, making advisement impossible. The Undergraduate Committee will report its findings to the senate.

Mentoring and support of junior faculty should be addressed by an ad-hoc committee to inquire into departmental and college policies and practices. A discussion developed around the need for a place for junior faculty to go with problems and concerns now. Currently in the School of Fine Arts there are junior faculty that are having serious issues. There was a motion for the formation of an ad hoc committee to address the issues of junior faculty and the issues in the School of Fine Arts with Assistant Professor Pamela Pyle (Theatre and Dance) as a co-chair. A comment was made that having a person on the committee with an issue before that committee was not in the best interest of the committee or the person with the issue.

At this point a member of the audience asked the senate to act upon the consent agenda items and return to the discussion of the ad hoc committee and the junior faculty issues.

The senate passed the consent agenda by a unanimous voice vote. Director of Native American Studies Gregory Cajete commented that after 40 years UNM finally has a B.A. in Native American Studies. The new B.A. is historical for the Native American community. After the consent agenda and commentary, the senate resumed discussion of the ad hoc committee for junior faculty.

The motion was rescinded due to lack of quorum.

CONSENT AGENDA

9. APPROVAL OF FORMS C FROM THE CURRICULA COMMITTEE
The following Forms C were approved by unanimous voice vote of the Faculty Senate:

- Revision of Concentration in Advanced Accounting, Anderson Schools of Management
- Revision of Concentration in Professional Accounting, Anderson Schools of Management
- Revision of Concentration in Tax Accounting, Anderson Schools of Management
- Revision of Emphasis in Advanced Accounting, Anderson Schools of Management
- New Emphasis of Tax Accounting, Anderson Schools of Management
- Revision of Emphasis in Professional Accounting, Anderson Schools of Management
- Revision of A.S. Degree in Health Information Technology, Health Careers, Gallup Campus
- New Concentration in Computational Linguistics, Linguistics
- New Concentration in Masters in Public Health, Family and Community Medicine
- New Minor in Masters of Public Health, Family and Community Medicine
- Revision of Major in Philosophy Ph.D., Philosophy
- New B.A. in Native American Studies, University College
- Revision of Minor in Native American Studies, University College

AGENDA TOPICS
10. DISCUSSION: FACULTY SENATE PRIORITIES
Due to time constraints, this agenda item was not addressed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

    No new business was raised.

12. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was not formally adjourned and ended at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Holmes
Office of the Secretary