

**Faculty Senate Meeting  
April 30, 2008  
Kennedy Lounge - New Mexico Highlands University  
Minutes - Final**

1. Call to Order
2. **Present:** Orit Tamir, Mary Romero, David Lobdell, Jim Burns (proxy for Mike O'Brien), David Arguello (Proxy for Jane Gorman) Merryl Kravitz, , John Jeffries, Yongseek Kim, Peter Linder, Merritt Helvenston (late), Julius Harrington, Jim Peters (replacement for Chuck Swim), April Kent, Maureen Romine.  
  
**Absent:** Daniel Martinez  
  
**Others present:** Nicole Parra-Perez
3. Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved unanimously as amended .
4. Approval of Minutes – approved with one abstention and the following changes
  - spelling of Maureen's name - changes
  - Old business (a) there may be more than 4 marshals
  - Add to statement regarding summer compensation “ to be sent to VPAA.”
5. Old Business
  - Changes to the Grading System
    - The Senate voted unanimously to un-table the motion to keep the current grading system. The motion passed 7 for keeping the current system and 6 against.
6. New Business
  - a) Elections of a Marshal – The Senate voted unanimously to have Rey Martinez in place of Jane Gorman.
  - b) Elections of Senate Officers:
    - i. Vice Chair – Peter Linder was elected by acclamation
    - ii. Secretary – Orit Tamir was elected by acclamation
    - iii. EC at large – April Kent and Merryl Kravitz were elected by acclamation
7. Procedures for the dean's evaluation
  - a) A motion to move the deans' evaluation to the Fall was made by Orit Tamir and seconded by Merritt Helvenston passed unanimously.
8. Dr. Harrington wishes to engage the faculty/students/administration in discussion on race. The Senate asked him to develop a proposal. Dr. Kravitz and Dr. Burns will also participate in developing the proposal.
9. The senate will have to wait regarding committee membership until there is concrete information regarding CAS reorganization.

10. Communication

a) No communication from the administration

b) Communication from the FS Chair – Dr. Romine

- In response to students' concerns the BOR held a special meeting on 4-28-08 to address meal plan. There was also a discussion on golf carts rental and on the operating budget.
- A regular BOR meeting will be 5-9-08

c) Academic Affairs – Dr. Jeffries

During the 4-16-08 meeting Academic Affairs Committee approved the following:

- A motion to leave the academic calendar alone was passed unanimously.
- List of graduates was approved.
- A proposal to add a history concentration with public affairs.
- Some changes were approved to the Spanish Program.
- Media Arts made some adjustments to their Media Arts majors. Majors will be able to take up to 9 credits from Media Arts as electives
- Social Work program revisions were approved

During the 4-30-08 Academic Affairs Committee approved the following:

- Discontinuation of Computational Engineering program.
- Replacement of Native American and Hispanic Studies minor with cultural studies or ethnic studies.
- Continuation of Forensic Science.
- Music courses and a Theater course were approved

d) Nicole Para-Perez – President Elect of the Student Senate

- Thanked the Senate for communicating and working with the two student senates on the Grade Change proposal.
- The Graduate Student Senate tries to get more funding.

Respectfully Submitted by

Orit Tamir, Ph.D.

Faculty Senate Secretary