Faculty Senate Minutes
October 11, 2005

Called to order a regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate held on October 11, 2005, by Chair Clint Richards at 12:25 p.m., in the Moyer Student Union Lounge 201.


Single Meeting Proxies:  Jason Vaughan for Jennifer Fabbi; Wolfgang Bein for Samir Moujaes; David Beisecker for Karen Kemtes; Peter Shiue for Ebrahim Salehi; Virginia Usnick for LeAnn Putney.

Absent:  Kristi Rodriguez, David Schwartz, Jennifer Thompson, and Deborah Young.

Opening remarks by Chair Richards.

Approval of the minutes of September 20, 2005.

Action Items:

1) Academic Standards Committee’s recommendation to limit undergraduate nonadmitted students to a maximum of 6 credits per semester.  A slide presentation was given by ASC Chair Virginia Usnick who explained the historical reasons behind the committee’s recommendation.  She also presented the pros and cons of the issue as viewed by the Registrar, UNR and several other entities.  Discussion followed.  A guest speaker representing the Senior Adult Theater dept expressed his view that some departments, such as his, would like to be exempt, if such a proposal is passed.  Senator Aizley suggested that students enrolled in Summer Term be exempted as well.  After lengthy discussion, the Senate determined it was not prepared to vote on this issue without further deliberation and information.  Item was tabled till a future date by Senators Crawford and Phelan.

2) Academic Freedom and Ethics Committee and Hearing Bylaws – Senator Peter Bayer shared information about the upcoming conference co-sponsored by the Boyd Law School and the Faculty Senate.  Everyone is encouraged to attend this interesting conference with renowned speakers to be held Oct. 14, 1-6 PM at the TAM.  Discussion continued regarding the proposed bylaw changes.  It was moved and seconded, with 7 against and one abstention, that a member of the committee may have 6 yr non-tenure track experience or 10 years of professional experience.  However, this action item was sent back to committee for more refinement.

3) Election of Special Hearing Panel – ballots were passed to remaining Senators, who were asked to vote for up to 15 names on the special hearing ballot.  Names were listed alphabetically on the ballot, without prejudice to faculty or administrator.  Senators were asked to vote for those they felt would best serve the special hearing panel needs.  Ballots were folded twice and collected.

Future Action Items:

1) Resolution on College Evaluation of Administrators

2) Recommendation to Create Ad Hoc PTI Support Committee

Handouts were given to be reviewed by the next regular Senate meeting to be held on October 25, 2005, at 12:15 p.m.

Meeting was moved to adjourn by Senator Phelan and seconded by Senator Lauckner at 2:00 pm.