

General Faculty Meeting Minutes

Approved

Wednesday 22, October 2008, 4:15 pm, Kennedy Lounge

1. Approval of the Agenda – Agenda was approved unanimously.
2. Approval of minutes of the General Faculty Meeting of April 23, 2008 – minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Max Baca – the current economy and shrinking state revenues affect New Mexico Highlands University.
 - In terms of revenue projections. New Mexico is in line with the rest of the country. New Mexico, however, is not currently in recession.
 - Much of New Mexico's revenue come from receipts from oil and gas. These revenues are down this year, due to lower oil prices.
 - The state has experienced at least a \$185 million shortfall.
 - The state of New Mexico will cut 5% this year and 5% next year from the higher education budget.
4. E-mail voting – discussion can be summarized:
 - Pro - Good because there are faculty who are teaching, who cannot attend meetings.
 - Con – fewer will come to General Faculty meetings.
5. Vote on Faculty Handbook revisions – Dr. Hacker moved to approve the proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook . Dr. Peter Linder seconded the motion. The revisions were approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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