A regular Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Chair Maldonado at 12:15 p.m. in Student Union rooms 208-BC on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

**Present:** Peter Bayer, Andrew Bell, Amy Brooks, Gregory Brown, Elaine Bunker, Patrick Carlton, Chris Cochran, Margot Mink Colbert, Marcia Ditmyer, Jennifer Fabbi, John Farley, John Filler, Bernard Fried, Kenneth Fernandez, Liam Frink, Jeff Gelfer, Greg Ginn, Sara Gordon, David Hatchett, Clemens Heske, Al Izzolo, Peter Jakubowski, Fred Krauss, Pat LaPutt, Nancy Lough, Cecilia Maldonado, Rebecca McDonald, Sally Miller, Sue Mueller, Michael Nussbaum, George Pales, Matt Pedersen, William Ramsey, Clint Richards, Mary Riddel, Eduardo Robleto, Bill Robinson, Jay Souza, Bryan Spangelo, Eva Stowers, Shannon Sumpter, An-Pyng Sun, Paul Traudt, Susan VanBeuge, Dan Young.

**Single Meeting Proxies:** Amy Brooks for Carolyn Hensley; Paul Traudt for Gary Larson; Michael Nussbaum for Rebecca Nathanson (long term proxy); Eva Stowers for Caroline Smith; Pat LaPutt for Mike Wilde.  **Absent:** Wolf Bein, Aly Said, Lori Slinn

Minutes for the meetings of December 7, 2010, and October 12, 2010, were approved unanimously without change by the Senate. Several speakers were on the agenda:

- **Dr. David James**, Assoc. Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, and Gail Griffin discussed a report on the results of the NWCCU accreditation recommendations. They liked UNLV’s unified spirit; having only two concerns: that Deans show more buy-in by doing more assessment; and, considering budget constraints, want to know how our university will find resources to continue the path of research intensiveness? Dr. James presented 3 main core themes and the goals to reach them. He is open to suggestion and faculty input. Several senators offered a couple of immediate suggestions: 1) put more faculty on the task forces, 2) have a broader based discussion of the benchmark measures for the campus. Dr. Michael Bowers, Provost, stated that NWCCU had not yet responded as to what criteria they are looking for.

- **Dr. William Boldt**, VP for Advancement, and Luis Valera, J.D. Government Relations, spoke on the “Toolkit” available on the Budget website for faculty who are asked to speak at any stakeholder engagement. It is updated periodically and no state funds are used to print. Everyone is asked to also contact their legislators. To edit additions to the “Toolkit,” please contact Dr. Boldt. Senators felt there should be more information on research and that Deans need to communicate what departments are doing. Luis stated that the stats show the public is not interested in research.
Senior VP for Finance Gerry Bomotti presented a draft of a letter to the Chancellor with information regarding the final findings of the PEBP Task Force. He also stated that it was recommended that the Board of Regents make it a priority to find funds to create its own health plan for NSHE employees and pull out of PERS. This Task Force did an excellent and thorough job; Senator Cochran commended Dr. Bomotti and Senator LaPutt on the excellent job.

Announcements/Information

Chair Maldonado announced a Town Hall meeting open to the public regarding the planned state budget cuts. It will be held Saturday, January 29, from 9am – 2pm at the Grant Sawyer Bldg. Through a video link with Carson City, statements will be shared with legislators. It is hoped many will find time to attend.

During these stressful times, Chair Maldonado reminded faculty to use the forms and procedures available at http://studentconduct.unlv.edu/concern/ should they become aware of a student who is in need of specialized intervention/referral services through “student of concern” policies. Senators are encouraged to share this with their units.

Action Items – Senator Spangelo moved, seconded by Senator Traudt, to approve the recommended civility statement from the Academic Freedom and Ethics Committee. During the open discussion, General Counsel Linstrom noted that "incivility" was not specifically defined in the draft statement and that the draft is not intended to be part of the Hate Crimes policy which only relates to bias. Accordingly, and consistent with the intent of the Senate, the draft civility statement is not enforceable policy and would not be the basis upon which to pursue any disciplinary or similar official proceedings. The apparent Senate sentiment is that the statement seeks to enhance a culture of civility, that it states the aspirations of the University community and the statement might reside on the Provost web page. The amendment was approved by a voice vote that the Ayes carried. There were no Nays, and 3 abstentions.

"UNLV Statement of Civility"

UNLV is dedicated to intellectual inquiry in its full depth, breadth, abundance, and diversity. Integral to this overarching duty is the essential commitment to academic freedom and personal expression in their fullest manifestations. We embrace the articulation of unpopular and unsettling ideas as an integral part of intellectual inquiry. To the extent it is consistent with the full pursuit of intellectual inquiry, UNLV fosters a civil, respectful, and inclusive academic community defined by a concern for the common good, by developing relationships and a culture that promotes the rights, safety, dignity, and value of every individual. A civil university community, consisting of faculty, staff, students, and external constituents, is vital to the pursuit of excellence in research, scholarship, and creative activity – appreciating what distinguishes us from one another while celebrating that which binds us together."

Future Action Items – Faculty Senate bylaw amendment- Section 5, Article 5: Committees – Define standing committees’ response time frame.

New Business - none

The meeting was moved to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. by Senator Pederson, seconded by Senator VanBeuge. Next meeting: February 15, 2011.