

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**August 25, 2021**  
 <Approved>

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

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

<i>ZOOM</i>	<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;		X	
Education - Counseling and Guidance; Kevin Ensor/Anna Koch	X		
Education - Curriculum & Instruction; <b>Ann Wolf, Secretary Fall 2021</b>	X		
Education - Educational Leadership; Robert Karaba		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>			

- 3. Approval of Agenda.** Motion made and seconded to approve agenda. Motion passed unanimously as changed

Amendments: a) moving the Committee memberships to New Business and adding Nominees for CTE Advisory Board to New Business.

b) current meeting minutes to add additional items

**4. Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2021 (attachment).** Motion made and seconded to approve the May 12 minutes. Motion passed unanimously

**5. Communication from the President (S. Minner).**

- Talked about recent COVID and vaccines. One vaccination has received full approval. Sent out the changes in the EOC. Brandon K. will chair the committee.
- Will be adding additional communications from CDC and other health organizations.
- Want to protect all employees and vendors coming to campus, a communication was sent out
- This year's enrollment. Grad enrollment has increased and Undergrad has decreased. Continue to recruit everywhere.
- Asked Max Baca what we have done with the Covid funds. No additional Covid release package in the works
- Commencement speaker: would like for the faculty to work on this. Provide Dr. Minner with a few suggestions.
- Committed to engage the Foundation Board and the Board of Regents to have a giving campaign for NMHU, probably a 3 year plan. Need good ideas about what that campaign looks like. Start thinking of 2-3 major projects and how much money to raise.
- Foundation met its internal goal last year.
- Would like to look at lab software in case Covid continues to interfere with F2F classes.
- We are the 4<sup>th</sup> highest winners for grant funds. Going to charge Academic Affairs to find ways to work on research funds.
- Good and positive things on campus: a) center focusing on reforestation, may be a new program or courses, b) discussions dealing with changes in Title IX.
- **Questions:** SW: enforcement regime for vaccination mandate – student matter will deal with conduct code, could lead to student dismissal. If faculty or staff do not comply then there needs to be a discussion.

**6. Communication from the Administration (R. Gonzales).**

- When hired, Ian Williamson's position was suggested that the position is too large for one person to do. Got permission to hire an assisted director to research group. Will start with an internal position review
- **Wiley** 1472 grad, undergrad ?
- Online learning consortium – please sign register for the conference, this is free.
- HLC – looking for people to present
- Sept 13<sup>th</sup> spring schedule coming out to Chairs.

**7. Communication from the Chair (B. Massaro).**

- Welcome back

- Looking forward to working with all Faculty Senate members. Wed office hours

**8. Communication from Academic Affairs (A. Kent).** Will send me information

- Subcommittees were reformed
- Program review – scheduled was adjusted.
- Motion was made by AAC that University Studies have increase to 2.5 fte professors.
- New policies will be in the new catalog.
- Questions: none

**9. Communication from the Undergraduate Student Senate (C. Ulibarri).**

- No report

**10. Communication from the Staff Senate.**

- No report

**11. Old Business.**

a. Committee Membership

b. Nursing-New Program, MSN/FNP & DNP + New Courses

- Motion was made to bring this program to the floor for discussion and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- A power point presentation was sent to all Faculty Senate members.
- Health care in NM does not have enough health care providers. Most of their students will stay in NM. All the courses in the proposal can't be changed. It is dictated by the profession.
- Different programs around the state have supported this program and want NMHU students.
- Met with nursing advisor. Met with Eastern University and seem interested in partnering. Western University is very interested in partnering with NMHU.
- Motion was made to bring the program to a vote and seconded. Passed unanimously.

c. New Faculty Classification

- Motion to bring this classification to the senate and seconded. Passed unanimously.
- MG: The subcommittee (FAC) met and were charged to do this classification. They wanted to see this position in which the faculty

was developing research. It would be a 2 year position with a 2 course release. Believed the committee was thorough and complete.

- Suggested that there be a full report from FAC subcommittee
- Motion made that senators take the proposal created by FAC and allow them to take it back to the departments.

#### d. NMHU Assessment Handbook

- Motion made to remove from the table and seconded. It was moved and seconded for approval. 14 approved and 1 abstained.

#### e. Distance Education Manual

- Wanted policies in place for distance learning.
- Good manual that will service us for today and into the future.
- BV has not had a chance to take back to the department, would like more time to share with department.
- RG has a lot of concerns with the manual. Many designations do not match HLC and the university. Inconsistent with what we already have. Need definitions of modalities. Do we need a document like this? Need continuity across the board.
- EH supports what Dr. Gonzales says.
- Patrick Wilson comments about admission of students in the manual.
- Motion made to let departments review the document for another week. Motion seconded. Motion was withdrawn.
- EH seems to be that the document is at an unacceptable document.
- AK may need to amend the motion to take back to departments
- Siri Khalsa if we don't need this manual then we need to have the information from other areas
- MG propose more than a week to review the document
- BC do we really need this document and what should we do with it.
- New motion – Go back to our departments to see if we need this document and then bring comments back to the next faculty senate meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion was withdrawn.
- Will send the manual out to all members again.
- RG she thinks that faculty have some sense of what it is like to teach online. She will send a summary of her changes to the manual.
- BV is this a matter of looking at all the other documents, and look for the gaps. Then create the document of what is missing.

- AK made a motion that the Executive Committee meet with Provost Gonzales and Patrick Wilson to decide what to do with the Handbook. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved.

#### CTE Advisory Board

- Justine will be the temporary replacement for Sarah Corey Rivas. Passed unanimously.

#### Attendance for Faculty Senate

- Will be sent to departments to revise the document for the senate and return to the senate with your revisions.

**12. Adjournment. Motion was made and second. Passed unanimously**