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TO: Members of the Faculty Senate

FROM: Anne J. Bick, Secretary

SUBJECT: March Meeting

The Faculty Senate will meet on Tuesday, March 21, 1989 at 3:30 p.m. in the Kiva.

The agenda will include the following items:

1. Summarized Minutes of February 14, 1989
2. Memorial Minute for Professor Emerita Helen Walters -- Professor Emeritus Harold Drummond
3. Address by President Gerald W. May
4. Senate President's Report -- Professor Garrett Flickinger
5. Open Discussion (Senators may speak on any subject of interest; however, no motions may be made. This is not an action item)
6. Gallup Branch Faculty Senate Constitution -- Beth Polley, Chairperson, Gallup Branch Faculty Senate
7. Proposal from the Computer Use Committee -- Professor Richard Nordhaus
8. ASUNM Resolution re Fractionated Grading -- Michael Sánchez, ASUNM Attorney General
9. Resolution from the Budget Committee -- Professor Shyam Gurbaxani (Resolution to be distributed at meeting.)
10. Committee Assignments -- Professor Marion Cottrell
The March 21, 1989 meeting of the UNM Faculty Senate was called to order by President Garrett Flickinger at 3:30 p.m. in the Kiva.

Senators present: Alonzo Atencio (Medicine), Garland Bills (A&S), Gloria Birkholz (Nursing), Andrew Burgess (A&S), Marion Cottrell (Engineering), Paul Davis (A&S), Stephen Dent (Arch & Plng), Marilyn Fletcher (Gen Library), Garrett Flickinger (Law), Gregory Franchini (Medicine), Douglas George (Fine Arts), Phillip Gonzales (A&S), Shyam Garbaxani (Engineering), George Guaco (A&S), Hugh Kabat (Pharmacy), Tom Kyner (A&S), Wayne Rands (Education), Clara Micca (Dental Programs), Jose Rivera (Pub Admin), Chris Staitis (Fine Arts), Friscilla Smith (Gallup Branch), Ron Storey (Medicine), Pauline Turner (Education), Richard Van Dongen (Education), and Mel Yazzava (A&S).

Absent: Carl Cords (Medicine), Cecilia Fenoglio-Freiser (Medicine), George Herler (Management), Astrid Kodric-Brown (A&S), William Litchman (A&S), Linda Saland (Medicine), Jerome Shea (University College), Donald Vichick (Medicine), and William Woodside (Medicine).

Minutes of February 14, 1989 The minutes of February 14, 1989 were approved as distributed.

Memorial Minute. Professor Harold Drummond presented a memorial minute for Professor Emerita Helen Walters. The Senate adopted the minute by rising vote and Secretary Brown was asked to send a copy to the next of kin.

Address by President Gerald May. President May reported on the recent Legislative session. He stated that the total appropriation for UNM is $124.68 million. The Instruction and General Budget is increased 6.7% for a total of $83 million. It is anticipated that faculty and staff salary compensation will be increased by 3.5% and this does not include fringe benefits. Last year 1.5% was cut from the I & G funding and this year only 0.9% has been restored; therefore the $83 million does not represent full I & G funding. New money appropriated to UNM this year is about $5.2 million which represents monies generated by the formula and the partial restoration of funds.

One source of additional revenue could be a tuition increase. President May explained that the Legislature did not vote to cap tuition increases and therefore, the Regents can exercise their constitutional power and increase tuition if necessary. Last year the Regents passed a policy limiting tuition increase to 10% in any one year or 50% over five years. The total increase for salaries will determine a tuition increase.
Continuing his report, President May said that UMM now has the highest quality of entering freshmen since 1968-69. This is the result of the admissions policy which encourages underprepared students to take preparatory courses at T-VI. It is anticipated that the University will attract more transfer students from other institutions because of the high quality of upper division and graduate education. A goal is to make articulation easy for such students.

UMM's evening and weekend program has been most successful. Currently 11,880 students are enrolled in the program and 6,000 attend evening classes. Almost 50% of the evening classes are taught by regular faculty members and now support services such as parking, security, and food services must be provided.

President May concluded his report by stating that enrollment is stabilizing and the funding formula which is based on enrollment will not generate additional funding in the future. This is a challenge which must be met.

After President May's presentation, Senator Shyama Gurbaraxan stated that since the increase in state support was $5.5 million last year and is $5.2 million this year, and the projection for tuition and fees increase is 5.5% this year opposed to 10% last year, the budget picture is close to last year's. President May agreed with this statement.

Senate President's Report: Professor Garrett Flickinger reported that the Intellectual Property Policy was passed by the Board of Regents with minor changes in the patent section.

The administration has agreed to the proposed Policy on Extra Compensation provided that it be amended so that vacations and university-recognized holidays are included in computing extra compensation hours. The faculty contract period of 195 days, based on five working days per week, includes vacations and university-recognized holidays. If the policy were changed, as has been proposed, to exclude these days from computation for extra compensation, it would be necessary to secure Regent approval. If there is no strong objection from the Faculty Senate concerning the amendment, the administration is ready to approve the policy as revised. The Operations Committee feels that the policy as amended should be adopted.

President Flickinger reminded Senators that according to UWM's agreement with its branch colleges, all credits earned by students at the branches are transferable to the main campus. It was pointed out that even though a course is taken for credit, it may not count toward specific graduation requirements for a particular degree.

The Articulation Bill which passed both houses in the legislature provides that the Commission on Higher Education, in cooperation with the Boards of the state institutions, will formulate an articulation policy. This policy will be written within the next two years.
The legislature also passed an ITV Act which establishes a board to develop policies and procedures to assist in the development of an instructional television network in New Mexico. A director will be hired to serve at the pleasure of the board and the board will review and recommend the use of funds appropriated for the development of the network. The board will consist of one person from each of the following categories: military establishments, four-year colleges, business and industry, two-year institutions, state government and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Concern has been expressed about the proposed amendment to the change in work load policy as recommended by the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee. The proposal suggests a nine-hour minimum and a twelve-hour maximum load. At the request of the AF&T Committee, a group has been appointed to review this policy. Senators are urged to submit ideas on the subject to the committee.

President Flickinger concluded his report by stating that the administrative review of Phillip Alarid, Director of Personnel, had been cancelled since the entire personnel system is being reviewed by the Vice President for Business and Finance. Instead, the administrative review will be conducted for James Wiegmann, Budget Director.

Gallup Branch Faculty Senate Constitution. Professor Flickinger explained that the faculty of the UNM Gallup Branch College proposes the establishment of a Faculty Senate in order that the Gallup faculty shall have autonomy in matters directly related to that branch except in matters of curriculum and degree programs. Draft #10 of the Constitution was distributed to the Senators and it was explained that the only difference in this draft and draft #9 which was included in the agenda was in Section I, B 1 and 2 "Rights and Responsibilities." This section was amended to take into consideration agreements between the UNM-Gallup Branch Community College Advisory Board and the UNM Board of Regents. All other sections remain the same. It was pointed out that major curricula changes would be forwarded to the appropriate UNM entities for final approval.

After a brief discussion, the Senate approved the Gallup Branch Faculty Senate Constitution (Draft #10) as presented.

Proposal from the Computer Use Committee. Professor Richard Nordhaus, Chair of the Computer Use Committee, requested that the Senate approve certain changes in the charge and membership of the Committee. It was recommended that the charge of the committee be changed as follows:

The functions of the Computer Use Committee are to be advisory to the Computer Information Policy Board on all matters relating to academic computing, and to represent the needs and concerns of the academic community for computing resources. Its purview includes, but is not limited to, articulation of needs, advocacy of innovative and effective instructional computing, participation in planning, review of computing budgets and priorities and liaison with academic users.

The proposed change in committee membership specifies that ten faculty members will be selected by the Faculty Senate from nominations submitted by the deans of the schools and colleges; that five members be chosen at large from major computer users; and that the four members of the administration appointed by the President be deleted.
Professor Nordhaus explained that the charge of the committee had become obsolete since there is now a Computer Information Policy Board (CIPB) established by the President of the University with a mandate to provide leadership on major priorities, budget, planning, and innovative approaches to information management. The CIPB had limited faculty representation; the relationship between the CIPB and the Computer Use Committee was not clear; and communication was not as strong as it should be. The CUC recommended to the administration that the CIPB be restructured to include more faculty representation and this has been done. Also, an Administrative Computing Committee (ACC) has been established to represent the administration. The CUC will represent the academic community.

Professor Nordhaus requested that the Senate approve the change in the charge and membership of the CUC as proposed.

Professor Gloria Birkholz for the Operations Committee moved that the proposal for change in membership be amended to read: Fifteen members of the faculty nominated by the Faculty Senate . . . She explained that the Operations Committee felt that the normal procedure for selecting faculty members on the committee should be followed and that the deans should have no voice in the selection.

After a brief discussion the amendment was approved and then the proposal was approved as amended.

Professor Polly Turner then moved that the Senate recommend that the membership of the Computer Information Policy Board be expanded to include representation from the Council of Deans. The motion carried.

ASUNM Resolution re Fractionated Grading. Michael Sanchez, ASUNM Attorney General, asked the Senate to endorse a proposal from the ASUNM which calls for the institution of an A+ in the fractionated grading system. It was pointed out that the recommendation for fractionated grading originally came from the Admissions and Registration Committee, and it was moved and seconded that the ASUNM proposal be forwarded to that committee with a request that a recommendation be made to the Senate no later than the May 1989 meeting. The motion carried.

Resolution from the Budget Committee. Senator Shyam Gurbaxani, Chair of the Budget Committee, requested that the Senate approve the following resolution:

The Faculty Senate recommends that the 1989-90 budget provide funds to cover one half of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all faculty members up to the use of 50% of the total allocations for salary increase.

Several Senators expressed concern about the amount of money needed and available for 50% of the CPI as outlined in the analysis which accompanied the resolution and, after discussion, the resolution was defeated by a vote of 8 for and 9 against.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne J. Brown, Secretary
SUBJECT: Gallup Branch Faculty Senate Constitution

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve the Constitution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The faculty of UNM Gallup Branch College propose the establishment of a Faculty Senate in order that the Gallup faculty shall have autonomy in matters directly related to that branch except in matters of curriculum and degree programs.
I. Senate Structure

A. Membership--All full-time faculty are members with voting privileges. The Director of the Branch Campus, the associate directors and assistant directors, part-time faculty, and student services professional staff are invited to attend meetings and speak, but shall not have voting privileges.

B. Rights & Responsibilities

1. The Faculty Senate shall have the right of review and action in regard to the following:
   a. Formulation of institutional aims, viewed as mutual responsibility of faculty, campus administration, the Branch Campus Advisory Board, and the Board of Regents.
   b. Creation of new departments and programs.
   c. Major curricular changes.
   d. Requirements for admission, graduation, honors and scholastic performance in general.
   e. Approval of candidates for degrees.
f. Policies of appointment, and promotion in academic rank.
g. General faculty welfare, including but not limited to, faculty salary schedules, merit pay, benefits packages, academic freedom and grievances.

2. Actions taken by the faculty shall be subject to the authority of the Regents in matters involving finance, personnel, and other University administrative policies.

C. Officers

1. The Senate shall elect the following officers and representatives from its membership, as defined in Article I, Sec. A, annually:
   a. President
   b. Vice-president
   c. Secretary
   d. The three (3) members of the Senate Operations Committee designated in Article I, Sec. E, para. 1.e.
   e. Nominating Committee of three (3) members.

2. Duties of Officers
   a. The president shall have the following duties:
(1) Serve as chairperson of the Senate and the Operations Committee.

(2) Represent the faculty before the Regents, Main Campus Faculty Senate and other groups on Main Campus, University administrators, and community organizations as appropriate.

(3) Appoint ad-hoc committees as necessary to conduct Senate business.

b. The Vice-President shall have the following duties:

(1) Serve on the Operations Committee.

(2) Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President.

c. The Secretary shall have the following duties:

(1) Serve on the Operations Committee.

(2) Keep accurate minutes of Faculty Senate meetings and distribute written copies of the minutes to the Senate members and full-time staff within five (5) working days after each meeting.

(3) Deliver a copy of the written minutes of each meeting to the Library.
3. Election of Officers, Operations Committee members, Nominating Committee members and members of Standing Committees:
   a. The election of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Operations Committee, and Nominating Committee shall be conducted at the final meeting of the Senate in the Spring semester.
   b. The election shall be chaired by the outgoing Senate President.
   c. The new officers, Operations Committee members, and Nominating Committee members shall take office on the date of their election and serve for one year.
   d. Standing Committee members shall take office on the date of their election and serve their respective terms as defined in Article II, Sec. E, para. 4.
   e. Nominees for Vice-President shall not be from the same department as that of President.

D. Senate Nominating Committee
   1. Membership:
      a. Three (3) Senate members elected annually.
      b. Members shall be from different departments with representation from each division.
2. Duties:
   a. Prepares the slate for the annual election of Senate Officers, Operations Committee, Nomining Committee, and Standing Committee members.
   b. Presents the slate at the final meeting of the Senate in the Spring semester.
   c. Nominations may be made from the floor provided that the person nominated agrees to serve.

E. Senate Operations Committee

1. Membership:
   a. The elected officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary) and three additional Senate members from different departments with representation from each division.
   b. The President of the Senate shall serve as Chairperson of the Senate Operations Committee.

2. Duties:
   a. Perform basic administrative functions to facilitate the work of the Senate and the Senate committees.
   b. Establish priorities and set agenda for Senate meetings.
c. Transmit to the Senate, with recommendations for adoption, all reports, recommendations and proposals received from Senate committees. In performing this function, the Operations Committee shall not change committee recommendations or proposals without the approval of the originating committee. It may present its own recommendations to the Senate, with those of the originating committee, for final Senate approval.

d. Coordinate the scheduling of all Senate committees.

e. Study Senate procedures and structure and make recommendations for their improvement.

f. Refer reports, recommendations or proposals submitted by a Senate committee to another Senate committee or directly to a college administrator or other officer if additional comment appears to be needed.

g. Transmit in writing communications regarding motions enacted by the Senate affecting any administrative office of the University to the appropriate office within five (5) days of Senate action.
h. Function as a Committee on Committees.

F. Other Senate Committees and Representations

1. Standing committees are responsible to the Senate, report to the Senate Operations Committee, and have their faculty membership elected by the Senate. The Standing committees are:
   a. Faculty Committee on Student Affairs
   b. Budget Review Committee
   c. Curricula Committee
   d. Long Range Planning and Resources Committee
   e. Library Committee
   f. Ethics and Advisory Committee
   g. Faculty Welfare Committee

2. Faculty serving as members of administrative and student standing committees shall be elected by the Senate and serve for two (2) years. These faculty will report to the Senate whenever such reports are considered appropriate by them and/or when requested to do so by the Senate Operations Committee.

II. Senate Operating Policies

A. The Senate and all committees shall act in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

B. Procedures
1. The Senate shall normally meet during the academic year on the third Friday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

2. Those members of the voting faculty present, but at least 30 per cent of the full-time faculty under contract at the beginning of each semester, shall constitute a quorum for business at a Senate meeting.

3. Special meetings of the Faculty Senate may be called:
   a. By the presiding officer at his or her discretion;
   b. By no fewer than twenty percent of the full-time faculty under contract at the beginning of each semester whenever a request is made in writing; or
   c. By a majority vote of the full-time college faculty.

4. All meetings shall be tape recorded. Faculty Senate members shall receive a copy of the minutes of each meeting within five (5) working days of the meeting. Written and recorded proceedings and related documents of each meeting shall be deposited in the Library.
5. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes each time when speaking to an issue.

C. Standing Committees

1. During the Spring semester of each year all faculty shall be asked to rank their preference for membership on committees. All members of the Faculty Senate are eligible for election to standing Senate committees or as faculty representatives on administrative and student committees. The Operations Committee shall make appointments to the standing committee as vacancies occur. Membership on any committee is limited to a total of six (6) years consecutively.

2. Newly elected standing committee members shall take office on the date of their election and serve for their respective terms.

3. Administrative officers (director, associate and assistant directors) may be invited to serve as non-voting members of standing committees.

D. Absenteeism

1. After a committee member has missed two (2) meetings in an academic year, the chairperson may recommend to the Senate Operations Committee that the committee position be declared vacant.
2. A vacancy will be filled by appointment from the Operations Committee for the remainder of the term of the member vacated.

E. Standing Committees shall:
1. Report action items to (or through) the Senate Operations Committee.
2. Have at least three (3) members from different departments.
3. Have representation from both divisions (academic and vocational) of the campus.
4. Designate approximately half of the positions as one (1) year positions and half as two (2) year positions, with appropriate elections each year.
5. Have a chairperson who is elected by the committee. The chairperson shall serve for two (2) years and may be reelected once.

F. Committee Membership and Responsibilities:
The responsibilities and composition of standing committees shall be as stated in Appendix A.

G. Each standing committee shall report to the body of the Senate at all regular meetings and at other times when requested by the Operations Committee.

III. General
A. Adoption of Constitution
This Constitution shall be effective when approved by a two-thirds vote of the full-time faculty and ratified by the Regents.

B. Amendments
This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of Senate members, after presentation twice to the Senate for debate in meetings at least four (4) weeks apart and subsequent ratification by the Regents. Ballot may be by mail.

C. By-Laws
This constitution may be supplemented by By-Laws adopted by a majority vote of the Senate after a single presentation. Such By-Laws will normally include:
1. Interpretations and implementations of this constitution;
2. A statement of the duties and responsibilities of the standing committees of the Faculty Senate; and
3. Other faculty regulations.

D. Distribution
The Senate Secretary shall keep on file a copy of this Constitution, the By-Laws and Amendments, and shall distribute copies to all members of the Senate by publication in the Faculty Handbook or other suitable instruments.
APPENDIX A

By-Laws of
STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Senate Standing Committees: Responsibilities, Composition, and Structure
   
   A. Committee on Student Affairs
      
      1. Responsibilities:
         a. Academic requirements
         b. Calendar
         c. Admissions and graduation
         d. Student grievances
         e. Scholarships, grants, loans, prizes
         f. Grading
         g. Academic regulations
      
      2. Membership: Minimum of five (5) Senate members representing each division with no more than one (1) representative from a single department. One Student Services professional staff member, the designated Student Senate advisor, and the Student Senate President shall be voting committee members.
      
      3. The committee shall elect a chairperson.
      
      4. Meetings: Once a month and other times as required.

   B. Budget Review Committee
Responsibilities:

1. Be involved in total campus budget planning, development, and review.
2. The chairperson of this committee will act as Faculty Senate representative to the administrative budget planning committee.
3. Establish and monitor the Faculty Senate travel budget.

Membership: Three (3) Senate members, one (1) of whom is the elected chairperson.

Meetings: Meetings will be determined according to legislative and University fiscal calendars.

Curricula Committee

1. Responsibilities:
   a. Review and approve or disapprove all changes in existing/new courses, certificates and degree programs. Those approved shall be submitted to the Faculty Senate for action. Those receiving Senate approval shall be forwarded to appropriate administration and/or Faculty Senate committees on main campus for their action.
   b. Interact with the Long Range Planning Committee on new curricula planning.
2. Membership:
   a. Seven (7) members of the Faculty Senate, at least three (3) from each division, with no more than one (1) member from a single department. The committee shall elect its chairperson.
   b. The Assistant Director for Student Services, the Associate Directors for Instruction and Applied Technology, and the Librarian shall be ex-officio members without vote.
   c. One (1) member shall be appointed by the committee to represent the committee on the Long Range Planning and Resources Committee.

3. Meeting:
The committee shall meet monthly and more frequently as required.

D. Long Range Planning and Resources Committee

1. Responsibilities:
   a. Involvement in campus long range planning and development, including but not limited to:
      (1) Faculty commitments to new academic programs, building plans, new departments and divisions.
(2) Commitment of office space and campus facilities for instructional and non-instructional purposes.

b. The Chairperson of the Committee will act as the Faculty Senate representative to the Administrative Long Range Planning Committee.

2. Membership: Three (3) Senate members, one of whom is the elected chairperson.


E. Library Committee

1. Responsibility: Consult and give advice in matters regarding library operations.

2. Membership:
   a. The Librarian, two (2) Senate members from the Academic Division and two (2) from the Vocational Division with no more than one (1) representative from a single department.
   b. The Committee shall elect a chairperson.

3. Meetings:
   a. Twice a semester.
   b. The Librarian shall attend meetings of the Curricula Committee.

F. Ethics and Advisory Committee
1. Responsibilities:
   a. Professional ethics
   b. Sabbaticals
   c. Rank
   d. Dismissal
   e. Academic freedom
   f. Peer evaluations
   g. Evaluation of administration
   h. Administrative evaluation of faculty

2. Membership: Five (5) Senate members representing each division with no more than one (1) representative from a single department. One (1) member must hold a ranked position.

3. The committee shall elect a chairperson.

4. Meetings: Once each semester in November and April.

G. Constitution and By-Laws Committee

1. Responsibilities:
   a. Review Faculty Senate and Standing Committee By-Laws.
   b. Review proposals from Senate members regarding By-Laws.

2. Membership: Three (3) Senate members, one (1) of whom is the elected chairperson.

3. Meetings: As necessary.
SUBJECT: Proposal from the Computer Use Committee

REQUESTED ACTION: Support Recommendations as outlined in proposal and approve change in charge and membership of Computer Use Committee as follows:

Computer Use Committee. The functions of the Computer Use Committee are to be advisory to the Associate Vice President for Computer Services and Information Systems, to study future needs of the University for all forms of computer services, to review and approve recommendations on matters of policy on computer-use and to act as an appeals body for resolving conflicts which arise from computer-use policies. The functions of the Computer Use Committee are to be advisory to the Computer Information Policy Board on all matters relating to academic computing, and to represent the needs and concerns of the academic community for computing resources. Its purview includes, but is not limited to, articulation of needs, advocacy of innovative and effective instructional computing, participation in planning, review of computing budgets and priorities and liaison with academic users. The Committee reports to the Faculty Senate through regular procedures and submits a yearly report to the Senate.

Thirteen members of the faculty, nominated selected by the Faculty Senate with special consideration to selection of representatives of major computer users, mathematics and statistics, computer science, engineering with at least one member to be chosen from each of the following broad areas: education, engineering (the member from engineering shall be chairperson of that college's Computer Committee), fine arts, health sciences, humanities, management, natural sciences, social sciences and the General Libraries, from one or more nominations each by the Deans of Architecture and Planning, Arts and Sciences, Education, Engineering, Fine Arts, Law, Library Services, Management, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy, and the Directors of Dental Programs and Public Administration; five additional faculty members chosen at large from non-computer users; one member of the Research Policy Committee, selected by the Committee; two undergraduate and two graduate students appointed by ASUNM and GSA, respectively. Ex officio, non-voting members shall include four members of the administration appointed by the University President; one member from the Research Policy Committee; and the Vice President for Research, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Associate Vice President for Computer and Information Resources and Technology, the chairperson of the Computer Information Policy Board and the chairperson of the Administrative Computing Committee. The chairperson is elected by the Committee.
SUBJECT: Proposal from the Computer Use Committee

REQUESTED ACTION: Amend the section concerning committee membership as follows:

Fifteen members of the faculty chosen from schools/colleges/divisions that are major computer users; one member of the Research Policy Committee selected: ... (the remainder of the section as proposed by the CUC).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Senate Operations Committee has reviewed the proposal from the Computer Use Committee and recommends Senate approval with the exception of the section concerning committee membership. The Operations Committee feels that all faculty members should be selected by the Faculty Senate in accordance with established procedure.
Proposal to Restructure the Computer Use Committee
Submitted to the
University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
by the
University of New Mexico Computer Use Committee
January 15, 1989

INTRODUCTION

The Computer Use Committee (CUC) is charged by the Faculty Handbook to "study future needs of the University for all forms of computer services; to review and approve recommendations on matters of policy on computer use; and to act as an appeals body for resolving conflicts which arise from computer use and policies".

In response to that charge, the Committee undertook a review of the role of the CUC in planning, budgeting and management of computing at UNM, in particular, the existing relationship between the CUC, Computing and Information Resources and Technology (CIRT) and the Computing Information Policy Board (CIPB). The intention was neither to develop a comprehensive analysis of computing at UNM nor a strategic plan, but rather to define an organizational structure that would facilitate communication and effective planning.

The CUC prepared and circulated a discussion paper which addressed a number of important issues. This proposal presents the results of those discussions as a set of recommendations to the Faculty Senate for consideration and action.
PROBLEMS

The discussion of issues identified a number of problems with computing at UNM. A few of these are described below as background for the Committee's recommendations.

Obsolescence of the Computer Use Committee's charge.

The CUC is charged by the Faculty Handbook to "...be advisory to the Associate Vice President for Computer Services and Information Systems; to study future needs of the University for all forms of computer services; to review and approve recommendations on matters of policy on computer use; and to act as an appeals body for resolving conflicts which arise from computer use and policies..."

When the CUC was originally established, Computer Services and Information Systems (CSIS) administered the bulk of University computing. CSIS has changed its name to Computer and Information Resources and Technology (CIRT). The role of CIRT has also changed. With the increased presence of distributed computing and microcomputers on campus, a significant portion of computing at UNM no longer falls under the purview of either CIRT or the CUC.

Lack of communication and clarity of relationship between the Computer Use Committee and the Computer Information Policy Board

The Computer Information Policy Board was established by the President in March 1987, intended as a broadly representative board with a mandate to provide leadership on major priorities, budget, planning, and innovative approaches to information management. It reported to the President through the Vice President for Research and effectively displaced the CUC from a meaningful role in the planning and decision process. As it was originally constituted, the CIPB had limited faculty representation. In addition, the relationship between the CIPB and the CUC was not clear and communication was not as strong as it should have been. The CUC has had little input on policies and plans developed by the CIPB.

Lack of a plan for computing at UNM

In a field as dynamic as computing, planning activities need to be process oriented, involving all classes of users in setting priorities and allocating
resources. Last year, the CIPB undertook the development of a Strategic Plan for Computing at UNM. The Computer Use Committee was not directly involved in the process. The University needs a strategic plan for computing, but the planning process must utilize organized input from all users, academic and administrative, to insure that the full range of issues are addressed and meaningful goals and priorities established.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Computer Use Committee recommends the following actions by the Faculty Senate.

Recommendation 1
Support the reorganization of the Computer Information Policy Board and the Computer Use Committee and the establishment of an Administrative Computing Committee to form a coordinated planning and allocation system for computing at UNM.

The Computer Use Committee recommends the reorganization of the Computer Use Committee (CUC) and the Computer Information Policy Board (CIPB), and the establishment of an Administrative Computing Committee (ACC) in order to provide broad representation in the decision process and expanded opportunities for input by users while maintaining a small policy body that can act efficiently and decisively.

The CIPB, the CUC, and the ACC should be reorganized as a hierarchical structure, with clear roles and lines of communication. The CIPB will be responsible to encourage and review long range plans, and recommend computing priorities for all computing and information management throughout UNM and its branches. The CUC and the ACC will advise the CIPB on academic and administrative computing, respectively.

Recommendation 2
Revise the charge and composition of the Computer Use Committee. The Faculty Handbook description would be revised as follows:

Computer Use Committee. The functions of the Computer Use Committee are to be advisory to the Computer Information Policy Board on all matters relating to academic computing, and to represent the needs and concerns of the academic community for computing resources. Its purview includes, but is not limited to, articulation of needs, advocacy of innovative and effective
The Committee recommends the Senate support the reorganization of the Computer Information Policy Board and the establishment of an Advisory Computing Committee as described in the draft document prepared by the Vice President for Research, entitled "Recommended Organization Structure, UNM Computing Services" and approved by the Computer Use Committee on October 7, 1988.
SUBJECT: ASUNM Resolution re Fractionated Grading

REQUESTED ACTION: Approve and Adopt Resolution

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: See attached resolution.
Resolution #11
1988-89 Session II

INTRODUCED BY Sen. Olinger, Webber, Penny, and McCracken

1st READING February 15, 1989
2nd READING
3rd READING

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Mexico, THAT:

WHEREAS: The UNM Faculty Senate did enact in 1985 and implement in 1988 a system of fractionalized grading at the University of New Mexico, and
WHEREAS: This system of fractionalized grading does indeed exist, and having been previously debated by the student senate of the University of New Mexico, its general merits are not herein addressed, and
WHEREAS: The fractionalized grading system instituted at UNM is detrimental to students of higher academic status because it does not give credit for grades of A+, and
WHEREAS: The grade point average of students can be lowered by grades of A-, but can not be raised when grades equivalent to A+ are received, and
WHEREAS: The present system of fractionalized grading penalizes those students who are working hardest by punishing them for their shortcomings, while failing to reward them for their successes.

Therefore, be it RESOLVED that: The UNM Faculty Senate is hereby petitioned to increase the inherent fairness of the fractionalized grading system by awarding a 4.33 grade point equivalent for grades of A+.

Therefore, be it further RESOLVED that: Copies of this resolution are to be sent to the UNM Faculty Senate and UNM President Gerald May.