

General Faculty Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2018
Approved March 28, 2018

Call to Order at 4:00 p.m. Note: quorum obtained (28 voting Faculty attendees; 26 needed for a quorum).

1. **Approval of Agenda.** MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve meeting minutes from January 24, 2018 with modifications. Motion passed.
3. **Chair's Announcements (T. Ward)**
 - Faculty asked to look for announcements regarding flag bearers and faculty marshals for 2018 graduation ceremony.
 - Faculty reminded to look at models presented at 02/14 meeting for graduation seating and proceedings. If have comments, let TW know.
 - Faculty reminded that there is a BOR meeting tomorrow (03/01) at 9:00 a.m. in Kennedy Hall.
4. **Provost's Update (VPAA/Provost Gonzales). None provided.**
5. **Discussion Items**
 - a. Faculty Senate Academic Vision Forums
 - TW introduced topic. Reminded faculty that when Academic Vision Forums were originally proposed, the Faculty thought that it would have the white paper being drafted by VPAA Gonzales by this point. Shared that the forums will be the faculty's opportunity to be proactive in talking about issues, concerns, and ideas for NMHU's future.
 - Faculty member expressed concern about Task Forces. Good governance is slow b/c thoughtful process. These not fully participatory, invitations narrow and perceived by some as purposeful. Many voiced that entire process is troubling.
 - Faculty member expressed willingness to support new ideas and initiatives, but only if that is what the faculty wants, not a top down administrative decision.

- Faculty member, in reply to comments about narrow invitations, expressed, *how can you accommodate all faculty?*
- Resounding faculty view that the Faculty Senate is the governing and representative body. There should be representation, transparency, and singularity in programmatic and curricular issues.
- Resounding faculty view that the whole Task Force process has been chaotic, and began on shaky grounds.
- MOTION MADE AND SECONDED for Faculty Senate to hold 5 forums that cover the HU Task Forces, asking representatives to talk for about 15 minutes each, after which faculty can discuss ideas and issues brought to light. 27 approved; 0 opposed; 1 abstained.

6. Adjournment at 4:50.