UNLV 2011-2012 Faculty Senate Minutes
Tuesday, April 17, 2012

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, April 17, 2012.


Single Meeting Proxy: George Pales for Gregory Ginn; Bryan Spangelo for David Hatchett; Carryn Bellomo for Clemens Heske; Margot Mink Colbert for Peter Jakubowski; Andrew Bell for Eugene Moehring; Fred Krauss for Amy Bouchard; Mike Wilde for Lori Slinn; Mike Lawrence for Jay Souza.

Action Items:

- Election results for 2012-2013 Senate Executive Committee: Paul Werth (LA) – Vice Chair; Marcia Ditmyer (HS) – Secretary; Jay Souza (Adm Fac) – Adm Faculty representative. Rhonda Montgomery (HOA) – At Large; and Susan VanBeuge (HS) – At Large.
  Senator Filler asked that next year (perhaps through bylaw change) the senate be allowed to question the Executive Committee candidates.
- March 20 Senate minutes – Senator Fabbi (Wisner) moved to approve, so approved by iClickers.

Chair’s Report and Announcements:

- Board of Regents met April 20 and will again on May 31. The Chancellor’s budget request goes to the Governor on September 1. Chair Brown explained various components of the formula funding discussions.
- Senate website revision is progressing, to be completed through the summer. It should be easier on the staff and colleagues with more rapid updating.
- UNLV Ombuds search committee is being chaired by past Senate chair Cecilia Maldonado.
- Thanks to one time Provost funding, the Senate office is going through a digitization process of old records and archives. Not only will this free up space, it will preserve and add greater accessibility of senate records.
- Two Senate At Large seat elections are underway until April 30, one two year, one three year term.
- A transitional Executive meeting is scheduled for May 15.
- College elections are underway to replenish Senate and committee memberships.
- Next Board of Regents meeting is May 31- June 1 in Reno.
- Senate Retreat will be August 21 @ 8:30 am – Noon in the IGI building on campus.
- Campus Affairs committee has been working on its charges such as performance evaluation surveys; campus climate survey responses; and forming a sub-committee from the Diversity Council.
- Several committee chairs are outgoing: Program Review, Fiscal Affairs, Priority and New Program Review, and University Bylaws. Those interested are asked to contact the EC. All committee charges are being worked on by the Executive Committee.
- The Ad Hoc Governance Committee report will be available in August.
- Participation is encouraged in an on-line survey regarding usage of the new Walk-in Clinic.
- The UNLV Cares Food Pantry has now achieved 501(c) 3 status as a nonprofit and is allowed to accept monetary donations as well as bulk food donations.
- The UNLV Public Safety Advisory Board seeks two faculty nominations. If interested email the Senate chair this week.
- Campus Master Plan advisory group (meets 4-6 times in next six months) needs a representative.
Committee Reports:

- **EVP&P search** - Senator Hartley reported that two candidates are on campus for interviews. An on-line survey should be completed after each candidates’ forum. Three of the final four candidates accepted interviews. All candidate vita are also on-line.

- **General Education** Committee Chair Ian Dove (a new father!) reported that since January all colleges, except Lee School of Business, have First Year Seminar courses approved. The committee is now working on Second Year Seminar approvals as well development of course assessment.

- **Curriculum Committee** – final meeting is April 26th to approve remaining course program changes.

- **Priority and New Program Review Committee report** – written report from PNPC chair Nasser Daneshvary regarding the proposed revisions to NSHE Code 5.4.7/8 Curriculum Review. Recommendations: 1) The PNPC strongly supports the revision of the code to establish separate policies, procedures, and processes for financial exigency and curricular review. 2) The PNPC supports the points suggested by the memo from the Senate chairs. (ref- attached report)

The Board of Regents will consider these Curricular Review amendments again August 20, 2012.

Old Business/Action Items:

- A resolution previously submitted by the Executive Committee regarding reinstatement of faculty and staff salary cuts (implemented due to budget cuts in 2009/2011) and tabled in March to allow more time for decision was moved off the table by Senator Filler, who also called the question. Approved by a vote of 32 yeas, 3 nays, and 3 present.

**Resolution of the UNLV Faculty Senate on Compensation and Funding Formula:**
The UNLV Faculty Senate resolves that the System of Higher Education ought to calculate and include in its budget request to the legislature, any restorations or eventual enhancements of faculty and staff compensation separately from the campus allocations calculated through the use of funding formulas.

*Cuts to campus budgets as a result of furloughs, unpaid leaves, and pay cuts were implemented in 2009 and 2011 based upon 4.6% and 4.8% respectively of actual salary lines. Therefore, any money allocated or allowed to restore or enhance compensation in 2013 or subsequently ought to be attributed to campus budgets based upon actual salary lines as well.*

- **UNLV Bylaws Chapter I.2.3.3 Organization of UNLV.** Updating the organizational units listing of UNLV Bylaws is not considered an amendment. Therefore, the Senate ratified these revisions by a vote of 42 yeas and 1 present.

- **UNLV Bylaws I.2.3.2 – Amendment Procedures**

The following amendment to UNLV Bylaws Chapter I, Section 2.3.2 was passed by a unanimous vote of 43 yeas at the Faculty Senate meeting of April 17, 2012. Ratification requires a favorable vote from two thirds of faculty voting.

I.2.3.2 Administrative Approval. After the proposed amendment is accepted or rejected by the faculty, the president must state his or her opinion on the amendment in writing within twenty calendar days. If the proposed amendment is recommended for approval by the president and approved by the Chancellor, the president shall immediately publish and distribute the change to make it effective. If the president recommends rejection of an amendment supported by the faculty, or if the president recommends approval of an amendment rejected by the faculty, the president shall notify the faculty of his or her decision and the reasons for his or her decision, and so note those reasons when he or she forwards the amendment to the Chancellor. In cases where the president’s decision is at variance with the faculty recommendation, the faculty retains the right to present its case directly to the Chancellor.

- **UNLV Bylaws III.6.1-(A-B) Chairs’ Responsibility in Personnel meetings.**

Provost Bowers addressed the Senate that he felt the Bayer/Filler amendment was eloquently stated and had not only his support but that of the Deans. Senator Montgomery moved to call the question to insert the Bayer/Filler language. The amended main motion was adopted by a vote of 42 yeas, 1 present. The following amendment to UNLV Bylaws Chapter III, Section 6.1.A and B was passed by a vote of 40 yeas, and 1 present. Ratification
requires a favorable vote from two thirds of faculty voting.

**Section 6. Personnel Recommendations for Academic Faculty**

6.1. (A) Academic. Department/Unit Personnel Procedures Authorized. The faculty of each academic department/unit shall establish its own procedures and criteria for all personnel recommendations in accordance with college/school and departmental/unit bylaws. Only tenured and tenure-track faculty and faculty in residence (excluding chairs and directors, assistant and associate deans and deans) may serve on departmental/unit personnel committees, attend personnel committee meetings at which recommendations for promotion, tenure, merit or annual evaluations will be made, or vote in such meetings. It shall be the responsibility of those in attendance to write a detailed report specifying majority and minority opinions. The administrative procedures of each department/unit and college/school shall ensure that the input of administrators is a formalized part of the process. Unit chairs or directors may call a meeting of the personnel committee within a reasonable time after recommendations have been made and only for clarification of the personnel committee report to the unit chair or director.

6.1. (B) Academic. College/School Personnel Procedures Authorized. The faculty of each academic college or school shall establish its own procedures and criteria for all personnel recommendations in accordance with college, school, and institutional bylaws. College/School personnel committees must be comprised of elected representatives from the college or school. Only tenured faculty (excluding chairs, directors, assistant and associate deans, and deans) may serve on college/school promotion and tenure personnel committees. Deans or directors may call a meeting of the personnel committee within a reasonable time after recommendations for promotion, tenure, merit or annual evaluations have been made and only for clarification of the personnel committee report to the dean or director.

- **UNLV Bylaws Chapter I.2.3.4; II.10.5.1 and 10.8(f) – Consultation Bylaws**

Provost Bowers stated that more specific, directive binding language could be discussed with the Executive Committee over the summer. As it stands now, the amendment is not supported by the President and may be considered divisive. Senator Robinson moved that it be sent to committee for addition of language regarding department chairs. Senator Robinson suggested that it be an ad hoc committee as the Bylaws Committee may not be available over the summer. The motion seconded by Senator Filler was moved to refer to either a committee or ad hoc issues group (Chair Brown) by a vote of 40 yeas, 1 present.

**New Business:**
- Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics – organization of university Faculty Senates interested in maintaining academic integrity. Chair Brown referred to the UNLV Intercollegiate Athletic Council.
- New Business from the Floor - none
- Chair’s remarks recognizing outgoing senators and appreciation

**Public Comment** – chair recognized a student who expressed disappointment with rising student costs.

At 1:45 p.m. the Senate adjourned until fall Retreat August 21, 2012. Senators and invited guests moved to an adjoining room for a joint reception honoring outgoing chair Greg Brown and other exiting Senators.