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SIGMA XI FORUM:
RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND

October 27, 1994
Auditorium of the Division of Continuing Education & Community Service
1634 University Blvd NE

1:00-1:05 PM
Welcome: Ellen H. Goldberg

1:05-1:15 PM
Harjit Alishwala: General Remarks.

1:15-2:00 PM
Kumar Patel: Reinventing the Research University

2:00-2:20 PM
Mary Sue Coleman: How Changes in External Funding Environment are Changing Scholarly Work at UNM

2:20-2:50 PM
David Marsing: Emerging Trends From an Industrial Perspective

2:50-3:00 PM
Coffee Break

3:00-4:00 PM
Panel Discussion*

*Panel Members:
Hon'ble Pete Domenici (U.S. Senator) or representative,
Ellen Goldberg (Assoc. Provost Research),
Arthur Guenther (Governor's Science Advisor),
Mohamed El-Genk (Chem & Nuc Engineering),
Jane Henney (Vice Pres. Health Services),
Hon'ble Ramon Huerta (Repr. NM Legislature),
Sherman McCorkle (CEO, Tech. Ventures Corp.),
Art Melandres (Chm., Board of Regents),
Joan Parman (Senator Bingaman's Office),
Hon'ble Nick Salazar (Chm. Science & Tech. Committee, NM Legislature),
Hap Stoller (CEO, TPL),
Edward Walters (Chm. Research Policy Committee), Moderator,
John Wirth (CEO, Woodworkers' Supply),
Hon'ble Steve Schiff (U.S. Congressman) or representative.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
October 25, 1994

(Summarized Minutes)

The October 25, 1994, Special Session of the Faculty Senate was called to order by President Bel Campbell at 3:35 p.m. in the Kiva.

Senators present: Lynndianne Beene (English), James Boone (Anthropology), Joan Bybee (Linguistics), Ernest Cole (Pharmacy), John Finklestein (Management), Charles Fleddermann (Elec. & Comp. Engr.), Robert Glew (Biochemistry), Roy Jonson (Civil Engineering), Astrid Kordic-Brown (Biology), Tom Kyner (Math & Sciences), Cheryl Learn (Nursing), Ed Reyes (Pharmacology), Joe Rothrock (Art and Art History), Jerome Shea (Univ. College), Maurice Wildin (Mech. Engr.) and Beulah Woodfin (Biochemistry).

Non-Senate Faculty: Abraham Anderson, Brad Cullen, Paul Davis, Ron DeVries, Patrick Gallacher, Douglas R. George, Russell Goodman, Brian Hansen, David Kauffmann, Wanda Martin and Gib Richards.

Discussion of Core Curriculum. President Bel Campbell explained that this meeting was called to discuss a core curriculum for two reasons: (1): Pressure from the Commission on Higher Education (CHE), the two year sector and other constituencies within the state to have two years of transferrable classes within New Mexico; and (2): Many faculty members desire a high caliber core curriculum in the future.

Of specific concern was the copy of a letter from Frank J. Renz, Executive Director of the New Mexico Council of Independent Community Colleges, to Dr. Reynaldo Garcia, Associate Director of Instruction at the UNM-Valencia Branch, regarding a legislative draft proposal entitled, Proposed Transfer/Articulation Legislation: An Act: Relating to Education; Providing For The Implementation Of A Comprehensive Statewide Articulation And Transfer Plan; Declaring An Emergency.

Janet Roebuck, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, called attention to section 2., item 9., subheading B., lines 23-26 of the document: "Every associate degree graduate from a community college operating under such articulation agreements shall be granted admission to an upper-division program offered by a state university except to a limited access program; a teacher certification program; or a major requiring an audition or portfolio."
Associate Provost Roebuck said UNM cannot promise its own students admission to upper division programs and asked whether it bothered anyone that the proposal would allow the Legislature to run UNM. The faculty agreed that the Legislature should not be allowed to tell the University what courses would be part of a mandatory core curriculum. This, they felt, was the "gut issue" to be addressed. Though they agreed to fight the proposed bill on principle, they stressed that they are not adverse to incoming transfer credits. In fact, Cynthia Stuart, Director of Admissions, is currently working on transferrable "second-year" packets of coursework.

Senator Cheryl Learn pointed out that UNM is not perceived as being cooperative with some of the junior colleges in the state and should be careful to work favorably with other schools on articulation issues.

Professor Paul Davis suggested having an academic center, possibly restructuring University College, where general education issues such as articulation and core curriculum were dealt with daily. He believes that UNM can eventually establish a core curriculum leading to a higher quality of education.

The faculty decided to send a memo, presenting statistics substantiating the fact that articulation is not a problem, along with the disputed "Proposed Transfer/Articulation Legislation," to all UNM faculty so that they are aware of the problem and can contact their appropriate representative. It was suggested that people express a careful warning and not anger, because the proposal is only a draft.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne J. Brown, Secretary