

## **Meeting Summary Faculty Senate 2/21/08**

### **Chair's Report:**

The *Search Committee for the Executive Vice President and Provost* sent the list of strengths and weaknesses for each of the four candidates who were on campus. The final references are being checked and a decision should be made soon.

At the February Board of Regents Meeting a unique situation arose with students from College of Southern Nevada (CSN) speaking for about 2.5 hours on the proposed increased tuition and budget cuts. The institutions' budgets were revised based on the 10 million available from the iNtegrate Project. The change from a per credit student surcharge to a per credit student fee at UNR was not heard at this meeting. The Knowledge Center will open in time for the fall semester. Currently on campus there is the Energy and Environment Committee which will be changing its name to the Sustainability Committee. The senate was asked for three nominations: Hans-Peter Plag, Scott Slovic have been recommended by the executive board and David Crowther has volunteered. The College of Science (COS) and the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), and the Health and Human Sciences (HHS) Review Committees are being formed. The executive board has not yet received the proposal for the HHS Reorganization but expects it to be ready by mid March. Associated Students Union of Nevada (ASUN) has drafted a resolution regarding the cost of textbooks. In 2006 the senate drafted a resolution regarding this issue as well. Faculty were asked to be timely in ordering their textbooks as a cost savings effort and to think about asking Marie Stewart to speak to faculty regarding the efforts that the ASUN bookstore was trying to make regarding this. Stewart spoke to the senate in November 2006 and the minutes from the meeting can be found at this link: <http://www.unr.edu/facultysenate/Meetings/Archives/06-07/Minutes/11-16-06min.pdf>

The senate could ask Marie Stewart to speak at a senate meeting regarding the rising costs of textbooks and what the bookstore is doing.

Campus safety: the efforts that faculty have made to make their students aware of safety has been greatly appreciated by students and parents. The senate and the university applaud their efforts and would encourage faculty, staff and students to still be thoughtful and careful during this time.

### **Cooperative Extension/Extended Studies Draft Report: Stan Johnson, Committee Chair, and President Glick**

Stan Johnson reported that the following constituted the committee: Jerry Buk, Cooperative Extension, Scott Casper, of History, Kerri Garcia, Extended Studies, Greg Mosier, Business, and Kurt Pregitzer, CABNR, Alissa Mortensen, Provost's Office.

President Glick stated that the committee was charged with reviewing these units to improve the effectiveness of them, creating a greater integration of the cooperative extension and campus, which would bring the resources of campus out to the community. Glick would like comments sent to him. Glick also stated that Stan Johnson who was a retired provost from Iowa State University's Extension and was well respected in this field. Glick stated that good universities review things, not because they are broken, but they make them better. We should not be afraid to ask tough questions. One of the recommendations was to become more engaged with the private sector. Another was more cooperation among faculty on campus and extension work. Glick would like all responses to the report sent to him, with copies to Johnson, and questions about the actual report sent to Johnson. There was time for limited discussion of the report.

### **Crime on Camus: Adam Garcia, Director Police Services:**

All of the UNR Officers have attended 24 hours of active shooters training, which would benefit them in the case of a shooter on campus. The issue with a shooter is that they do not want to negotiate, they just want to kill. At Northern Illinois University the police responded in under a minute and even in that short amount of time it was too late. At UNR the police meet with counseling services on a regular basis.

Adam Garcia had interviewed for a position but has decided to stay at UNR. Police Services has increased the number of safety classes, they have increased patrols from 5 pm to 3 am, they are looking at working 8 hours shifts as a way to have more officers on each shift, they have submitted a proposal to university administration for 100,000 to fund the Blue Towers. The Blue Towers would be located across campus and

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a person could either call 911 or campus escort from the towers. Police Services has begun to provide an escort service for overflow of the campus escort service and while officers are not happy about it, it will continue. The number for campus escort is: 742-6808 and for police services: 334-2677, and the emergency website is: <http://www.unr.edu/emergency>. While the university campus is still safe, people should take appropriate steps for their own safety. Be aware of your surroundings, walk in groups, don't text message or listen to your iPod while walking alone. Garcia stated that he was not able to speak about most of the Dennison investigation at this time, but the police were making headway. Shooters can be profiled much easier, rapists, however do not fit in a profile box.

### **UNR Bylaws Revisions: Elliott Parker:**

The Bylaws and Code Committee (B&C) have two proposed changes to the UNR Bylaws to bring to the senate. Which were passed by the senate.

Change # 1: "to change the current numbering system to a Wittgensteinian numbering system that would be consistent with the NSHE Code, create a Table of Content, and an appendix showing both the old and new numbering."

Change # 2: "Amend the UNR Bylaws to simplify the approval process for department bylaws and create a reconciliation process for cases in which unit and department bylaws conflict with UNR Bylaws and/or the Code."

[http://www.unr.edu/facultysenate/Meetings/07-08/Agendas/bylaws%20memo%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.unr.edu/facultysenate/Meetings/07-08/Agendas/bylaws%20memo%20(2).pdf)

### **Faculty Code of Ethics: John Mahaffey:**

The Academic Standards Committee (ASC) had looked at other institutions that had Codes of Conduct for faculty and wondering if that was something that the university faculty would like to consider. If the senate was interested in having the ASC investigate this would they like the committee to come up with a code and bring that forward to the senate and faculty, or would the senate prefer that the ASC just ask for input from faculty to see what develops and then bring that information to the senate. There was considerable discussion and the senate agreed to put the AAUP Code of Honor link on the senate webpage to begin discussion of this.