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FACULTY SENATE SUMMARIZED
MINUTES

2006-2007 Faculty Senate
August 29, 2006

The Faculty Senate meeting for August 29, 2006 was called to order at 3:10 p.m. in the Lobo Room, Student Union, Room 3037. Senate President Virginia Shipman.

1. ATTENDANCE

Guests Present: Senior Advisor to the President Breda Bova, Provost Reed Dasenbrock, Acting President David Harris, Deputy Provost Richard Holder, Professor Linda Lewis (University Libraries), Director Susan McKinsey (University Communication and Marketing), Staff Council Liaison Vanessa Shields, Associate Professor Nina Stephenson (University Libraries), Interim Dean Fran Wilkinson (University Libraries), and Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies Amy Wohlert.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

3. APPROVAL OF SUMMARIZED MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2006 MEETING

The minutes for the April 25, 2006 meeting were approved as written.

4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President reported on the following:

- Acting President David Harris announced his perception of the top ten accomplishments that have been achieved at the University of New Mexico (UNM) over the past year:
  
  10. Banner implementation for student affairs was a challenge that took months to complete, and now it is a well-operating system.

  9. Enrollment is holding strong. The 21-day report should show a slight overall enrollment decline but an increase in freshman enrollment. This is a trend at UNM that is different from the rest of the state.

  8. This last year was record-breaking for private fundraising. UNM exceeded $48 Million which was ten percent beyond the expected goal.

  7. In administrative consolidation six areas were selected: Finance, Facilities, Legal Services, Security, Risk Management, and Information Technology. The aim is to better coordinate administrative support at UNM to create efficiency and be able to redirect resources to core academic missions.

  6. UNM hosted a successful tribal summit. More Native American students graduate from UNM than are enrolled in all other institutions in the state combined. All the tribal governors from New Mexico attended. In April, a contingent from UNM spent a day at Dine College in Arizona to try and strengthen the pipeline of students attending here.
5. UNM was successful in partnering with the other two research institutions in the state in the bid to manage Los Alamos National Laboratory. The Lambda Rail, a new high-speed internet for research and education, is moving forward. Two more sources of funding are needed. Vice President for Research and Academic Development Terry Yates sits on the National Board of Directors for Lambda Rail.

4. UNM received the Carnegie Institute designation of the highest ranking Hispanic-serving research entity in America. Our research portfolio continues to grow.

3. The Health Sciences Center (HSC) was able to secure a solid financial relief package from the legislature. Forty-two million dollars in new funding will come from the implementation of the new gross receipts tax from the county commission. This legislative session the focus will be acquiring better state support for the School of Medicine (SOM). The SOM is not funded through the formula as is most of the university.

2. Success with the legislature resulted in $200 million new funding to the university. There was a great compensation package, and the same can be expected this year given the state's fiscal position.

1. The $125 million Institutional Bond issued last fall is fully serviced through student fees. The money will be invested in academic facilities. Groundbreaking for the new engineering building is September 13, 2006.

• Acting President Harris met with Provost Reed Dasenbrock and Vice President for Health Sciences Paul Roth regarding the goals for the year. The five high-level goals for the year are:
  1. manage effectively through this transition year as the Regents begin the recruitment process for a new president;
  2. ensure the best and most efficient use of administrative resources. Continue to focus on the administrative consolidation;
  3. continue with intergovernmental relations effort;
  4. manage construction projects more effectively; and,
  5. maintain our very high research rating and increase our research portfolio.

• There is a persistent rumor at UNM that one of the deans does not report through the Provost and reports to the President. This is completely unfounded. No member of this faculty and no deans report to the president except for Senior Advisor to the President Breda Bova.

5. PROVOST'S REPORT
The Provost reported on the following:

• Provost Reed Dasenbrock stated that the Banner implementation was not smooth. The finance module of the software did not affect the finances of the university like the student affairs module has. If student applications are lost, so is money for the university.
• Enrollment is down two percent.
• There is a national search proceeding for the Dean of Arts and Sciences. The committee has been named and will be chaired by Dean Joe Cecchi (School of Engineering).
• The search is proceeding for the Dean of the Library. The committee is 90% named and will be chaired by Dean Viola Florez (College of Education).
• The search will soon begin for the Director of the School of Public Administration.
• The Taos Branch Director resigned in May and the search process has begun. The Interim Director is Kate O’Neill. Dean Christopher Mead (College of Fine Arts) will chair the search committee.
• Dean Christopher Mead was originally appointed to a three-year term, and there was a petition to remove that limitation. The limitation has been removed and Christopher Mead will continue as the Dean of the College of Fine Arts.
• There are many statewide task forces that affect higher education that are proceeding. Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies Amy Wohlert is on the Statewide Articulation task force. Provost Dasenbrock serves on the Geographic Service Area task force and on a subcommittee of the Formula Enhancement task force.
• Placement tests will be taken by high school juniors rather than during their fall semester in college.

6. FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT'S REPORT
The Faculty Senate President reported on the following:

• Faculty Senate President Virginia Shipman (College of Education) was surprised and honored to be elected Faculty Senate President.
• President Shipman welcomed and introduced the new 2006-2007 Faculty Senators:

ANDERSON SCHOOLS OF MANAGEMENT
Gautam Vora

ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING
Mark Childs

ARTS & SCIENCES
Robert Berrens (Economics)
Steve Cabaniss (Chemistry)
Michael Gold (Physics and Astronomy)
Victoria Kaufman (Mathematics and Statistics)
Pamela Lutgen-Sandvick (Communications and Journalism)
Katja Schroeter (Foreign Languages and Literatures)
Zack Sharp (Earth and Planetary Sciences)
Akaysha Tang (Psychology)
Gerald Vizenor (American Studies)

EDUCATION
Joy Griffin (Physical Education)
Roxana Moreno (Educational Psychology)

ENGINEERING
Timothy Ross (Civil Engineering)
Sanjay Krishna (Electrical and Computer Engineering)

FINE ARTS
Steven Block (Music)

GALLUP CAMPUS
Teresa Wilkins
• President Shipman introduced the Operations Committee: Associate Professor Joy Griffin (Physical Education), President-Elect Jackie Hood (Organizational Studies), Assistant Professor Nikki Katalanos (Family and Community Medicine), Associate Professor Laurie Schatzberg (Marketing and Information Decision Sciences), Associate Professor Howard Snell (Biology), and Professor Bruce Williams (Infectious Diseases).
• Shared governance is vital for an effective university. Senators need to communicate with their constituencies.
• President Shipman will contact all the deans and department chairs and offer to meet with any department or program.
• Committee restructuring will be a long process. There are 28 committees. There was a committee survey conducted in Spring 2006. The survey found that some committees meet regularly and some have not met at all. Some committees have adequate staffing while others have no faculty members. At the next meeting a suggested plan will be discussed. By the October meeting a new system could be created.
• The bylaws and the constitution will be reviewed this year by the Operations Committee and then the Faculty Senate.
• If there are two unexcused absences by a senator and that senator will be removed from their seat and their dean or director will be contacted for a replacement.
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:

- Delete Concentration in Toxicology in Pharmaceutical Sciences, College of Pharmacy
- Revision of A.S. in Science, Los Alamos Branch
- New Department of Neurological Surgery, School of Medicine
- New A.S. in Emergency Medical Services, Valencia Branch
- Revision of A.A. in Business Administration, Valencia Branch
- Revision of A.S. in Pre-Engineering, Los Alamos Branch
- Revision of A.A. in Pre-Business Administration, Los Alamos Branch
- Revision of Concentration and Deletion of Emphasis in A.A. of Behavioral Sciences, Taos Branch
- Name Change of Minor in Health Education, Physical Performance and Development
- Revision of Pharm.D., College of Pharmacy
- New Concentration of Civil Engineering in Ph.D. of Engineering, College of Engineering
- New Concentration of Chemical Engineering in Ph.D. of Engineering, College of Engineering
- New Concentration of Mechanical Engineering in Ph.D. of Engineering, College of Engineering
- New Concentration of Nuclear Engineering in Ph.D. of Engineering, College of Engineering
- New Concentration of Computer Engineering in Ph.D. of Engineering, College of Engineering
- New Concentration of Electrical Engineering in Ph.D. of Engineering, College of Engineering

AGENDA TOPICS

8. APPROVAL OF FORM D FROM THE CURRICULA COMMITTEE
Director Abhaya Datye (Electrical and Computer Engineering) presented the following Form D. The Form D was approved by a voice vote of the Faculty Senate with two abstentions:

- New M.S. and Ph.D. in Nanoscience and Microsystems (NSMS), College of Engineering

9. AFFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE STATEMENT OF KEY CHARACTERISTICS FOR UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT
President Shipman led a discussion regarding the affirmation of the Committee on Governance Statement of Key Characteristics for University President. The Senate unanimously affirmed the following statement from the general faculty meeting called by the Committee on Governance regarding the key characteristics for the next university president. The Senate voted to enhance key characteristic number four by requiring an equivalent terminal degree from a regionally accredited institution. An example of terminal degrees include: J.D., M.D., Ed.D., etc.

Presentation to the Regents, April 11, 2006

On Tuesday, March 21, 2006, an open meeting of the UNM Faculty was held, called by the Committee on Governance of the University of New Mexico to discuss aspects of the process to hire the next permanent President of the University of New Mexico. The agenda items for the meeting included the following:

1. qualifications for the candidates for permanent President of the University of New Mexico;
2. the role/percentage of faculty on the official presidential search committee; and,
3. the means by which faculty select their representatives on the search committee.
The faculty agreed that the following minimum qualifications should apply to each of the designated candidates:

1. have EARNED tenure AND subsequent promotion to the rank of full professor at an academic institution;
2. have administrative experience at an institute of higher education in central administration;
3. have experience in demonstrated leadership in issues of diversity in higher education;
4. have obtained a Ph.D. or equivalent; and,
5. be characterized by personal integrity and collaborative leadership.

In addition, the faculty agreed that the following are preferred qualifications for each of the designated candidates for the position:

1. national/international perspective as indicated by past/present experience;
2. experience in capital campaigns/fundraising;
3. experience working with legislators/understanding of NM "climate" based on experience at a Hispanic/Native American serving institution;
4. capable of representing UNM externally;
5. commitment to shared governance and academic freedom; and,
6. capable of articulating a vision for UNM and its direction.

10. LIBRARY REPORT ON ZIMMERMAN FIRE
University Libraries Interim Dean Fran Wilkinson presented a report of the fire in Zimmerman Library.

There was a fire in Zimmerman's periodical area on Basement Level 1 on Sunday night, April 30, 2006.

Among the journal collections completely destroyed were:

- American History
- Latin American studies
- Native American studies
- Hispanic studies
- African-American studies.
- Other damaged areas were geography, anthropology, archaeology, religion, philosophy, and cultural studies.

Journal Status

- A complete list of the lost materials (approximately 30,000 volumes) is available from our main web page.
- All the surviving journals and microforms were shipped out of state for cleaning and further assessment.
- None of the journals or microforms sent for cleaning and restoration will be returned until the basement can be re-opened.
- Journals received since the fire are currently shelved in the West Wing.

Post Fire

- Physical Plant reports that $3.8 million in costs have been incurred to-date and they expect that number to increase but do not have an estimate on how high it will go. This does NOT include any costs for replacement of materials.
- All floors except the basement and first-floor reference area are open to public. Some lights, electricity and fire alarms are still not working.
Until the fire alarms are repaired security company employees patrol each floor continuously to respond to any emergency situation.

Zimmerman is now open most of its normal hours.

First Floor Reference Remodel

Reference area remodel is underway and should be completed by late November 2006. Reference services have been relocated to the Center for Southwest Research (CSWR) Gallery.

Expected Outcomes

- Sprinkler system installation.
- Approximately 5,600 more square feet of public space.
- Combined Zimmerman Reference and Government Information Department (GID) reference desks.
- More seating for customers.
- More computers for customers.
- Flexible space that can be morphed into the research plaza at some future date.

Why the basement is still closed

- Although the fire was contained in the north-east end of the basement level the entire floor (including staff areas) was heavily smoke and water damaged.
- The basement level has been completely gutted in order to remove all the wall, ceiling and flooring materials contaminated by the fire. It will take many months to restore the area.
- We anticipate that the basement area will reopen late spring or summer 2007.

Donations

- We are working with UNM and the wider community to rebuild our collections. We are happy to discuss future donations of materials but we do not have space to store donations of journal collections at the moment.
- If you wish to make donations of money, contact Patricia Brkich (277-1267, pbrkich@unm.edu).
- If you wish to discuss donations of materials, contact Linda Lewis (277-7828, llewis@unm.edu)

10. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS GOALS FOR 2006-2007

Provost Reed Dasenbrock presented the following Academic Affairs Goals for the 2006-2007 academic year. Provost Dasenbrock requests any comments, suggestions, and corrections be sent to him.

Goals for Academic and Student Affairs and Research – 2006-2007

We propose six overarching goals for the areas that report to the Provost for the next academic year, and the purpose of this document is to sketch those goals and describe some of the action steps to be taken this year to achieve them. Other steps will certainly emerge as we move forward.

1. Develop Short- and Long-term Strategy for Smart Enrollment Growth

The instructional budget of the university depends almost completely on enrollments, both from the funding formula and from tuition revenue. We have experienced and gotten used to an upwards slope in
enrollments generating additional formula and tuition revenue which now seems to be flattening out or perhaps even declining. It will be important to get a better sense of just what is happening and why, but we also need to work on some specific initiatives which should lead to targeted enrollment growth.

- Develop dual enrollment agreement (including funding mechanism) with APS.
- Consider an increased focus on out-of-state recruiting of freshmen (currently <10%), especially in California; need to work on inconsistencies in out-of-state competitive scholarships from State.
- Work on increasing transfers from branches, CNM, and other two-year schools through improved articulation, advising, and financial aid.
- Work on developing summer school, intersession, second 8 week and other less traditional curricular shapes.
- Improve efficiency of student services which impact enrollment (Financial Aid, Bursar’s Office) and develop more student-friendly and functional disenrollment policy.
- Continue to improve retention and graduation rate: task force report on Improving the Graduation Rate due in December.
- Continue to build enrollments in Rio Rancho and move towards campus there.
- Continue to develop and implement new degree programs to fit new needs: B.A./M.D., Film and Digital Media, Nanoscience and Microsystems, M.A. in Native American Studies, others (will need to work with HED on degree approval process here).
- Focus on Graduate enrollments through analysis of current and target program size, utilization of new recruiting funds allocated to departments, recruitment efforts aimed at our own graduating students, stepped up international efforts (esp. in Latin America, India, and China).

2. Continue to Implement Agenda for Excellence in Undergraduate Education

- Consider requiring all freshmen to participate in the Freshman Academic Choices.
- Strengthen pre-professional programs (pre-law, pre-health).
- Expand and restructure undergraduate research offerings.
- Use Regents Endowment allocation to expand and increase awareness of study abroad opportunities.
- Task Force on Honors Program report due this year.

3. Make Visible Progress on the Agenda for the Emerging Majority
o Continue to make progress on eliminating gaps in retention and graduation rates (focus of proposed Special Emphasis for Accreditation).

o Implement Task Force Recommendations from Hispanic and Native American Issues Task Forces.


o Pursue aggressive resource acquisition strategy for minority-related programs (Title V, RWJ, state and federal legislative requests).

o Continue to strengthen relations to Dine College and other tribal colleges in state.

o With UCAM, Office of Governmental Affairs, and others, pursue national visibility strategy on these issues, including expanded role in HACU.

4. Continue to Implement Areas of Marked Opportunity and Public Engagement

o Formalize administrative structure and coordination mechanisms for existing areas.

o Start UNM-wide discussions on areas of public engagement.

o Aggressively pursue funding for all areas from state (ArtsLab, Biomedical Engineering, Radioisotopes), federal appropriations (Radio Astronomy, ArtsLab, Biomedical Engineering), and other sources, including competitive federal grants, foundations and private support.

5. Strengthen Relations with National Labs

o Realize Opportunities Created by New LANL Contract by creating needed administrative structures in state and at UNM (Institute for Advanced Studies, internal faculty and administrative structures), growing educational programs at lab through UNM-LA and Extended University, and growing collaborative research with Lab.

o Support creation of a DOE Discovery Science and Engineering Institute at Sandia.

o Strengthen relationship with Center for Integrated Nano Technology (CINT) at SNL & LANL, especially through new M.S./PhD. in Nanoscience & Microsystems (NSMS).

o Strengthen relationship with Air Force Research Lab.

11. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was raised.

12. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Rick Holmes
Office of the Secretary