A special Faculty Senate meeting was called to order by Chair Miller at 11:00 a.m. in the Student Union Theatre on Monday, May 2, 2011.


Single Meeting Proxy: Peter Jakubowski for Margot Mink Colbert; Peter Bayer for Sara Gordon; Kathy Robins for David Hatchett; Lea Sexton for Carolyn Hensley; William Culbreth for Matt Pedersen; Michael Nussbaum for Rebecca Nathanson; Stephen Bates for Paul Traudt.

Absent: Wolf Bein, Andrew Bell, John Farley, Gary Larson, Cecilia Maldonado, Clint Richards, Eduardo Robleto, Aly Said, Shannon Sumpter,

Chair Miller stated that the 90 minute meeting’s sole topic of discussion was the draft changes to the NSHE code proposed by the code revision task force. Documents were previously sent to senators for review prior to the meeting.

The Code Review Task Force was formed in the fall of 2010 as an outgrowth of the Board's changes to the Code pertaining to pay reductions and certain financial exigency provisions in June 2010. At that time, in response to the request of faculty that the System undertake more significant discussion about these Code sections, NSHE represented to the Board that we would review these sections in more depth to determine if other changes should be made. The initial focus of the Task Force was on Chapter 5 of the NSHE Code. One document is the initial report of the Task Force. The work of the Task Force is ongoing and the Task Force will now be turning to a review of Chapter 6 of the Code.

Bart Patterson has asked for input from the Faculty Senate chairs by May 9th. Discussion at this meeting will guide that input.

Senators and even the President and General Counsel expressed concern over the timing and language of the proposed Code changes. Senators discussed “tenure home,” curricular review vs economic hardship definitions, and felt it did not seem to hold administration accountable. All
felt it more judicious to postpone such changes for the time being allowing more time for faculty consultation.

Senator Spangelo presented a power point presentation which included a Sense of the Senate draft. Senator Spangelo moved to approve the SoS, Senator Fried seconded. Senators discussed, making several amendments, moving words, adding and then deleting them. Senator Bunker suggested reordering the sentences.

A motion to amend by moving the order of the sentences was made by Senator VanBeuge, seconded by Senator Filler. It passed unanimously. A vote was called to pass the amended Sense of the Senate, and it passed unanimously as well.

Chair Miller stated that she would send the Sense of the Senate to the other Senate Chairs as soon as possible.

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**Sense of the UNLV Faculty Senate – Approved Unanimously**

The UNLV Faculty Senate implores the Nevada System of Higher Education Regents to follow existing CODE language as they deal with the realities of the State of Nevada, Higher Education budget.

We believe Code revisions should not be placed on any Board agenda unless recommended by the Faculty Senates and Presidents. Deconstructing legal protections for NSHE employees by changing our codified governing documents is both irresponsible and negligent.

Senator Spangelo ppt presentation:  
http://facultysenate.unlv.edu/Sense_of_the_Senate/CODE-change-2011.ppt

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Next meeting is August 23, 2011, Retreat, Student Union 208-A.