

Approved Minutes

Approved March 28, 2012

**Faculty Senate Meeting
February 22, 2012
Kennedy Lounge
New Mexico Highlands University, 3:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: 3:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Braun y Harycki, David (School of Education); Dutoit, Tatiana (Visual & Performing Arts); Flores, Jayni (School of Education); Gonzales, Margaret (*Staff Senate*); Greene, Richard (Computer & Mathematical Sciences); Harrington, Julius (School of Social Work); Helvie, Stella (School of Education); Kempner, Brandon (English & Philosophy); Kent, April (Library); LeRoy, Peter (Exercise & Sport Sciences); Loewen, Kerry (School of Business, Media & Technology); Manafy, Abbas (History/Political Science/Language & Culture), Martinez, Edward (Natural Resource Management); Pilotti, Maura (Social & Behavioral Sciences); and Romine, Maureen (Biology & Chemistry).

Absent:

_____, _____ (School of Social Work);
_____, _____ (*Student Senate*);
Williams, Susan (Nursing).

3. Approval of Agenda: 8 February 2012 – Unanimously approved with changes.

4. Approval of Minutes: 22 February 2012 – Approved with changes. Two abstentions.

5. Communication from the Administration:

Dr. Rivera discussed the Administration's plans to devise a program to implement SAT/ACT requirements.

6. Communication from the Chair:

The Chair of the Senate reviewed actions taken and ongoing activities, including attending the President's Cabinet, supervising chair selections, and requesting volunteers to serve as Faculty Marshals.

7. Communication from Academic Affairs:

Dr. LeRoy mentioned that the Academic Affairs Committee was reviewing appeals. Questions arose regarding the nature of undergraduate and graduate appeals. Questions also arose regarding the selection of a Committee suitable for program

reviews, the availability of a schedule for program reviews, and the necessity of reviews when programs are undergoing accreditation.

8. Communication from the Student Senate:

None

9. Communication from the Staff Senate:

Mrs. Gonzales reiterated approval of the Constitution by the BOR and ongoing planning for elections.

10. Old Business:

(a) *Approval of Marshals for Commencement*

Six Faculty were approved to serve as Marshals at Commencement. Names will be posted on the NMHU website shortly.

(b) *Election of members of the Student Affairs Committee*

The following Faculty were elected:

Daniel Martinez (English & Philosophy)

Mario Rodriguez (Social Work)

Taik Kim (Education)

(c) *Campus Health and Safety Information and Issues– Bill Sayre*

Dr. Sayre overviewed safety issues and answered varied questions. Stephen Tafoya described his role and contributed to the overview offered by Dr. Sayre.

(d) *Topics for the Board of Regents Retreat - Tabled*

11. New Business:

None

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura Pilotti

Secretary/Treasurer