

Academic Affairs Committee

Draft Minutes February 16, 2011

1. Roll call (3:10 pm)

Present	Member	Department
x	Ken Bentson, Chair	Natural Resources Management
x	Brandon Kempner, Secretary	English
x	Gilbert Rivera, ex-officio (Proxy: Linda LaGrange)	Vice President for Academic Affairs
x	Mario Rodriguez	School of Social Work
x	Arlie Tagayuna	Behavioral Science
x	Luis Ortiz	School of Business
x	Cheryl Zebrowski	Library
x	Jim Burns	School of Education
x	John Coca, ex-officio	Registrar
x	Joan Gallini	School of Education
x	John Jeffries	Computational and Mathematical Sciences
x	Mary Shaw proxy David Sammeth	Biology and Chemistry
x	Pete LeRoy	Exercise and Sports Science
x	Immanuel Nkwenti	School of Business
X	Andre Garcia-Nuthmann	Visual and Performing Arts
X	Christina Duran	School of Social Work
	Veronica Saunero-Ward proxy Gabriella Moreno	Languages

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. LeRoy, seconded by Dr. Kempner. Vote was unanimous for approval.

3. Approval of Minutes –

Minutes had not been prepared.

4. Report from VP for Academic Affairs

Dr. Linda LaGrange reports Northern is working on establishing a Master's program; however, HED asked them to collaborate with institutions that already have graduate programs. Northern is interested in working with NMHU to collaborate on programs in education and business. Dr. LaGrange also reported that only three institutions submitted proposals to Santa Fe Community College for consideration to be part of the Higher Learning Center.

5. Report from Registrar

John Coca reports the summer 2011 class schedule is being finalized (beyond one week due to snow days). The first call for classes for Fall 2011 will be going out within the next two weeks.

6. Report from Subcommittees

- 1) Undergrad/Grad Appeals – Three graduate appeals to be reviewed on Feb. 16, 2011.
- 2) Centers: No reports
- 3) Ballen Endowment - completed

7. Old Business

7.1 Fine Arts course revisions and core changes

Undergraduate course revisions and core changes were approved by the Committee.

The Committee approved the Fine Arts MA proposal with the condition that a catalog thesis process be submitted to the Committee later in the Spring 2011 semester. The Fine Arts MA will need to be presented to the Board of Regents.

8. New Business

8.1 Course Revision – Education Field Based III

Dr. Newman from the School of Education presented a proposal to combine Elementary Education and Special Education in Field Based III course with separate Field Placements of 8 weeks for Elementary Education and 8 weeks of Special Education in a single course. The proposal was approved by the Committee

8.2 Should the Schools of Education and Social Work accreditation documents be used in lieu of Program Reviews?

The Committee approved the use of accreditation documents for Program Review in AY 2011-2012.

8.3 Faculty Senate Charge: Non-degree seeking students that lack H.S. diploma or GED; catalog omission?

The Committee decided that no action was required on this charge.

9. Adjournment (4:18 pm)