

General Faculty Meeting Draft Minutes
September 27, 2017
Approved January 24, 2018

4:00 – Lora Shields room 265 and via ZOOM

- 1. Call to Order at 4:08:**
Note: quorum obtained (27 voting Faculty attendees).
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the agenda. Motion passed
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO approve the minutes from August 23rd. Motion passed.
- 4. Academic Affairs Update (VPAA/Provost R. Gonzales)**
 - a. Catalog – task force put together by registrar to examine conflicts in policies, procedures, flow, etc. in the catalog. Will now be put out online annually. Will put out a call for volunteers.
 - b. Looking at prior learning assessment for transferring college classes, training and other experience for course credits. Registrar and Academic Affairs will take the lead.
 - c. A consultant will be on campus from October 9-11 to evaluate our online education There will be faculty forums and all sessions zoomed.
- 5. HLC Report (HLC Accreditation Director B. Kempner)**
 - a. The assurance argument was turned in two weeks ago. Dr. Kempner presented a draft version of the visit schedule. Meetings will be based on each of the criterion.
 - b. All comments should relate to the success of our students.
 - c. Will be giving a presentation about the visit to most departments.
- 6. Faculty Senate Chair Report (I. Williamson)**
 - a. Executive strategic plan and their goals. Dr. Williamson gave a presentation about administrators' goals related to the strategic plan.
 - i. Discussion of VP of SEM goals. The reports from SEM should be easier to find on the webpage. Dr. Williamson noted that faculty would benefit from having a condensed report on this office's activities.
 - ii. Discussion of Campus Life goals. Dr. Williamson noted that campus life under Dean Kimberly Blea has greatly improved. There seems to be a lot more happening on campus.
 - iii. Discussion of University Relations goals. There was general agreement that a main goal of University Relations should be to improve the website. The university's search engine is not as good as a simple Google search. There was discussion of maintaining the recruitment website. Each department is responsible for maintain their programs information and should designate a faculty member to be in charge of this. The website is a workload issue for departments. There was general agreement that hiring a webmaster should be higher on the university's priority list. It was noted that the university should make better use of web templates and other tools.
 - b. NMHU operational concerns/customer service. (tabled)
 - c. Supporting academic programs. (tabled)
- 7. Other**
- 8. Adjournment at 5:05 p.m.**