

Minutes

Faculty Senate Meeting

September 26, 2007

Kennedy Lounge - New Mexico Highlands University

4:20 pm

1. Call to Order
2. **Present:** Maureen Romine, Chuck Swim, Orit Tamir, David Lobdell, Merryl Kravitz, Daniel Martinez, Peter Linder, John Jeffries, Yongseek Kim, Merritt Helvenston, April Kent, Mary Romero.

Absent: Joseph Sabutis, representation from Social Work.
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved unanimously with one correction of a typo.
4. Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2007 – Approved unanimously with one correction.
5. Communication from the Administration – there was no member of the administration present.
6. Communication from the Chair, Dr. Romine:
 - BOR approved a number of capital projects. The BOR also approved the proposed NMHU's graduate students association and its by-laws. A representative of that association will be present at future BOR meetings. In his report to the BOR President Fries noted that the university is working on mutual aide agreement with Las Vegas police.
 - Dr. Romine circulated Faculty Research Committee written response to an inquiry about its evaluation process during last Academic Year.
 - Pino Memorial Endowment – Dr. Tamir sent a request for nominations for this ad hoc committee to the deans.
 - IRB and IACUC are working together on the possibility that they will no longer report to Faculty Senate. Instead, they will report to the research office.
 - Ad hoc Technology committee is moving on.

7. Academic Affairs – Dr. Jeffries:
 - The committee resolved that graduate students can work on campus more than 20 hours a week with permission from advisor.
 - Academic Affairs formed a subcommittee to address the provisions of Belen Endowment. Dr. Romine and Dr. Rivera will also serve on the committee.
 - Dr. Young volunteered to serve on a subcommittee that addresses centers' related issues.
8. Old Business
 - a) Senate representatives continue to solicit responses to the proposed definition of 'policy' from their colleagues.
 - b) Senate representatives continue to solicit responses from their colleagues to the Hispano Round Table flyer.
 - c) The Senate approved by acclamation the nominations of Dr. Mario Gonzales, Dr. Regina Briefs-Elgin, and Dr. Helen Blythe to the Athletic Committee.
 - d) The Senate unanimously approved the following charge to the Athletic Committee:

The athletic committee will contact NMHU Athletic Director in order to ensure that faculty are informed about practice time and travel schedule of student athletes.
 - e) Ms. Kent circulated an alternative consideration to changes in the grading system for consideration. According to this consideration C- is not a passing grade. Ms. Kent also circulated additional options that are in use in other state and regional schools. Dr. Romine will send Academic Affairs' proposal for changes in the grading system to Student Senate for input before the Senate entertains further considerations. The Senate approved the proposed course of action unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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