A regular Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Brown at 12:15 p.m. in Student Union room 208 B-C on Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

Present: Stephen Bates, Peter Bayer, Wolf Bein, Gregory Brown, Elaine Bunker, Chris Cochran, Margot Mink Colbert, Marcia Ditmyer, Jennifer Fabbi, John Farley, John Filler, Greg Ginn, Karen Harry, Kendall Hartley, David Hatchett, Carolyn Hensley, Al Izzo1, Peter Jakubowski, Fred Krauss, Cory Lampert, Mike Lawrence, Scott Loé, Cecilia Maldonado, Rebecca McDonald, Eugene Moehring, Rhonda Montgomery, Sue Mueller, Gillian Naylor, Michael Nussbaum, George Pales, Matt Pedersen, Bill Robinson, Lori Slinn, Jay Souza, Bryan Spangelo, Eva Stowers, Shannon Sumpter, Paul Traudt, Paul Werth, Mike Wilde, Joel Wisner, Dan Young.

Single Meeting Proxy: Paul Werth for Andrew Bell; Jay Souza for Amy Bouchard; Kathy Robins for Clemens Heske; Michael Nussbaum for Nancy Lough; Matt Pedersen for Aly Said; John Farley for Eduardo Robledo; Carolyn Hensley for Mike Wilde.


Action Items –

- Senator Jakubowski moved to approve the minutes of April 12; it was seconded by Senator Wisner. Minutes were approved unanimously by iclickers. Regarding the minutes of September 20, Senator Nussbaum pointed out an error in the heading. With that change, Senator Filler moved to approve, seconded by Senator Bein. They stood approved unanimously by iclickers.

- Election of the 2011-2012 Special Hearing Committee pool was done by paper ballot. Thirty-five individuals’ names were to be selected by secret ballot. Ballots were collected and tallied by senate staff after the meeting. The following individuals were elected to serve one year terms on the Special Hearing Committee panel: Larry Ashley, Jeanne Brown, Felicia Campbell, Patrick Carlton, Warren Cobb, Margot Mink Colbert, Marilyn Delmont, Marcia Ditmyer, Georgia Dounis, John Filler, Kristene Fisher, Cyrus Ford, Belinda Foreman, Ruby Fowler, Jesus Garcia, Nader Ghafoori, Ed Hawkins, Shelley Heaton, Megan Hullinger, Peter Jakubowski, Ted Jelen, Clark Kincaid, Dave Kreamer, Kathy Lauckner, Raelynn Lee, Gwen Marchand, Mary Martin, Clifford McClain, Venkatesan Muthukumar, Victoria Nozero, Tom Pierce, Kathy Rankin, Ebrahim Salehi, Gail Sammons, Lea Sexton, Ned C. Silver, Alan Simmons, Fran Smith, Craig Topple, Starr Wharton, Matthew Wright.
Informational Items –

- Chair Brown reported that most of the committees have been filled, but there are still a few vacancies. We need to elect a nominee to the University Bylaws committee to replace a member who retired. Nominees should notify the Chair or email faculty.senate@unlv.edu.
- The Parking Advisory Committee needs to fill 3 “faculty” vacancies. Nominees need not be tenured or senators and are encouraged to contact the Chair or email faculty.senate@unlv.edu.
- Lastly, we need nominees to fill vacancies for the FS Grad Liaisons committees to the Graduate College. Express interest directly to faculty.senate@unlv.edu.
- As discussed at the last senate meeting, a new Faculty Senate bylaw amendment is being worked that would change the term of the incoming senate chair and executive officers. Another alternative suggested was that the incoming chair have an 11 month term, being called chair-elect, and shadow the outgoing chair for one month. This would help make a smooth transition in the years of council of chairs chair election from the south. Additionally, the question is raised: should the FS constitution be changed also. These are issues to be discussed at a future meeting.

Committee Report – Chair Brown recognized Senator Robinson, Past Chair Maldonado-Daniels and PAC Chair Rainier Spencer and all committee members of the Campus Affairs Committee and President’s Advisory Committee for the work done on the Campus Climate Survey. Past Chair Maldonado gave a summary report and powerpoint presentation on the data and results available. A motion to accept the report was made by Senator Bein, seconded by Senator Moehring. It was approved by iclickers.

Old Business –

- General Education continues to be discussed at length regarding the first year experience, benefits, comparison to other institutions, who will staff, develop the courses, and the funding sources. Do all colleges have to participate? Is it mandatory and for whom? Does it make a difference in graduation statistics?

New Business/Future Action Items –

- The Academic Calendar for 2014-2015 will be an action item at the October meeting.

- A flier for the UNLV Food Pantry was distributed. The generosity of the campus community is helping those in need during these tough economic times. It is available discreetly to all staff and students (no IDs checked). If you’d like to donate, please contact the Senate office or look for one of the drop off boxes around campus. Drop offs located: Lied Library, Law Library, Student Union, Science & Engineering Bldg, and the Wellness Center. (Sponsors are the GSPA, CSUN, PAC, and the Classified Staff Council). If you know someone in need, tell them about the Food Pantry. Thank you!!

Public Comment –none

A motion to adjourn made by Senator Filler, seconded by Senator Cochran, ended the meeting at 2:00 p.m. Next meeting: October 18, 2011, SU 208-BC @ 12:15 p.m.