Faculty Senate Summarized Minutes, 8/24/2004

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The Faculty Senate meeting for August 24, 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 Virginia Shipman (Family Studies)

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved with one revision. Agenda item number ten, "Improvements in the Deans’ Evaluation," will be moved to the September 28, 2004 agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF SUMMARIZED MINUTES FOR APRIL 27, 2004 MEETING

The minutes for the April 27, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

4. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The President reported on the following:

- President Louis Caldera announced that Freshman Family Day, August 22, 2004, was a success. President Caldera thanked all that were involved for their work and participation. Freshman Family Day sent the right message to incoming students. President Caldera has received great feedback.
- The Governor’s Task Force on Higher Education Reform is going to share their recommendations. They are working to have their report by Labor Day. UNM has a specific strategy related to governance, student success, the lottery scholarship and other issues. The task force is trying to improve the formula to better support research universities and high-growth campuses. The two-year lag between enrollment increases and the tuition generated, costs UNM $90 Million each decade. UNM is working to get a greater share of the state’s capital outlay dollars.
- Information will be sent out about how UNM will set its legislative priorities. UNM must have a clear set of priorities in order to get funding.
- A new revenue stream to pay for differed maintenance is needed.
- The search for the Vice President of Advancement is closing. Two outstanding candidates are coming to campus.
- UNM had another record year for external research funding.
- Past Faculty Senate President Beverly Burris (Sociology) thanked President Caldera for making the Faculty Club a high priority.

5. PROVOST’S REPORT

The Provost reported on the following:

- Provost Brian Foster thanked the faculty for their participation in Freshman Family Day. Provost Foster asks for more participation in the future. There has been positive feedback. The faculty and administration should learn the fight song.
• Amy Wohlert replaces Nancy Uscher as Associate Provost handling instructional and curricular issues. Melissa Vargas replaces Nancy Middlebrook as Provost Foster's executive assistant. Anderson Schools of Management Dean Charles Crespy, Ph.D., started August 1, 2004. Fine Arts Dean Christopher Mead, Ph.D., began a three-year term on August 15, 2004. The Latin American Iberian Institute Director is Professor Cynthia Radding (History) from the University of Illinois.

• Fall enrollment is up. As of August 23, 2004, enrollment was 25,634 students. There are 3,086 beginning freshman. Enrollment increases are causing heavy demand on faculty and facility resources. Class times in the prime hours of 9am-2pm are full. UNM will need to work beyond the popular 9am-2pm time period to accommodate the increases in demand. The registrar does not have a single assignable room during those prime hours.

• The Banner/LINK project has proceeded to the next phase. The first part of the new system will go live October 2005. This implementation will effect registration, location management, recruiting, admissions, the course catalog, housing, academic history, and many other areas. Some parts will be used directly but most will be used indirectly.

• Academic Affairs has some core initiatives for its activities this academic year. These initiatives will require enormous faculty input. The five areas are: attracting more high achieving students, core curriculum revision, graduate student recruiting, research competition for $10-40 million multi-year projects, and UNM should train the Santa Fe and state government workforce.

6. INTRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION DAVID HARRIS

David Harris introduced himself and presented the following:

• David Harris arrived at UNM in May 2004. Mr. Harris has spent more than 30 years working in state government. His background is in public finance. Half of his career has been spent working for the New Mexico State Legislature. He was the director of the Legislative Finance Committee.

• Two priorities he has been working on are the deficit in funding for deferred maintenance of infrastructure and the funding formula treatment of growing institutions such as UNM.

• He hopes to be able to deal with compensation, benefits, and the work environment.

• He is open to any inquiries and is willing to meet with anyone.

• Past Faculty Senate President Burris thanked Mr. Harris for his help with the Faculty Club.

7. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Faculty Senate President reported on the following:

• Agenda item number ten from the August Agenda, "Improvements in the Deans' Evaluation," will be moved to the September agenda.

• President De Santis introduced the Operations Committee: Past President Beverly Burris (Sociology), Professor Barry Kues (Earth and Planetary Sciences), Associate Professor Anita Obermeier (English), President-Elect Chris Smith (Electrical and Computer Engineering) and Lecturer Tom White (Family and Community Medicine).

• The Faculty Senate Retreat is September 10, 2004 at the National Hispanic Cultural Center from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. The retreat will be a prelude to this year's work. President De Santis encourages all senators to attend.

• Intellectual Property Policy revisions are on the Faculty Senate web site at www.unm.edu/~facsen. Comments and changes are due to Professor Marek Osinski (Electrical & Computer Engineering) by September 17, 2004.

• The Core Curriculum Task Force is going to be a significant departure from what UNM is accustomed to. It will be a long process involving students, faculty and staff. "The new core will provide a framework for accountability and institutional effectiveness by defining a set of outcomes and progress measurements."
8. REPORT ON THE FACULTY CLUB
Senator and Past President Beverly Burris presented the following report on the status of the Faculty Club:

- The Faculty Club Committee is comprised of President De Santis (Honors Program), Past President Burriss (Sociology), Professor Ellen Feinberg (Fine Arts), Professor Russell Goodman (Philosophy), Associate Professor Bopanna Ballachanda (Speech and Hearing Sciences), Professor Helen Muller (Anderson Schools of Management), and Vice President for Research Terry Yates.
- The building is located at 1923 Las Lomas. It is the little house next to the new chilled water plant. The house was originally owned by Professor Keller (Music). Keller Hall was named after him. It has an outdoor patio to be expanded. Assuming all renovations are approved, the remodel should begin soon. There will be wireless access.
- The club is tentatively scheduled to open in October. The goal is fall break.
- There will be some meeting space and private dining areas. There will be food served, but not like a full restaurant. Prepared food by the same people that do Dane's Deli in Dane Smith Hall will be offered.

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 A.A. in Early Childhood Multicultural Education, Education-Valencia
- Revision of A.A. in Early Childhood Multicultural Education, Education-Taos
- Revision of A.A. in Early Childhood Multicultural Education, Education-Gallup
- Revision of A.A. in Early Childhood Multicultural Education, Education-Los Alamos

10. APPROVAL OF THE SUMMER 2004 DEGREE CANDIDATES LIST
Approval of the Summer 2004 Degree Candidates passed by unanimous voice vote of the Faculty Senate.

AGENDA TOPICS

11. APPROVAL OF FORM D FROM THE CURRICULA COMMITTEE
Associate Professor Sharon Warner (English) and Assistant Professor Greg Martin (English) presented the following Form D. The Form D was approved by unanimous voice vote of the Faculty Senate:

- New Degree of Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, Fine Arts

12. DISCUSSION: LIBRARY REPORT

- The Library Committee devoted most of its activity last year to examining and assessing trends in scholarly publishing and how these trends affect both the university libraries and the faculty.
- The most pernicious trend is the severe inflation that commercial publishers charge yearly for subscriptions to their journals. Increases average seven to ten percent per year. Libraries are having to find funds. Numerous libraries have begun to pare down their dependence on the products of these commercial publishers. The problem is reaching crisis proportions. Books are being sacrificed for the purpose of being able to maintain subscriptions to journals.
• The report suggests that the University Libraries cancel all but the most widely used Elsevier journals and to encourage the faculty to sever their ties with Elsevier as a protest against their pricing policies. Another round of journal cancellations will occur anyway if nothing is done.
• The second trend is the great increase in the number of journals and journal articles that are available online and the increasing expectation by the faculty that the journals and articles will be available. This is an additional factor that the libraries are having to deal with and they are not well budgeted for presently.
• The third trend is electronic publishing and the development of open access journals. No print versions are available. This is partially in response to the price gouging of subscription prices of many traditional print journals and primarily because open access journals are more efficient. These electronic journals allow dissemination quicker and wider than traditional print venues. UNM is beginning to development open access online journals. The committee urges the faculty to make use of these journals to a greater extent. The U.S. Congress is considering a bill to require any research and papers published with National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding to be placed on open access venues a short time after they are published in print.
• Senator Fred Hashimoto (Internal Medicine) asked if journals could be loaned between universities. Senator Kues replied that University Libraries have a very good inter-library loan system, but he does not know the extent to which University Libraries can deliver an article electronically from another university for a journal that UNM has cancelled.
• A discussion developed around the three trends Senator Kues explained from the report.
• Past President Burris made a motion to send the Library Committee report out to all faculty via email for comments. The motion passed on unanimous voice vote.

13. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was raised.

14. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Holmes
Office of the Secretary