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September 6, 1978

TO: Members of the Faculty Senate; the Faculty Committee of Five

FROM: Anne J. Brown, Secretary

SUBJECT: Meeting of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate will meet on Tuesday, September 12, 1978,
at 3:30 p.m. in the Kiva. The agenda will include the
following:

- pp.1-3) 1. Minutes of August 29 (Minutes attached)
- 2. Information Report -- Professor Roebuck
- 3. Question Period
- 4. Committee Membership -- Professor Estes
- 5. Administrative Unit Review -- Professor Hamilton
- 6. Information Report on Belen Extension -- Provost Hull

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September 12, 1978

(Summarized Minutes)

The September 12, 1978 meeting of the Faculty Senate was called to order by President Roebuck at 3:30 p.m. in the Kiva.

The summarized minutes of the August 29 meeting were approved as distributed.

Professor Roebuck reported that, according to feedback she has received, faculty members are now aware of the Senate Actions which have a new format and are published on salmon colored paper.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Reorganization would like to receive ideas from Senators. Suggestions should be sent to Professor Caplan.

Attention was called to the Bylaw on absenteeism passed by the Senate on February 2, 1978 which states "After a Senator has missed five Senate meetings, the Senate Executive Committee may recommend to the Senate that the seat be declared vacant."

Senators were again asked to submit, via the office of the University Secretary, what he or she thinks are the five most critical issues facing the University today.

President Roebuck has not as yet received definite answers from the gubernatorial candidates about their attendance at a Senate meeting.

Senate Committees are in operation and all seems to be going well.

During the question and answer period issues discussed were BEF funding relative to faculty salaries, faculty input in the budget process and the procedure for adding new courses.

It was decided that it is probably too late this year to get an increase over the 7% for faculty salaries for 1979-80, but it would be a good idea for the faculty to start planning now to talk with legislators before the next budget session. The Executive Committee will look into this matter.

The interim guidelines for adding new courses are still in effect, i.e.--a new course may be added by (a) dropping a course or (b) by proving that need and resources exist for the new course.

Upon recommendation by Professor Caplan the following committee assignments were approved: Lou Camp (Law), Joe Garner (Physical Plant), and Jean Stebner (HPER) as staff members on the Faculty and Staff Benefits Committee; Jerry Born (Pharmacy), Frances Harnick (Psychology), and John Rinaldi (Guidance and Counseling) on the School Relations Committee; and Jose Reyna (Modern and Classical Languages) and Mary Whidden (English) on the Admissions and Registration Committee.

As proposed by Professor Hamilton, an amendment to the Procedures for Academic Unit Review, adopted on August 29, was approved. As amended, the first sentence of the procedures would read: "The University will review periodically all academic and administrative units."

Provost Hull reported that the citizens of Eastern Valencia County had asked UNM to provide some kind of postsecondary educational delivery system in that area. UNM had no intention of starting a new branch but decided that the needs could be met through an extension of the continuing education division.

The Belen Chamber of Commerce offered office space, staff, and money to carry out the planning survey. Questions to be answered were: How many people would be interested in postsecondary educational opportunities? What courses should be offered? Would such a center adversely affect enrollment on the UNM Albuquerque campus? Results of the survey indicated that those who would take advantage of Belen courses would not normally enroll in classes at UNM.

Since the continuing education division is self-supporting, the Belen Extension should also be self supporting. Tuition is \$20 per credit hour plus \$5 for administrative costs. To substitute for state support, Belen citizens raised \$93,000. The UNM Library, Office of Admissions and Records, and faculty have been most cooperative. To date 173 students are enrolled at the center.

UNM will ask the BEF for a continuation of support for the extension and a statement of faculty support will assist in doing this. UNM will not continue the extension with funds from the operating budget.

Provost Hull asked that the Senate approve the following:

Resolved that the Faculty Senate endorses the efforts of the University to provide introductory postsecondary educational opportunities through extension courses administered by the Division of Continuing Education to the citizens of Eastern Valencia County who would otherwise be unable to obtain them. The Senate encourages the administration to seek support for continuation of the program through regular BEF funding of extension centers.

The resolution was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne J. Brown

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