

Draft Minutes

**Kennedy Lounge - New Mexico Highlands University
3:00pm**

Faculty Senate Meeting May 9, 2007

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 3:05. A quorum was present.
2. **Roll Call: Members Present:** Maureen Romine, David Lobdell, Orit Tamir, Merryl Kravitz, Merritt Helvenston, Peter S. Linder, John Jeffries, Peter Linder, Steve Williams (Proxy for Daniel Martinez), Kim Yongseeh (proxy for Kathy Jenkins), April Kent, Emmanuel Nkwenti-Zamcho (proxy for Chuck Swim).
3. **Members Absent:** Kent Tucker, Joe Sabutis, Jane Gorman
4. **Others Present:** Dr. Gilbert Rivera, Dr. Linda LaGrange, Simon Cao.
5. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved unanimously.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** minutes of 4-25-07 – approved with one change. Unanimously, one abstention.
7. **Communication from the Administration, Dr. Rivera:**
 - BOR meeting will be on Friday at 10:00. Action items include BA University Studies, Sabbaticals, Emeritus Status, and Promotions
 - There have been many appeals and retroactive withdrawals. There is a need to find a better process.
 - Two different groups of Academic Affairs Subcommittees are looking at implications of student hardship appeals regarding Financial Aid. There is a need to streamline the process without encourage many grade appeals.
8. **Communication from the Chair, Dr. Romine (Vice Chair):**
 - In an e-mail, Dr. Sabutis resigned from the position of Faculty Senate Chair.
 - A few members of Faculty Senate met with the AAUP rep on Monday (the representative spent the day speaking to various constituents, including members of Faculty Senate). He inquired about the current conditions on campus are now compared to a year or two ago. He asked whether removal from censure after 4 months is appropriate or should we wait.
 - Coming Friday – BOR meeting. Dr. Romine will be unable to attend (Finals). Dr. Tamir will represent the Faculty Senate.

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9. **Communication from Academic Affairs** – John Jeffries
- The committee discussed student advisement and on commencement. The committee also recommended to limit the petition to Academic Affairs Committee to 3 years. After 3 years petitions will be made the VPAA.
 - Academic Affairs Committee is looking for possible video conferencing format in order to involve eligible faculty in the centers.
10. **Communication from Student Senate** – Simon Cao:
- The Student Senate recommends that if Campus Police personnel are to carry lethal weapons on campus, they should be trained by police academy or public safety.
 - Student Senate will name the new museum that will be housed in Kennedy Hall after Dr. Manaffy.
 - Student senate will carry its gala tonight – all faculty senators are invited.
11. **Elections to Faculty Senate Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary**
- Chair – Dr. Romine
 - Vice-chair – Dr. Linder
 - Secretary – Dr. Tamir
 - At large member – Merryl Kravitz
 - At large member – April Kent
12. **Research:** Linda LaGrange – Interim Director of Graduate Studies and Research
- Three individuals are on contract to help faculty in grant writing.
 - Grant writing workshops for a variety of disciplines will be available during Orientation Week.
13. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Orit Tamir
Faculty Senate Secretary/Treasurer