A regular session of the Faculty Senate was held on October 9, 2007. 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:** David Wrobel for Maria Casas; Chulsung Bae for Ernesto Abel-Santos; Jan Pedersen for Wolf Bein; Al Izzolo for Ken Teeters, Michael Pravica for Malcolm Nicol; Shannon Sumpter for Michael Tylo; Cheryl Tillotson for Kathy Laukner.

**Absent:**

**Call to Order and Announcements:** Chair Spangelo called the meeting to order at 12:15 P.M. Chair Spangelo made several announcements: the Board of Regents will meet October 11 and 12 at DRI; the Town Hall meetings are underway; a CSN Panel Discussion on Shared Governance is scheduled for October 19; a link to a Salary Roster has been posted on HR’s website in addition to a link to the merit list; and the President has announced the creation of several intramural research awards.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the meeting on September 18, 2007 will be approved at a future Senate meeting.

**Invited Guest:** Dr. William Boldt, the Vice President for Advancement, addressed the Senate regarding budgeting and the impact of major gifts and endowments to UNLV.

**Reports:** Senator Richards presented his committee’s Task-Force on Post-Tenure Review. This report will be posted on the Faculty Senate web-site.

**Action Item:** The Senate was asked to vote on an amendment to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Section 5.0, Article 5) as suggested by the Executive Committee. Senator Filler moved to Divide the Question. Original Bylaw 5.6 read: “After committee membership has been determined, the Executive Committee shall appoint a chair from the membership.” An amendment to this Bylaw was approved unanimously. It now reads: “After committee membership has been determined, the Executive Committee shall appoint a chair subject to the approval of the Committee.”
An additional amendment Section 5.6.3 to the Faculty Senate Bylaws was also approved by a vote of 38 yeas and 1 nay. This amendment reads:

5.6.3 The Chair of the Faculty Senate, in consultation with the Executive Committee, may appoint committee members to fill vacant seats from any college or unit. If a college or unit has not filled its seat by 3 (three) weeks following the first day of classes of that college's or unit's Fall semester, the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall appoint an eligible person from the college/unit area to serve as a committee member during that academic year. The Chair shall make the appointment in consultation with the Executive Committee and with the Senior Senator of the college or unit that employs the appointee.

Future Action Item: Chair Spangelo presented an amendment to the UNLV Bylaws in which the Faculty Senate would support the establishment of academic college bylaw committees to periodically review unit bylaws and, therefore, make appropriate recommendations to faculty. The Faculty Senate would direct its Executive Committee to update the accompanying bylaw checklist as needed on a periodic basis and distribute it to each college. The Faculty Senate will in turn distribute the Campus Affairs Committee’s preliminary review of each college’s bylaws to that college as reported in the committee’s spring 2006 report. The Faculty Senate also recommends that each unit’s bylaws be posted on the Executive Vice President and Provost and unit’s web site. On October 30, the bylaw regarding College Bylaw Committees will be an Action Item. This will amend Chapter I, Section 4.4: Faculty Bylaws and Chapter I, Section 4.7: Academic College Committees Authorized. There were no questions raised by these future items.

New Business: Professor Skip Swerdlow, Chair of the Tenure and Promotion Committee, stated that the criteria for full professor were redundant and unclear. His committee met on April 18, 2007, and put together recommendations for solving the vagueness of the original criteria. There were originally nine recommendations on what constitutes a full professor; however, Chair Swerdlow’s committee reduced the recommendations to six. Defining the vagueness of the term “collegiality” is an issue that is still open and undecided.

There was no other new business.

Adjournment: There was a motion to adjourn at 1:57 P.M.