

**AGENDA**  
**University of Nevada, Reno**  
**2007-08 Faculty Senate**  
**November 15, 2007, 1:30 p.m.**  
**RSJ 304**

*All times are approximate*

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| 1:30 | 1.  | Roll Call and Introductions                             |   |
| 1:35 | 2.  | Request to Approve the October 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes | Action/Enclosure                          |
| 1:40 | 3.  | Visit with Regent Howard Rosenberg                      | Information/Discussion                    |
| 2:15 | 4.  | Chair's Report  | Information/Discussion                    |
| 3:00 | 5.  | Break   |   |
| 3:15 | 6.  | John Mahaffey and Steve Cavote<br>HERI Faculty Survey   | Action/Enclosure<br>(attached separately) |
| 3:30 | 7.  | Jake Kupiec, University Electronic Communication        | Information                               |
| 4:00 | 8.  | Apportionment   | Action/Enclosure<br>(attached separately) |
| 4:15 | 9.  | Steve Zink,<br>Computer Security                        | Information                               |
| 4:30 | 10. | New Business  | Discussion                                |
| 5:00 |     | Adjourn   |   |

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Meeting Minutes October 18, 2007

Meeting 5

**1. Roll Call and Introductions**

Present: Eric Albers (HHS), Ben Bruce for Esmail Zanjani (CABNR), John Burnett for Tom Lean (A & F), Gale Craviso (SOM), Maureen Cronin (SS), David Crowther (COE), Donnelyn Curtis (Library), Dean Dietrich (DEV), Bill Follette (CLA), Michelle Gardner (Pres), Bill Hammond for Hans-Peter Plag (COS), Jodi Herzik (Provost), Guy Hoelzer (COS), Stephen Jenkins (COS), Doina Kulick (SOM), Alex Kumjian (COS), Normand LeBlanc (SOM), Manoranjan Misa (EN), Bourne Morris (JO), Elliott Parker (COBA), Steve Rock (COE), Nelson Rojas (CLA), Aaron Santesso (CLA), Shawna Rahming for Jill Wallace (IT), JoAnne Skelly (COOP), Leah Skladany (SOM), Judith Sugar (HHS), Patricia Swager (SOM), Patricia Swager for Barb Scott (SOM), Shanon Taylor (COE), Ginny Vogel (CLA).  
Absent: Cindy Kiel (Research), Leonard Weinberg (CLA).

Steve Rock introduced and welcomed Shanon Taylor the new senator from College of Education.

**2. Request to Approve the September 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION: Albers/Swager. To approve the September 20, 2007 meeting minutes as amended with the change that Patricia Swager was here at that meeting.

ACTION: Passed Unanimously

**3. Chair's Report:**

The Reserve Office Training proposal was defeated at the October Board of Regents meeting, after passing in the committee. There was a lot of discussion among the regents regarding the issue of campus safety. Chair Michael Wixom asked the presidents to come back with reports of what steps were being taken on their campuses to increase safety. Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto presented the findings and recommendations of the National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) Task Force on School and Campus Safety. A salary study was done, which does not affect current faculty, but would affect new faculty in a positive way. Regents were concerned about the treatment and pay of part time faculty, regents do not understand the range of how, why and when part time faculty were used. The regents requested that Jane Nichols conduct a salary study for part time faculty. The executive board would charge the Non Traditional Task Force to look at LOA's on campus.

The discussion on the public disclosure of consulting continued at the systems level. The research vice presidents were working with Jane Nichols on some amendments to the code to clearly state that consulting was part of the personnel records and was therefore confidential. There was agreement that aggregate public reporting was appropriate. Mark Brenner argued for reporting on the number but not the amount of consulting. The policy was due to be heard again at the November regents' meeting. Senators discussed the issues surrounding outside consulting, including the benefit to the community and how public disclosure of this would cause difficulty with the outside community. Consulting would keep the community and the university in contact and provide a service to the community. It appeared that the education of the regents would be beneficial to reduce the perception that faculty were receiving double benefits from consulting. The faculty have no issue with aggregate reporting of outside consulting.

The senate office would post the models from the regent's technology taskforce to the senate website for faculty to review.

Rock asked senators to recruit people they felt would be good in the Senate Manager Position.

The senate was trying to staff the ad hoc committees and was having difficulty getting faculty to participate in these committees. Senators asked that the charges be sent out to them.

There was some discussion regarding possible budget cuts coming down the pipeline. The senate office was still staffing ad hoc committees and would send out the charges to senators.

**4. Campus Safety, Shernaaz Webster and Cindy Marczyn, Co-chairs Faculty Consultation Team; Allison Bussa, Chair Student Intervention Team**

Shernaaz Webster, Cindy Marczynski, and Allison Bussa spoke to the senate regarding distressed or distressing students. A brief presentation was given on recognizing the signs and symptoms of distressed students or distressing/disruptive students, common sources of student distress, tips for prevention, tips for possible intervention, and

who to call. If faculty members have a student that they feel needs immediate counseling, then faculty can bring the student over to the team. If faculty were not sure about a student they could call the team and work out some strategies to cope with the problem. They also provide to faculty training and consultation sessions. They maintain a list of troubled students and also work with Police Services and the Office of Student Conduct. The Faculty Consultation Team has been in existence for 6 years and appeared to be the best kept secret on campus. *Contact information: 784-4648 - Faculty Consultation Team; 784-6326 Student Information Team*

#### **5. Campus Safety Adam Garcia-**

Adam Garcia, Director of University Police Services spoke about the programs that have either been improved or instituted on campus to increase campus safety. The officers were doing more shooter training; the SWAT team would be coming to campus to conduct "active shooter scenario" training. The university website would have an active flashing button that could be activated to give campus information on the emergency. Police services would still use reverse 911, and was looking at a text messaging program, as well as a system that would be able to contact five different lists of faculty, staff and students, each list would include the ability to contact 12,000 people per hour. Police Services was putting together brown bag lunch training for faculty that would cover threat assessment. The university had a site assessment team coming to campus that would look at vulnerable locations and make recommendations on how to make these locations less vulnerable. They are trying to procure funding to install 19 blue light security locations across campus. Police Services is working to get funding from the Federal Government. The current state law regarding carrying firearms on campus is that any official law enforcement officer can carry a gun. Adam Garcia Would will research Nevada laws regarding Hate Speech.

#### **6. Add/Drop Policy: Bill Follette, Chair Elect**

Bill Follette, Chair Elect would like to see a more liberal drop policy and asked the senators their views. The discussion included: compared to peer institutions our drop policy was very liberal, would this actually help students succeed, create a habit of dropping classes, creating a worse retention rate and creating an environment where students actually took longer to graduate? Was there data to support a more liberal or strict policy? Would it create a stronger or weaker commitment from students? The concern that Follette would like addressed was whether or not this would help retention. MOTION: Follette/Kumjian. To charge the Academic Standards Committee to consider in the context of retention. ACTION Passed unanimously

#### **7. Campus announcements:**

President Glick had received numerous complaints regarding the volume and of announcements and terminated them effective Oct 1, 2007. They were in the process of developing other alternatives. Both University Police Services and the Senate Office have the ability to send announcements. Senators discussed the issue of announcements or lack of them. Some felt that just a weekly announcement would be more effective, some weren't even sure that they received campus. Some senators felt that without a new way to address campus in place that the pulling of the current announcement system was premature.

#### **8. Apportionment:**

Senators weighed the size of the senate, discussing both sides of the issue of having a smaller or larger senate. Senators decided that the senate should be between 30 and 33 voting representatives and that the executive board should come back with a proposed apportionment at the next meeting.

MOTION: Sugar/Vogel. To approve the change to the faculty senate bylaw as revised by the executive board.

Friendly Amendment: Accepted by Sugar/Vogel. To change section 12.2 of the faculty senate bylaws to read the total body of senate shall equal between 30 and 33 voting members.

ACTION: Passed Unanimously

#### **9. New Business**

Eric Albers asked if the senate can vote on items that have not been listed as action items. Rock replied yes, the faculty senate was not subject to open meeting laws.

The printed version of the directory would no longer be published; apparently the company that was publishing was also paying for it and chose not to continue. Rock asked that senators have questions prepared for Regent Rosenberg at the November meeting. Judith Sugar asked about the status of the mid-term progress report which was sent to the academic standards committee. It was suggested that senators volunteer to serve on a committee as that is where the work is done. Those senators who served on committees could then provide a report at each senate meeting. Alex Kumjian would like to see the senate website improved to provide more information at the committee level.

Meeting adjourned 4:55.

