

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2022
Approved September 28, 2022

SUB 321 and ZOOM: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/94149997087>

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Faculty Senate

1. Call meeting to order.

2. Roll Call.

	ATTENDANCE		
	Present	Absent	Excused
Biology; Justine Garcia, At-Large	X		
Business Administration; Ali Arshad	X		
Chemistry; David Sammeth		X	
Computer and Mathematical Sciences; Gill Gallegos		X	
Education - Counseling and Guidance; Sulema Perales	X		
Education - Curriculum & Instruction; Ann Wolf, At-Large	X		
Education - Educational Leadership; Rod Rock	X		
Education - Special Education; PJ Sedillo	X		
Education - Teacher Education; Melani Buchanan-Farmer	X		
English and Philosophy; Lauren Fath	X		
Exercise and Sport Sciences; William Hayward, At-Large		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; Morgan Barnard		X	
Natural Resources Management; Jennifer Lindline, Secretary	X		
Nursing; Sandra Gardner	X		
Psychology; Daniel Chadborn, Chair	X		
Social Work; Rebecca Moore	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; Dolores Gallegos and Veronica Black		X	
Student Senate; Samuel Peoble	X		

3. Approval of Agenda. Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda. Motion passed unanimously with 16 votes counted.

4. **Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2022 (attachment).** Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Unanimous. 13 votes counted.
5. **Communication from the President (S. Minner).** None reported. Is in India celebrating his son and daughter-in-law's 3-day wedding celebration.
6. **Communication from the Administration (R. Gonzales).**
 - Commented that the water situation continues to change and improve.
 - Reported that the Dual Credit program has changed funding formula. There is little money reimbursed to NMHU for DC students.
 - Question about returning department monies to support adjuncts who taught DC courses. RG said will speak to Finance Office about that.
7. **Communication from the Chair (D. Chadborn).**
 - Spoke re issue of on-line vs. in-person Faculty Senate meeting. Faculty Senate parameters include:
 - Screen must be on for presence to be counted.
 - No hand icons; only true hands up will be counted in votes.
 - No exceptions made. If you are having trouble with internet connection / bandwidth issues, ask for assistance from ITS or ask for someone to come in your place!
 - Asked if could move the AVPAA-Forestry item down in the agenda in order to get to the committee membership votes.
8. **Communication from Academic Affairs (A. Kent).**

September 7, 2022, meeting of the AAC

1. Program Review Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Ongoing with membership updates: Native American Hispano Cultural Studies; Chemistry; Music; Psychology; Biology; Environmental Geology; Conservation Management; Physics
2. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Undergraduate Appeals
 - i. Vote to have VPAA send a summer appeal with split vote go to whole committee
 - b. Graduate Appeals
 - i. No appeals
 - c. Policy Subcommittee
 - i. Faculty Senate Charge: Inclement Weather Policy and Compressed Schedule for Late Start Days
 1. Meeting still being set up.
3. Communication from the Chair
 - a. Dr. Gloria Gadsden reported that both she and Luke Ritter are here to help with procedures and forms for this committee.
 - b. Need chair for Ballen Subcommittee. Current chair is on sabbatical.
 - i. Kristen Munyan, Sheree Jederberg, and Ben Villarreal volunteered to serve on the committee.
4. Communication from the Registrar
 - a. Michael Montoya reported 1,615 undergraduate enrollment which is a 4% increase from last year. 1147 graduate student head count which is a 2% increase from last year. Overall headcount is up 3% from 2021.
 - b. Academic Calendar Committee email going out soon from Michael Montoya.
 - c. September 8, the call for spring classes will be coming out.

- d. Questions and concerns about enrollment of seniors and juniors. Current goal is to build in person enrollment and transfer students. Provost is putting together a document for a discussion about growing in person Las Vegas campus enrollment for the Faculty Senate. Noted that this is a conversation that needs to involve whole university. Request to get more data and communication from Strategic Enrollment Management.
5. Communication from the Graduate Council
 - a. Ann Wolf is the chair for this year.
 - b. Working on exit process for graduate students. Some programs have streamlined process, but not all have. Reduce forms and paperwork.
 - c. Thesis award subcommittee was put together to nominate thesis from last year.
 - d. Graduate handbook updates being worked on.
 - e. Suggestion from Provost to have an official award from the university. Dr. Ian Williamson is the lead on this. Discussion of involvement of the faculty governance structure.
6. Communication from the Administration
 - a. Meetings with all program who underwent program review has been completed. Provost is working on reports on these reviews and meetings.
 - b. Homecoming is next week. Many activities.
 - c. Water situation in Las Vegas is improving. Filter systems is working. Water is being distributed at the Las Vegas campus.
 - d. State has money to fund nursing, social work, and specific fields of education. NMHU will be applying for this money.
 - e. Has sent out request for members of the Strategic Unit Improvement Committee. Goal to have all Academic Affairs unit budgets in by mid-October.
 - f. Questions about student athletes and communication with faculty, and student responsibility for classes while traveling. Provost and Dean of Business have addressed student athletes and coaches about these matters. Discussed at Athletic Committee. Rhett Bellon is the Student Athlete Success Coordinator and can work with student athletes.
7. Soc and Anthro Minor Deletion (Discussion Item)
 - a. Dr. Gloria Gadsden reported that this is an old minor that the department no longer wants. The history of this program is unknown. Very few students in minor and these would be allow to complete minor.
8. PSYC 6340 Course Revision (Discussion Item)
 - a. Dr. David Pan was unavailable to present. Tabled until next meeting.
 - b. Student traits need to be added to syllabi. Dr. Gadsden will pass this on to program.
9. SOE ESL Minor Change (Discussion Item)
 - a. Dr. Elisabeth Valenzuela presented course changes for this minor.
 - b. Request of side-by-side comparison of current program and proposed changes. Will be sent by program.
10. SOE-C&I Prefix Change (Discussion Item)
 - a. Dr. Seonsook Park presented rationale for changing the prefixes. This change would clarify which classes belong to which program and make it easier for students and advisors. The programs are completely separate.

9. Communication from the Student Senate (S. People).

- Shared that SS met last Sunday. They passed a couple of bills and approved funding for several students to attend conferences.
- Shared that SS involved with Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization. Looking for volunteers, in particularly Big Brothers.

10. Communication from the Staff Senate (V. Black/D. Gallegos). None reported.

11. Old Business.

a. Emeritus Faculty Access Issue.

- DC provided an update. Communications with HR and ITS found that Emeritus account provide email access but not the O365 Suite of products. Emeritus faculty do not automatically have library database access, but can be granted such on request.
- SW noted that this seems jumbled. Departed from original plans to submit language to administration about what we expect for Emeritus Faculty. Language, policy.
- RM noted that language is jumbled but thinks a new re-write of language of department on how Emeritus faculty is granted should be reexamined. There should be an attempt at clarification. Would like to bring this to Departments to get a sense of what others have questions about. *What does Emeritus status mean, how is the title granted, what are the qualifications?* Transparency and shared governance is the rule. Can look at FH and see policy, but in practice, things haven't been consistent.
- SW said good idea for FS subcommittee to look at nominees and process. Would be useful to look at how other universities do things and what are their criteria to award the title.
- JL mentioned problem populating Faculty Affairs and other committees. JG said if committee so low, don't expect new subcommittee to be populated better. GG mentioned that problems populating committees related to Tenured requirement. SW worried about expediency. MG said not a timely matter. BC said maybe timeline not pertinent.
- GG cautioned about being too prescriptive. The reasons it was handled at the department level was department have their own, unwritten criteria for awarding Emeritus status.
- SW argued for the opposite. Need prescriptions to unify the process. Yes, departments need to weigh in on the process but there should be a larger and more inclusive process in play.
- RR made a motion to send discussion of Emeritus Faculty nomination status taken back to the departments. Failed.
- RM made a motion to submit the FH statement on Emeritus Faculty to Faculty Affairs Committee to review qualification criteria and nomination process. Motion passed with 14 in favor; 2 in opposition; 1 to abstain.

b. AVPAA-Forestry.

- Motion made and seconded that Senators share the documents with their units for an agenda item/discussion at next meeting. Motion passed unanimously with 13 votes counted in favor.

12. New Business.

a. Faculty Senate Executive Committee Elections (Vice Chair, At-Large).

- Nomination made and seconded for Daniel Chadborn as Chair of Faculty Senate. Nomination carried with 16 votes in favor, 0 in opposition, and 1 to abstain.
- Nomination made and seconded for Ann Wolf as Vice Chair. Nomination passed unanimously with 17 votes counted in favor.

- Nomination made and seconded for Lauren Fath as At-Large. Nomination passed unanimously with 17 votes counted in favor.

c. Faculty Senate Committee Elections.

- **Pino Committee.** Motion made and seconded to accept Daniel Olufalama nomination. Motion passed unanimously with 17 votes counted.
- **Center for Teaching Excellence.** Motion made and seconded to accept Emet Ma'ayan (School of Social Work)'s nomination. Motion passed unanimously with 17 votes counted.
- **Campus Climate Committee *ad hoc*** Rod Rock and Rebecca Moore both volunteered. Motion made and seconded that these two be the start of this ad hoc committee. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously with 17 votes counted in approval.
- Discussion of **Faculty Lounge.** Dr. Minner asked for a subcommittee to consider logistics and determine parameters. No volunteers.
- DC also Liaison for Staff Senate. Looking for another individual to serve in that role. Meet on Friday afternoons; conflicts with his academic schedule. No volunteers.
- **Student Affairs Committee.** Motion made and seconded to accept Laura Hansen (CAS; Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice) and Kwang Jong Park (Education; Curriculum and Instruction). Motion passed unanimously with 17 votes counted.
- **Financial Planning Committee.** Motion made and seconded to accept Rey Martinez (School of Social Work). Motion passed unanimously with 17 votes counted.

c. ITS/Banner Migration Issue (J. Gieri).

- Gave presentation for Why Banner in the Cloud that included:
 - Cyber Security Threat
 - Disaster Recovery Threat
 - Support and Sustainability
 - Availability
- Various Projects Specifics addressed including:
 - NMHU Banner Backup.
 - AWS Private Locker
- Noted that the mass movement process is the same one that all universities use.
- Henrietta Romero (Registrar) shared Registrars Points of Importance.
 - Does not expect delays in completing graduation clearances.
 - Payroll was a primary factor in determining transition dates.
 - Shared options for grading (1. Extended/Expanded Online Grading Opening; 2 Paper Rosters; 3 Alternate online method).

13. Executive Session.

14. Adjourned at 4:40 p.m.