

General Faculty Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2017
Approved March 29th

4:00 - Sininger Hall 100 and via ZOOM

1. Call to Order: 3:58 p.m.

Note: quorum obtained (29 voting Faculty and 2 non-voting Faculty attendees) 25 needed for a quorum.

- 2. Approval of Agenda:** MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the agenda by moving the guest speakers to first on the agenda and adding an item under 6 regarding HB108. Motion passed
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO approve the minutes from January 25th. Motion passed unanimously.

4. HLC Report:

- a. Final visit is scheduled for November 6-8. Our assurance report needs to be submitted by Oct. 1st. It should be written by Sept. 1st for campus review, as well as approved by Senates and the Board of Regents.
- b. Working groups will start next week. The major draft should be written by May, with data to be dropped in over the summer.
- c. The Accreditation website is constantly being updated. The link is at the bottom of the NMHU home page.

5. Faculty Senate Chair Report

- a. New Exec Committee consists of Ian Williamson as Chair, Jennifer Lindline as Secretary, and Kip Coggins, Maureen Romine, Angela Meron and Kathy Jenkins as at large members.
- b. The bookstore is also an issue with administration, and it will go out to bid again. An online store may be an option.

6. Other

- a. Invited guest, Director of Athletics, Bob Clifford introduced himself. His goal is to develop a balanced student and to graduate them. Studies need to come first, and he encourages faculty to contact him if there is a problem with an athlete, or if there is anything else he can do. Discussion about practice time conflicting with classes.
- b. Invited guest, Kim Blea, Dean of Students, to discuss the advocate program. This program allows faculty to share incidents or behavioral issues or other students of concern by using the incident report on the Case Management website. A team will then determine how to best handle the issue. It is a support mechanism, not punitive.
 - i. Sodexo, the new food service vendor is offering lunch to faculty and staff for \$5 every day. They have an app to see what is being served and to rate the food. There will be focus groups next week and faculty

are invited to attend to make suggestions on what type of food venues should be on campus. It will be Tuesday at 9:00.

- c. DISCUSSION ITEM: HLC Faculty Credentials Policy – This is a mandate from HLC. Faculty Senate is working on it and will send out for review.
- d. NM House Bill 108 – will work on the General Education Core curriculum, including meta-majors. This will make it easier for students to transfer, and graduate sooner with fewer required credits. The requirements are more skill-based such as writing, critical-thinking, etc. Each institution could require additional classes over the General Education core. Faculty Senates will be able to put up comments on the website.
 - i. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to send the following statement to the administration. “The Faculty Senate expressed general approval of the bill, but had concerns about shared governance, faculty involvement, and definition and scope of meta-majors.” Motion passed unanimously.

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment at 5:00 p.m.