

**Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda**  
**September 8, 2021**  
 <Approved>

**ZOOM:** <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/95589633634>  
**3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

- **Call meeting to order.**
- **Roll Call.**

<i>ZOOM:</i> <a href="https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/95589633634">https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/95589633634</a>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Biology; Justine Garcia	X		
Business Administration; Ali Arshad	X		
Chemistry; David Sammeth (Sabbatical)			X
Computer and Mathematical Sciences; vacant			
Education - Counseling and Guidance; Sulema Perales	X		
Education - Curriculum & Instruction; <b>Ann Wolf, Secretary Fall 2021</b>	X		
Education - Educational Leadership; Rod Rock	X		
Education - Special Education; PJ Sedillo		X	
Education - Teacher Education; Melani Buchanan-Farmer	X		
English and Philosophy; Benjamin Villarreal	X		
Exercise and Sport Sciences; <b>William Hayward, At-Large</b>	X		
Forestry; Blanca Cespedes	X		
History and Political Science; Steven Williams	X		
Languages and Culture; Norma Valenzuela	X		
Library; April Kent	X		
Media Arts and Technology; Angela Meron	X		
Natural Resources Management; <b>Jennifer Lindline, Secretary (Sabbatical)</b>			X
Nursing; Sandra Gardner	X		
Psychology; <b>Daniel Chadborn, Vice Chair</b>	X		
<b>Social Work; Beth Massaro, Chair</b>	X		
Sociology, Anthropology, and CJ; Mario Gonzales	X		
Visual and Performing Arts, Edward Harrington	X		
President; Sam Minner	X		
Provost/VPAA; Roxanne Gonzales	X		
Staff Senate; Inca Crespin/Doris Gallegos/Veronica Black		X	
Undergraduate Student Senate; Christopher Ulibarri		X	
Graduate Student Senate; <b>VACANT</b>			

- **Approval of Agenda.** Motion made and seconded to approve agenda. Motion passed

- **Approval of Minutes from August 25, 2021 (attachment).** Motion made and seconded to approve the August 25 minutes. Motion approved
- **Communication from the President (S. Minner).**
  - Covid – today had one case. Taking additional measures, Volleyball game will not have any spectators but the game has been canceled. Shared EOC report. Starting to contact individuals who have not downloaded their vaccination information. Homecoming events will be outdoors. The parade has been canceled. A dance indoors has been canceled.
  - Enrollment – census date, no information as yet. Need to think about how we will populate the campus.
  - Siniger listening session has been well attended.
  - Spending time getting ready for legislative session, legislative priorities – compensation (5% increase), more money to come to the institution, more interest in statewide enrollment push, also pushing much larger matching funds for research,
  - Academic initiatives being discussed.
  - Dr. Minner would like a campaign to be started.
- **Communication from the Administration (R. Gonzales).**
  - Reminder of Unit Strategic Planning due to Provost by Sept 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Share examples of positions NMHU has lost or have to continuously replace.
  - Will be reading the HLC report
  - OLC conference is still available for faculty to attend.
- **Communication from the Chair (B. Massaro).**
  - Meeting will be on zoom from now on
  - Please check the membership list and share any changes
  - Need to tweak our meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order.
  - Remind everyone that faculty senators will be recognized first.
  - Receive a request that chat be opened, the Executive Committee has decided not to do so.
  - SW suggested that David Sammeth knows Robert's Rule of Order and may be able to provide information to the Senate
- **Communication from Academic Affairs (A. Kent).**  
See attached document
- **Communication from the Undergraduate Student Senate (C. Ulibarri).**
  - No one in attendance
- **Communication from the Staff Senate.**
  - No one in attendance
- **Old Business.**

- a. New Faculty Classification
  - A motion was made to move the discussion of the faculty classification to the executive session. Passed 16, opposed 2. Motion passed

## 12. New Business

### a. Commencement Speaker

- Motion to ask senators go back to the departments to discuss. DC go back and see if colleagues have ideas for a good fit.
- Motion passes with 16 approved

### b. One Drive – put Share Point instead

- Can have documents posted in Share Drive for all senators.
- Discussion, Motion that all document be placed in Share Point. Motion seconded and passes.

### c. HU Cares – Title IX statement for syllabus

- Motion to approve the statement and ask faculty put in the syllabus as soon as possible as submitted. Seconded the amendment
- Discussion – SG, this would need to go in the syllabus for spring semester. BC, try to put the corrected information in syllabus as soon as possible. AA, the business department
- Motion is passed by 17 approved.

### d. Last 15 credit request

- Dr. Gonzales – significant number of our students are transfer students. In their last year they may take an elective course from another college. If we follow the policy is that they will not graduate. This comes from the registrar and Dr. Gonzales.
- Motion to send to AAC for review and feedback. Seconded. Motion approved with 17 votes to approved

### e. Request from AAC about post-Highlands approval of program

- Dr. Gadsden found that the Dean's Council made some recommendations to reorganize the electives.
- May want to make sure the language is changed in the handbook.

- Dr. Gonzales – her thinking is if it is a significant change that it does not need to go back to through the process
- EH, Why couldn't the program go forward and the portion that needs to be changed go back to AAC. BC, If a program is already approved by the higher organizations, then it be okay? Ian Williamson – internal approvals should not be changed by the external changes. JG, don't want to be stuck in a process that takes many years. The bar for a significant changes be created.
- Need a written policy for this. Motion that we send this back to academic affairs for a policy to be made. Seconded. Motion passed with 16 approved.

## **11. Executive Session**

### **Return to the meeting**

Motion to return to meeting. Seconded. Motion passed.

Motion to create a committee to review the Faculty Classification. Seconded. Motion passed.

## **12. Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. Motion passed.