

Faculty Senate Meeting
January 28, 2009
3:00 pm, Kennedy Lounge - New Mexico Highlands University
Minutes - Draft

1. Call to Order
2. **Present:** Orit Tamir, David Lobdell, David Arguello, David Sammeth (proxy for Merritt Helvenston), Julius Harrington, April Kent, Ken Bentson, Maureen Romine, Stella Helvie, Kathy Jenkins, Jim Peters, Lee Stauffer.

Others Present: Dr. Rivera, Genevieve Torres
3. Approval of the agenda – the agenda was unanimously approved as amended (New Business before Old Business).
4. Minutes approved with 2 corrections – 11 for and one abstention.
5. Communication from the Administration – Dr. Rivera:
 - Enrollment continues to go up.
6. Communication from the Chair – Dr. Romine
 - Strategic Planning steering committee will meet several times to discuss vision, mission statements, and goals.
 - Dr. La Grange sent an e-mail soliciting feedback on the strategic plan.
7. Communication from Academic Affairs – David Lobdell
 - The committee approved program changes for Languages.
 - The committee formed a sub-committee to address cheating.
8. Student Senate – Genevieve Torres
 - The Senate works on planning activities for students.
 - Next month 5 NMHU students will go to Washington DC to lobby HACU.
9. New Business
 - a. Dr. Romine circulated Dr. Kravitz's resignation letter. The Senate needed to elect at large member to replace her on the EC. David Lobdell moved and Kathy Jenkins 2nd a motion to leave the EC with 4 members (no replacement). The motion passed unanimously.
 - b. The Senate needs a representative to the Graduate Student Association – no one volunteered.
 - c. College of Santa Fe update:
 - 3 members of NMHU's EC met with 3 members of the CSF Council and listened to their concerns.
 - Faculty members from the CSF are applying to other jobs and may not be around when/if NMHU takes over the College.

- There are also concerns that since the CSF cannot recruit students for next AY and NMHU cannot recruit before taking over the College enrollment will drop dramatically.
 - CSF faculty members were forced to give up tenure in order for takeover negotiations with a for-profit university to proceed. The negotiations fell through and the faculty members have lost tenure.
- d. Continue Faculty Senate? Most departments/schools were either indifferent or for keeping the senate. Dr. Romine subsequently concluded that we shall keep the senate but will review the need for all senate sub-committees. The Senate will also examine representation in committees and how to run committees more efficiently.