University of Nevada, Reno
2003-04 Faculty Senate

Meeting Minutes May 11, 2004 RSJ 304 Meeting 15

Present: Jamie Anderson (Medicine), Buddy Borden (Cooperative Extension), Pam Cantrell (Education), Rod Case (Education), Bob Chaires (Human & Community Sciences), Arthur Chenin (Administration & Finance), Dana Edberg (Business Administration), Bill Follette (Liberal Arts), Trudy Larson (Medicine), Susan Lentz (HCS), John Louie (Science), Bourne Morris (Journalism), John Nelson (Science), Steve Oberg (Research), Amy Shannon (Library), Mary Stewart (Liberal Arts), Shelley VonBerg (Medicine), Mark Waldo (Liberal Arts), Mark Walker for Michael Collopy (Agriculture), Jill Wallace (Provost's Division), Leah Wilds (Liberal Arts), Pat Wilson for Rita Escher (Student Services). Absent: Frank Baglin (Science), Rafik Beekun (Business Administration), Gretchen Bietz (Development), Amy Childress (Engineering), Joseph DeLappe ((Liberal Arts), Johanna Fricke (Medicine), Greg Gardella (Information Technology), Guy Hoelzer (Science), Denise McKee (Medicine),Greg Pari (Medicine), Ken Wilson (President's Division

1. **Introductions**

Charlie Bullock (Health Ecology), Charles Carslaw (committee member, Ad Hoc Review Committee School of Public Health), Greg Hayes (Health Ecology)

2. **Chairs Report**

Chair Larson reported that Jim Rogers was elected as the interim chancellor. She was impressed with his plan to manage the Board of Regent's Meetings and that he seemed to support faculty rights. Rod Case asked why Rogers wanted to do the job. Larson said she thought it was because he was committed to higher education.

3. **School of Public Health Proposal**

John Frederick, Executive Vice President and Provost thanked the senators for attending this special meeting and said that he appreciated the extra effort they expended to attend all of the special meetings this last year and he would try to keep them to a minimum next year. Frederick also thanked Charlie Bullock and Greg Hayes, and the others in the Health Ecology who worked on this proposal. This proposal had been through an intense review process. Frederick said that with the success of the Masters in Public Health (MPH) Program the next step pointed to a School of Public Health. Mary Stewart asked if the idea came from the University Planning Council or from Health Ecology. Frederick said the department emerged with the plan for the SPH, because they saw a societal need. President John Lilley and Frederick wanted the proposal to go through the system as soon as possible. Dana Edberg asked how much the school of medicine (SOM) would participate with the school of public health. Frederick said the SOM had an interim dean during the time the proposal was written, but that the new dean was supportive of the participation. Charlie Bullock said there were a number of SOM faculty they had worked with, and a number of joint projects that had been in existence. There had also been discussion regarding joint appointments and joint classes with SOM and the School of Pharmacy. John Nelson asked about participation with the School of Nursing. Bullock said a degree proposal would be presented with the MPH. Jamie Anderson asked if the SPH would have a dean or a director. Frederick said that it would be a school within a college, so it would have a director. Anderson commented on the proposal's description of a statewide school. Bullock said they had projects in the south and rural and scheduled online classes to start in fall of 2005. Arthur Chenin said there was no reference to the university's statewide land grant mission in the proposal and he would like to see that addressed in the proposal. Bill Follette said he was very supportive of the proposal and thought it was ready to go forward. Dana Edberg said she also supported the proposal, but she was concerned because the proposal does not adequately address funding for the number of new faculty positions. She felt more explanation was needed in the proposal prior to it going to the regents. Bullock said that the proposal could be strengthened in that area. John Nelson asked about July 1, 2004 as the target start date. Frederick said it could feasibly start this academic year. Charles Carslaw said the proposal had been revised to meet the committee's recommendations and recommended that faculty senate approve the report. Mike Collopy asked if the flaws in the proposal were apparent or serious enough to affect the decision of the Board of Regents. Frederick said he did not feel that the proposal was flawed and had more substance than most proposals that go forward to the regents. He also said that UNR would fund through normal formula funding, so that would make the proposal more attractive to the regents. Senators suggested the proposal be strengthened by including the following: correlation of enrollment growth and the increase of jobs in the health care profession, more collaboration with the School of Medicine, the School of Pharmacy, and the School of Nursing, show the existence of a network system through the land grant mission and cooperative extension, and show the possibilities of grant funding and relate that to the salary issues.

MOTION: Nelson/Morris. To forward the proposal to the Board of Regents after the revisions were completed.
ACTION: Approved unanimously

Adjourn.