A regular session of the Faculty Senate was held on February 19, 2008. Chair Bryan Spangelo called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. in rooms 208 B & C of the Moyer Student Union building.


Single Meeting Proxies: Gary Larson for Greg Borchard; Elaine Bunker for David Dickens; Kendall Hartley for Cecilia Maldonado; Adam Sikula for Carolyn Hensley; Cheryl Tillotson for Julian Smit, Andrew Cornelius for Malcolm Nicol; Amanda Haboush for Denise Tanata; Al Izzolo for Ken Teeters.

Absent: Ernesto Abel-Santos, Peter Bayer; Vicky Albert; John Filler; Shannon Smith.

Call to Order and Announcements: Chair Spangelo called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M. Chair Spangelo made several announcements: the campus Focus 50-100 Planning Retreat was held on Friday, February 15. The Senate will be asked to take action on the plan emerging from this planning process. Nominations are open for Faculty Senate Executive Committee positions: vice chair, secretary, professional staff, and two at-large members. Nominations require a short bio and statement. Elections for these positions will be held at the March 25 meeting. Senior Senators were asked to hold elections in their colleges for open Senator slots for 2008-09. The Campus Affairs Committee will also report to the Senate on March 25.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of minutes for several past meetings was postponed until the March 4 meeting.

Invited Guest: Regent Howard Rosenberg answered questions from Senators about several issues including campus security, the iNtegrate system, the need for all constituents to educate the board about the resources needed to support a research mission, and the potential for future budget cuts.

Information: Nancy Flagg, Special Assistant to the Vice President for Research discussed a draft of the Research Misconduct Policy, providing background information on the policy for possible future action.
**Action Item:** NSHE Title 2, Section 5.13.2 revisions (Annual Performance Evaluation of Tenured Faculty)—Motion to postpone action to March 4 meeting in order for the Executive Committee to present the pros and cons of this change, moved by Senator Schibrowsky, seconded by Senator Larson and approved by the Senate.

**Future Action Items:** The Senate will be asked for action on a planning document most likely at the March 25 meeting.

Chair Spangelo presented revisions to the UNLV Bylaws, Sections 16.4 and 16.5 (Guidelines for Promotion or Appointment to Academic Rank for Academic Faculty), which would change the process and requirements for external letters for promotion. Senator Wrobel suggested the wording “procure” as opposed to “solicit.” Questions were raised about when this change would go into effect, what would be gained from the change, and a desire for consistency regarding what materials reviewers are sent.

**New Business:** There was a request for Tad McDowell to speak to the Senate at one of the March meetings to give a parking update and to hear concerns about parking at the Shadow Lane Campus.

There was no other new business.

**Adjournment:** There was a motion to adjourn at 1:30 P.M.