

Faculty Senate Meeting
April 22, 2009
3:00 pm, Kennedy Lounge - New Mexico Highlands University
Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order
2. **Present:** Orit Tamir, David Lobdell, David Arguello, Merritt Helvenston, Julius Harrington, April Kent, Ken Bentson, Maureen Romine, Stella Helvie, Kathy Jenkins, Lori Rudolph.
Absent: Lee Stauffer, Jim Peters
Others Present: Jessica Power
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Amended agenda was approved unanimously.
4. **Approval of the minutes** – the 4/8/09 were minutes approved with one abstention.
5. **Communication from the Administration** – there was no representative from the administration.
6. Sean Weaver – University web page
 - Dr. Bentson indicated that NMHU's web page is "lame" and that faculty members lack the autonomy to advertise their programs via NMHU's web page. He added that NMHU needs a web page that is easier to navigate. Mr. Weaver replied that the University Relations office spent many hours begging for input from faculty, but faculty input was "lame."
 - Dr. Jenkins related that until about 10 years ago faculty members had more autonomy to add links and control the web page/s that pertained to their programs. Mr. Weaver replied that the old web site contained copy righted material and information that was incorrect.
 - Dr. Tamir indicated that she has worked with Rick Loffredo on updating the MA in Southwest Studies – Anthropology web page and that the process was easy and made even easier after she was given a password to enable her to update the page.
 - Dr. Arguello suggested that Mr. Weaver should offer a workshop on the web page during faculty development week so that faculty are aware of the web related possibilities and restrictions. His sentiment got broad senate support and Mr. Weaver promised to offer such a workshop during faculty development week.
 - Dr. Helvie inquired about the accessibility of NMHU's web page to students with disabilities. Mr. Weaver indicated that the web page was designed with contrast in mind and with the ability to enlarge the fonts.

7. **The Emeriti and Retired Faculty Association** – Dr. Ursel Albers
 - Membership requirements and by-laws to be voted on next Tuesday.
 - She believes that the retired/emeriti faculty who live in Las Vegas area can contribute to NMHU.
 8. **Communication from the Chair** – Dr. Romine
 - Dr. Peters will be working during the summer with VP Taylor on the budget. Dr. Jenkins indicated that VP Taylor said that he was not sure that \$3 million dollars were taken away from the budget.
 - The Senate will have a special meeting on May 6th at 3:00pm.
 - Faculty Marshalls are Jim Peters, Kathy Jenkins, Merryl Kravitz, Chris Nelson, and Dolores Ortega.
 9. **Communication from Academic Affairs** – David Lobdell
 - The committee mainly discussed a proposed minor in Women Studies.
 10. **Graduate Student Association** – Jessica Power
 - The Association is still working on the revising the constitution
 - The Association is seeking more funds from the administration.
 - The Association is looking into finding professional speaker for next fall
 - The Association is working on budget for next semester.
- Dr. Jenkins made motion that during the May 6th meeting the Senate will discuss Old and New Business before reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by
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