

Minutes - Draft
Faculty Senate Meeting
February 27, 2008
4:00 pm Kennedy Lounge - New Mexico Highlands University

1. Call to Order
2. **Present:** Maureen Romine, Chuck Swim, Orit Tamir, Meryll Kravitz, Daniel Martínez, Peter Linder, John Jeffries, Yongseek Kim, Mike O'Brien, Mike Meyer (proxy for Merritt Helvenston) April Kent, Jane Gorman, Julius Harrington.

Absent: David Lobdell, Mary Romero,

Others Present: Dr. Gilbert Rivera, VPAA Nora Ngafeeson, Ashley Ramirez
3. Approval of Agenda: agenda was approved
4. Approval of Minutes: minutes approved with one change. There was one abstention
5. Communication from the Administration: Dr. Rivera
 - Faculty Searches – NMHU received over 300 applications. There are applicants for every position, although some positions have more applicants than others.
 - The deans' searches are underway. Dr. Taylor will be replaced as chair of college dean's search.
 - BOR meeting will be on 3/14/08.
 - Dr. Rivera will update the BOR Academic Affairs regarding the proposed grade change proposal; Academic Program Reviews; College of Arts and Sciences reorganization; and, the Media Arts and Language Lecture series.
 - NMHU was given Title II grant to help teachers aides get BA degrees.
 - Dr. Rivera reported that the promotion process is underway.
 - The VPAA may make recommendation to the BOR regarding Computation Engineering, Forensic Science, and Native Americans Hispano Studies before the end of the semester.

6. Communication from the Chair: Dr. Romine
 - Dr. Romine circulated the suggested changes for the Handbook regarding IRB and IACUAC. The Senate unanimously approved the suggested changes.

7. Communication from Academic Affairs: Dr. Jeffries
 - Dr. Rivera is seeking input to the program reviews.
 - The School of Education volunteered to do program review.
 - Early registration for fall is around the corner.

8. Communication from the Student Senates – representatives were not present.
 - Dr. Linder reported that there was a shakeup in the student senate. Michael Sallee resigned. The new leadership is interested in discussing the proposed grade changes.

9. Old Business:
 - Centers policies – The VPAA is interested in a set of procedures. Dr. Martinez would like to see what the committee comes up with before the senate gets involved. Dr. Linder stressed that the main campus position should be strongly represented on the committee. He added that the Committee should take into account accreditation, academic quality, and what the university is willing to do to promote advising and academic quality. Senate members who are also on the Centers Committee (Dr. Gorman, Martinez, and Kravitz) will report to the Senate about the Committee's progress.

10. New Business
 - Tabled.

Respectfully submitted by
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