

Faculty Senate Meeting Minute
September 13, 2017
Approved September 27, 2017

Lora Shields, Room 329 and via ZOOM, 3:00 p.m.

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

2. Roll Call:

Present: Coggins, Kip (School of Social Work); Cruz, Patricia (Education; Educational Leadership); Ensor, Kevin (Counseling & Guidance); Fath, Lauren (English); Flood, Jeanne (Nursing); Gadsden, Gloria (Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice); Jeffries, John (Computer Science & Math); Lindline, Jennifer (Natural Resources); Meron, Angela (Media Arts & Technology); Ross, Kristi (History & Political Science); Romine, Maureen (Biology); Valenzuela, Norma (Languages & Culture); Williamson, Ian (Psychology); Yerende, Eva (Education; Curriculum & Instruction); Zebrowski, Cheryl (Library)

Excused: Jenkins, Kathy (Exercise & Sport Sciences); Meckes, Shirley (Teacher Education); Sammeth, David (Chemistry); Sedillo, PJ (Education; Special Education/Gifted);

Absent:

Garcia-Nuthmann, André (Visual & Performing Arts); Ortiz, Luis (School of Business);

Also Present: Gardner, Sandra (Nursing); Gonzales, Roxanne (VPAA/Provost); Linder, Carol (AVPAA); Marrs, Diana (Center for Teaching Excellence); Thornton, Laird (Staff Senate)

- 3. Approval of Agenda:** - MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the agenda.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** – MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the minutes from 09/06/17.
- 5. Communication from the Administration (R. Gonzales and C. Linder)**
- Shared that HLC assurance argument was uploaded on Monday; review period by HLC accreditors is now underway. More details to come about HLC site visit schedule. President will be visiting Centers to assist them in preparation.
 - Shared intent for VPAA going to all department meetings over next month.
 - Noted that strategic budgeting underway; Deans currently working with Chairs to prioritize budget requests.
 - Announced that 09/28 is day set for Faculty-College/School meetings to hear budget requests.
 - Thanked those who volunteered to serve on Prior Learning Assessment Committee; shared that NMHU is losing cadre of adult learners, so wants to review policies and develop creative ways to increase adult student learning and take proposal to Academic Affairs.
 - Updated on Registrar Search & Screen; committee is coordinating schedule for pending meeting.

- Updated on OIER search; results coming forth soon.

6. Communication from the Chair (I. Williamson)

- Reminded about the 5 HLC probation areas (Mission; Contingent Faculty Procedures; Resources at Center; Teaching and Learning-Evaluation and Improvement; and Resources Planning and Institutional Effectiveness) and asked senators (and their respective faculty) to read the HLC assurance document and keep probation Convened first meeting last week (09/06/17).
- Presented draft positive letter intending to send to General Faculty; welcomed input.
- Shared positive inclination after attending recent (09/13/17) Budget Listening session; state revenues are up and amount of university reserves increased.
- Shared discussions about President's Executive Team about Title IX training; GG asked about training on hearings.
- Shared the emerging issue that Center and on-line students pay student activities fee, but do not receive entirety of benefits.
- Shared that the upcoming renovations in Rogers Hall will require temporary moves. Noted that a large distance education equipped room is planned in the renovations. *How use? How reserve?*
- Encouraged faculty to attend Homecoming game on Saturday, 09/15. *Go Cowboys!*
- Announced that Mike Super-Magic & Illusion is performing in Ilfeld Auditorium this Friday, 09/15 at 7:30.
- Announced that Cheech & Chong are performing on Friday, 10/13th at 8:00 p.m. in Wilson Complex. (*Really?!?*)

7. Communication from Academic Affairs (K. Ross)

- Convened first meeting last week (09/06/17).
- Formed subcommittees for Academic Program Reviews (there are many programs up for review); several vacancies remain to be filled.
- Reviewing cover sheet for Revision of Majors/Minors & Certificate Programs; currently looks as if Department Chair has veto power.
- Discussed minimum course enrollments; drew basic conclusions last semester and will forward to Faculty Senate.
- Noted that Registrar is implementing one-year catalog and working on transitioning many forms to electronic format
- Reported that enrollment has remained steady; NMHU did replace high number of graduates, but still down in credit hour production and head count.
- Reported the need to look at recertification and assessment of General Education Core.
- Reported the need to streamline several academic affairs petitions.
- Noted the need for support in getting Academic Affairs approved curriculum changes into the catalog.

8. Communication from the Student Senate

- No report.

9. Communication from the Staff Senate (L. Thornton)

- First meeting scheduled for 09/14/17.

- Implementing a “Power of Service” initiative in alliance with President’s Office. Idea is to improve customer (student) service and retention. Faculty encouraged to participate in 09/28/18 workshops (flyers distributed).

10. Old Business

- Vote on FS committee membership (Action Item).**
 - Completed.
- Charge Committees (Action Item)**
 - Modifications made; action completed (attachment).
- Prioritize Committee Chair Invitations to Senate (Action Item)**
 - Senators suggested 1) Faculty Affairs Chair; 2) Student Affairs Chair. Prioritization to continue.
- Spring 2017 CTE evaluation (Discussion Item)**
 - IW shared results of CTE evaluation. High comments on not enough time to attend CTE workshops. CTE Director DM willing to provide individualized department trainings upon request. DM will circulate list of possible training topics for faculty consideration.

11. New Business:

- Letter to faculty.**
 - Completed; see item (6) above.
- President’s goals and budgetary priorities.**
 - Circulated.
- Effective processes for hiring of contingent faculty/convertng positions to tenure-track; **tabled.****
 - Adjunct pools**
 - Timeliness of search and minimum qualifications check**
 - Converting lines**
- Discuss Degree Audit inconsistencies**
 - Alignment with program and catalog changes**
 - IW shared that Registrar Office feels catalog-degree audit is aligned. If there are errors, Departments, Academic Affairs, and Registrar Office need to work together to correct mistakes.
- Alignment with articulation agreements; **tabled.****
 - Moving academic/program quality to front of agenda; **tabled.****

12. Committee Reports and Announcements

13. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.