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FACULTY SENATE SUMMARIZED MINUTES

2004-2005 Faculty Senate

September 28, 2004

The Faculty Senate meeting for September 28, 2004 was called to order at 3:10 p.m. in the Roberts Room, Scholes Hall, Room 230. Senate President Ed De Santis presided.

1. ATTENDANCE

Guests Present: Carolyn Gonzales (Public Affairs), Professor Christos Christodoulou (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President was unable to attend.

4. PROVOST'S REPORT

The Provost was unable to attend.

5. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Faculty Senate President reported on the following:

- The Core Curriculum Task Force had its first meeting on September 24, 2004. There are approximately 20 faculty and staff members. The chair is Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Amy Wohlert. Inquiries will begin within the university community to respond to questions developed by the committee members. The focus will be on measurable outcomes rather than course content. There will be some faculty control in the process.
- Beginning with the 2005-2006 issue, the Registrar will provide annual course catalogs until the new BANNER software system is in place. There will be an on-line version and a limited number of hard copies for sale. It may go beyond the 2006-2007 school year depending on the BANNER system operating properly.
- In order to reestablish faculty influence, the senate will need to increase its role as a deliberative body. It must become more proactive. The senate will make its priorities and intentions public. The senate will need to gradually strengthen its standing committees starting with the Budget Committee, the Ethics and Advisory Committee, the Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee, and the Governmental Relations Committee.
- The Deans' Evaluation was a moderate success. Participation varied by college from 29%-62%. Many faculty feared repercussions for their responses to the questionnaire. The Faculty Senate needs to establish a new Deans' Evaluation Committee, compose a new instrument, and incorporate Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Graduate Studies. Graduate Studies will have to be completely different however.
- At the October 26, 2004 Faculty Senate meeting, University of New Mexico Board of Regents President Jamie Koch will have an open discussion with the faculty.

6. REPORT ON THE FACULTY CLUB

Senator and Past President Beverly Burris presented the following report on the status of the Faculty Club:

- The demolition work has begun. There is now some confusion on the budget and what renovations are going to be done.
- The Faculty Club will probably open by the end of the Spring 2005 semester.
- The club will need to break even within three years. Memberships and dues are under discussion. The club would be open to all faculty. The bylaws have been drafted but not finalized.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. APPROVAL OF FORMS C FROM THE CURRICULA COMMITTEE

The following Forms C were approved by unanimous voice vote of the Faculty Senate:

- Change of Department Name in Engineering, *Engineering*
- New Minor in Aging Studies, *University College*
- New Minor in Community and Regional Planning, *Community and Regional Planning*
- Revision of A.S. in Pre-Engineering, *Science-Los Alamos*
- Revision of B.S. in Radiologic Sciences, *Radiology*
- Revision of Joint M.D./Ph.D. in Internal Medicine, *Internal Medicine/Hemo-Onc Division*
- Revision of Concentration in Communication, Intercultural Concentration, *Communication and Journalism*
- Revision of Concentration in Communication, Interpersonal Concentration, *Communication and Journalism*
- Revision of Concentration in Communication, Mass Comm. Concentration, *Communication and Journalism*
- Revision of Concentration in Communication, Organizational Concentration, *Communication and Journalism*
- Revision of Concentration in Communication, Rhetoric Concentration, *Communication and Journalism*
- Revision of Concentration in Music, *Music*
- Revision of Major in Bachelor of University Studies, *University College*
- Revision of Major in Bachelor of University Studies, *University College*
- Revision of Major in General Family Studies, *Individual, Family and Community Education*
- Revision of Major in Human Development, *Individual, Family and Community Education*

AGENDA TOPICS

8. APPROVAL OF FORM D FROM THE CURRICULA COMMITTEE

Professor Christos Christodoulou (Electrical and Computer Engineering) presented the following Form D. The Form D was approved by unanimous voice vote of the Faculty Senate:

- New Degree of M.S. in Computer Engineering, *Electrical and Computer Engineering*

9. DISCUSSION: FACULTY SENATE PRIORITIES

President De Santis led a discussion on the Faculty Senate priorities from the Faculty Senate retreat. The priorities are to represent the work of the Faculty Senate as a body. After much discussion, the following four initiatives were unanimously passed as the first four priorities of the Faculty Senate:

faculty compensation and support;
shared governance, including working with administrators, integrating branch and main campuses, and

strengthening committees;
student success and retention; and
improve relationships with junior faculty mentoring and opening up the examination process.

10. CHANGE OF FACULTY SENATE MEETING VENUE

The Faculty Senate monthly meetings will move to the Lobo Room in the Student Union Building. The next meeting is October 26, 2004 from 3-5 p.m. in the Lobo Room, Student Union Building, Room 3037.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was raised.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Holmes
Office of the Secretary