

Faculty Senate Meeting
October 26, 2016 Draft Minutes
Approved November 9, 2016

Singer Hall room 100 and via ZOOM, 3:00 p.m. Chair at the Rio Rancho Center

1. Call to Order: 3:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Burns, Jim (Educational Leadership); Ensor, Kevin (Counseling & Guidance); Gadsden, Gloria (Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice); Harrington, Edward (Visual & Performing Arts); Jeffries, John (Computer Science & Math); Jenkins, Kathy (Exercise & Sport Sciences); Kempner, Brandon (English & Philosophy); Reilly, Michelle proxy for Lindline, Jennifer (Natural Resources); Meckes, Shirley (Teacher Education); Meron, Angela (Media Arts & Technology); Rodriguez, Elaine (History & Political Science); Romine, Maureen (Biology); Sammeth, David (Chemistry); Williams, Emily (School of Education); Williamson, Ian (Psychology); Zebrowski, Cheryl (Library)

Excused: Coggins, Kip (School of Social Work); Williams, Susan (Nursing)

Absent: Ortiz, Luis (School of Business); Marrs, Diana (Center for Teaching Excellence);

Also Present: Alarid, James for Linder, Carol (VPAA/Provost); Padilla, Julian (Student Senate); Thornton, Laird (Staff Senate)

3. Approval of Agenda: - MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the agenda. Motion passed

4. Approval of Minutes: – MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the Minutes from October 12th with 1 typo correction. Motion passed.

5. HLC Update: Will be presented at the General Faculty Meeting

6. Communication from the Administration

- a. Dr. Linder is scheduled to be back Nov. 1st

7. Communication from the Chair

- a. Call for volunteers to be on the Pino Endowment committee.
- b. Catalog changes. If the program makes a change and is updated in Degree Works, the student must file a Change of Major form and select the current catalog. Faculty or advisors cannot do this.
- c. The academic calendar was finalized by the administration and will be sent to the Board of Regents for approval. It is for 4 years, counting this year.
- d. The Board of Regents meeting is this Friday.
- e. A retention summit will be held next Thursday & Friday. Dr. Martinez would like all departments to attend. You may drop in and out as needed.

- f. *Starving the Beast* film about higher education funding issues will try to be scheduled for Nov. 16th after the Academic Affairs meeting.
- g. The School of Social Work faculty elected to do an internal Dean's search. Dr. Kempner will send out the proposed procedures to all faculty in the school for last comments.

8. Communication from Academic Affairs

- a. First time freshmen amnesty will allow them to retroactively drop and then pick up an intersession or short class. This was proposed so that they don't lose scholarships or end up paying for more classes. They can drop up to 7 hours, and then add enough class credit to equal at least 15. The committee will look at the data after this semester to determine if we should continue this policy.
- b. The Teacher Education and Curriculum departments merged without faculty input or going through Academic Affairs. It was recommended that they unmerge since the merger is not working.
- c. Ballen Committee will be putting out a request for proposals.
- d. They developed an AP Exam matrix on how scores correspond to class credits.

9. Communication from the Student Senate

- a. They want to transition from a social to political organization. Some of their concerns are Board of Regents censorship, staff, Pepsi contract. They are working on how to get their concerns heard and addressed.
- b. Political rally on January 23 at the state capital. Plan on holding a press conference.
- c. Students are upset about the probation.
 - i. Dr. Kempner and President Minner will be holding a live Facebook event tomorrow. A trifold brochure for students will be distributed soon. Dr. Kempner and President Minner are willing to come to classes. The Website will be up in the next few weeks.
- d. There are some concerns that the senate is bypassing the constitution, but there doesn't seem to be any procedures to allow change in either the constitution or by-laws. They need to be sure to follow process, and may need to hold a constitutional convention to rewrite it.

10. Communication from the Staff Senate

- a. Working on programs for staff recognition.
- b. Would like faculty to volunteer to hold Brown Bag lunch sessions to discuss their research or other academic interests.
- c. Bylaws changes will be voted on.

11. Old Business

- a. DISCUSSION ITEM: Departments without chairs
 - i. Will hold chair elections at the normal time in February. Tenure/Tenure Track Faculty are elected for a three year term, or full time faculty can be elected as an interim chair for a 1 year term.
- b. ACTION ITEM: Student Evaluation of teaching
 - i. Questions may be too vague.
- c. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to charge the Financial Planning Committee to perform a survey of budget cut ideas, to be finished by November 11th. Meets SG6 (enhanced communication and efficiency.) Faculty Senate Chair will inform the Financial Planning Committee.
 - i. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to charge the Student Affairs Committee to work with Dean of Students Kimberly Blea to refine the Disruptive Student policy by adding sections on online students and students at Centers. Meets SG1 (academic excellence and student success), SG5 (Technology) and SG6 (enhanced communication and efficiency). Faculty Senate chair will inform the Student Affairs Committee
 - i. Motion passed unanimously

12. New Business:

- a. ACTION ITEM: Evaluation of Faculty Senate Committees – moved to General Faculty meeting

13. Committee Reports and Announcements

14. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.