Present: Emmanuel Ayim, Peter Bayer, Wolf Bein, Aaron Brown, James Crawford, Zhonghai Ding, John Filler, Michael Hammer, Deborah Hart, Wendy Hoskins, Cody Hughes, Peter Jakubowski, Abbie Kirkendall, Anjala Krishen, Mike Lawrence, James Mah, Janis McKay, Eugene Moehring, Rhonda Montgomery, Neil Opfer, George Pales, Michael Pravica, Rebecca Pugh, Carola Raab, Erin Rinto, Bill Robinson, Todd Robinson, Vicki Rosser, Sean Saxon, Cyndi Shein, Racquel Smith, Silvia Southwick, Bryan Spangelo, Andrew Spivak, Shannon Sumpter, Denise Tillery, Douglas Unger, Susan VanBeuge, Doris Watson, Bill Werner, Matthew Wright, Hongtao Yang, Dan Young. (Spangelo and Wright had proxy for part of mtg)

Single Meeting Proxy: Peter Bayer for Matthew Wright; Eugene Moehring for Andrew Bell; Zhonghai Ding for Craryn Bellomo; Michael Lawrence for Lori Slinn; Janis McKay for Anthony Barone; Rebecca Pugh for Brianne Heinle; Anjala Krishen for Robin Raschke; Kathy Robins for Bryan Spangelo; Ivet Santiago for An-Pyng Sun.

Absent: Matt Pedersen

Meeting Minutes

I. Vice Chair John Filler [Chair Rhonda Montgomery arrived later] called the Faculty Senate Meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

II. Minutes from the Senate Meetings of March 17, 2015 were approved. [34-1 approved]

III. Executive Committee Elections

✓ Vice Chair – Spangelo
✓ At-Large Representative – Rosser & Unger
✓ Secretary – Sumpter
✓ Administrative Faculty – Mr. Aaron Brown

IV. Guest Speaker: Norm Bedford, Director, Financial Aid and Scholarships – after brief bio, questions: (Senator Brown) – student indebtedness, what are we doing to help? By graduation most have accumulated $18K in debt. – educational awareness? Dept of Ed has no major requirements. Default rate at UNLV is 7.8%. Financial Aid ads on TV, alerts to student
indebtedness, partner with Brookings for a study, at entrance loan orientation with quiz. What about Graduate Indebtedness? (NO). National Rate? (13.7%), Not a big enough budget to do more! What about the Millennium Scholarship? (It is running out and purchasing power of MS goes down. Fewer students using MS.) What is going on with the federal higher education act? (stronger focus on loans, especially subsidized); Bedford created UNLV Grant Program – tuition and fees are paid, for students with demonstrated need.

V. Action Item

A. UNLV Bylaw Change – Chapter III, Section 15, Recruitment of Faculty
   This bylaw change is submitted to the Faculty Senate to clarify the role of academic faculty in their academic faculty searches and search committees.

   Motion to approve – Neil Opfer – 33-3-3 AMENDMENT passed

BYLAW – 38-0-2 approved

VI. Announcements, Informational Items, and Chair’s Report

P/T FORUM THIS THURSDAY
APRIL 28 – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS AND GALA – Provost White and Chair Rhonda Montgomery will emcee.
MAY 1 – UNLV CELEBRATES – PRESIDENT JESSUP’S INAUGURATION
MAY 16 – GRADUATION ceremonies at 9:00 am and 2:00 pm
FRIDAY – BOR SPECIAL MEETING (PEBP) – PUBLIC COMMENT – RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO MERIT

THANK YOU’S!! from outgoing Chair Montgomery

VII. Future Action Items

A. UNLV Bylaw Amendment – Chapter III, Section 6.1.A (Personnel Recommendations for Academic Faculty)
B. Academic Calendar 2018-2019
C. Statement on Academic Freedom from Academic Freedom & Ethics Committee

VIII. New Business

A. Sense of the Senate: PEBP Health Benefits

IX. Public Comment

X. Adjournment (1:45PM)

BRYAN L. SPANGELO, Secretary of the Senate