

Faculty Senate Meeting
November 30, 2016 Minutes
Approved January 25, 2017

Singer Hall Room 100 and via ZOOM, 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: 3:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Burns, Jim (Educational Leadership); Coggins, Kip (School of Social Work); 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); Lindline, Jennifer (Natural Resources); Meckes, Shirley (Teacher Education); Meron, Angela (Media Arts & Technology); Ortiz, Luis (School of Business); Rodriguez, Elaine (History & Political Science); Romine, Maureen (Biology); Sammeth, David (Chemistry); Williams, Emily (School of Education); Williams, Susan (Nursing); Williamson, Ian (Psychology); Zebrowski, Cheryl (Library)

Excused:

Absent: Padilla, Julian (Student Senate); Thornton, Laird (Staff Senate)

Also Present: Linder, Carol (VPAA/Provost); Marrs, Diana (Center for Teaching Excellence);

- 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 November 9th. Motion passed.
- 5. HLC Update**
- a. Will be discussed at General Faculty meeting
- 6. Communication from the Administration**
- a. There is a Board of Regents meeting on Friday with action to be taken on the Outcomes Assessment Manual, and Faculty are invited to the President's residence for a social afterwards.
- 7. Communication from the Chair**
- a. Dean of Social Work interviews are scheduled this week. Provost interviews are continuing this week and next.
 - b. *Starving the Beast* was a very sobering film, about how politics and market forces are trying to disrupt and reform universities.
 - c. The budget process is ongoing. Senate Presidents were invited to the meetings. There should be more meetings between Deans and all department chairs in order to

review the school and college budgets. Dr. Linder is willing to hold a meeting with all academic departments. The budget cuts survey was just sent out.

8. Communication from Academic Affairs

- a. Reviewing Graduate Student Handbook
- b. Program Reviews ongoing.
 - i. Dr. Jenkins discussed the old funding formula which came from the Commission of Education. It was based on majors, # students graduated over 3 years, and FTE based on credit hours.
- c. Catalog revisions – Michael Raine will be updating the catalog.
- d. Discussion about providing grades more often than just at mid-term and final.
- e. Still working on a syllabus template
- f. Discussing 400/600 stacked courses
- g. School of Education merger was not accepted by the school.

9. Communication from the Student Senate

- a. No one present

10. Communication from the Staff Senate

- a. No one present

11. Old Business

- a. None

12. New Business:

- a. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the Co-Curricular Assessment Process for inclusion in the Assessment Handbook.
 - i. Meets SG1 (Academic Excellence), SG3 (Vibrant campus life, and SG6 (Enhanced communication and efficiency). FS chair will forward the Assessment Handbook to Administration and Board of Regents for final approval.
 - ii. Process is similar to academic outcomes assessment
 - iii. It will go into the assessment manual
 - iv. Motion passed unanimously
- b. The executive committee will work with the administration over the summer to create a time line for Chairs and Deans so it is clear what needs to be done and when.
- c. Sanctuary Campus
 - i. Dr. Romero gave a presentation about DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) which may be overturned under the new administration. Undocumented students may be targeted for deportation.
 - ii. Students are leaving because of possible reversal of DACA.
 - iii. The Diversity Advisory Council began discussions regarding being a sanctuary campus. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has a policy that they will not do raids at several types of designated sanctuaries such as churches, synagogues, universities, etc.
 - iv. Students are working with United We Dream and other organizations.
 - v. They want NMHU to not release information, not allow ICE raids, and that local police not assist ICE.
 - vi. Some clarifying points:
 1. Students do not qualify for financial aid

2. Need to make clear that we will not provide sanctuary to criminals.
 3. There could be fiscal consequences. i.e., federal funds pulled. However, DACA students actually contribute significantly to the economy.
 - vii. Students are holding events to inform people of their rights and other issues.
 - viii. They would like a safe space on campus to meet and provide information.
 - ix. In general, faculty were supportive of the idea.
- d. DISCUSSION ITEM: Bookstore
- i. Lots of problems with bookstore, so will be looking at other models and other options. Will discuss next semester.

13. Committee Reports and Announcements

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