

M I N U T E S

**General Faculty Meeting
Approved Minutes
Wednesday, 26 January 2005
3:00pm in Kennedy Lounge**

- 1) Meeting called into order at 3:32pm, a quorum being present.
- 2) Approval of Minutes, meeting of 22 September 2004. After some discussion, it was moved and seconded to approve without amendments. The motion passed unanimously.
- 3) **Change in the Faculty Handbook—Overload Contract:** Dr. Sabutis provided a brief background, and then asked Dr. Sammeth to explain the concerns that he had. Dr. Sammeth discussed the *IMBRE* grant, and some of the provisions contained therein, after some discussion, a motion to table was made, and seconded. The motion passed, by a vote of fourteen to eight, with eight abstentions.
- 4) **Faculty Contracts:** Dr. Sabutis proposed requesting that—if the administration envisions a delay in the issuance of new faculty contracts, that another letter of intent—similar to the one issued last year—be sent out by 1 March.
- 5) **Promotion Timetable:** Dr. Sabutis noted that he had not heard that the timetable for promotion had been changed, and the original deadline for submission of dossiers was 1 February. He proposed that all those potentially eligible to apply for promotion check with deans about this. He also will check with the provost about who is eligible, and whether or not the timetable has been or will be changed. A lively discussion ensued, and turned to the issue of the impending action by the Board of Regents regarding tenure for several NMHU faculty members.
- 6) The meeting was at the point interrupted by the revelation that a reporter was present in the room, a Ms. Merideth Britt from the *Las Vegas Optic*. It was observed that the faculty needed to be able to express their opinions freely, and the reporter was asked courteously to leave, and she did depart willingly. Dr. Sabutis made arrangements to speak to her at a later date. Mr. Max Baca also offered to leave at this point, and his offer was gratefully accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm, through lack of a quorum, several faculty members having departed because of teaching and other obligations.