

# Approved Minutes

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## Faculty Senate Meeting

May 9, 2012

Science Annex Building, Room 329 - New Mexico Highlands University, 3:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order: 3:12 pm**
2. **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Braun y Harycki, David (School of Education); Flores, Jayni (School of Education); Greene, Richard (Computer & Mathematical Sciences); Harrington, Julius (School of Social Work); Helvie, Stella (School of Education); Kempner, Brandon (English & Philosophy); Kent, April (Library); LeRoy, Peter (Exercise & Sport Sciences); Loewen, Kerry (School of Business, Media & Technology); Manafy, Abbas (History/Political Science/Language & Culture); Martinez, Edward (Natural Resource Management); Pilotti, Maura (Social & Behavioral Sciences); Romine, Maureen (Biology & Chemistry); and; Gorman, Jane (School of Social Work) – Proxy / Dolores Ortega;

**Absent:**

Williams, Susan (Nursing) – Excused  
Gonzales, Margaret (*Staff Senate*) – Excused;  
Manafy, Abbas (History/Political Science/Language & Culture);  
Dutoit, Tatiana (Visual & Performing Arts) – Absent;  
Maura Pilotti (Social & Behavioral Sciences) – Absent  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (*Student Senate*).

**Also present:**

Rivera, Gilbert (VPAA).

1. **Approval of Agenda:** May 9, 2012 – Approved unanimously
2. **Approval of Minutes:** April 25, 2012 – Approved with corrections
3. **Communication from the Administration – Dr. Gilbert Rivera, VPAA**  
The VPAA reported on:

- The ACT/SAT requirement for admission for all new freshmen who graduate from high school in May 2013 to begin in fall 2013 was approved by the Board of Regents. It is now in effect, and has been sent to Registrar's Office.

- Dr. Rivera spoke to the Registrar, Mr. John Coca, about providing flexibility in the scheduling of the synchronous component of courses.

- Dr. Rivera reported there are not enough applications in the Dean Search pool for the College and therefore, the review of applications will begin in the fall. The review of

applications for the School of Education will begin as soon as the Dean Search Committee membership is complete.

- The tenure and promotion recommendations were sent to President Fries 5/8/12. Faculty will be notified the following week by Monday or Wednesday.

**4. Communication from the Chair – Dr. Maureen Romine**

The Chair reported on:

- Board of Regents retreat. The Board of Regents retreat was to provide a means for interaction and conversation among faculty, staff and students. The meeting was successful.

- Board of Regents approved the ACT/SAT admission requirement.

- Board of Regents and others present at the retreat discussed enrollment, recruitment and retention. Also, governance and the administration, including the role of the Board of Regents and University priorities, were discussed.

- Handouts with excerpts from the Student Affairs Committee report on retention were handed out and will be a priority issue for discussion and action for next year.

- Senate and Senate Committee members and membership descriptions have been sent out to the faculty. The Chair announced that Dr. Richard Greene and Dr. Tatiana Dutoit resigned from Faculty Senate as of the end of the 2011/2012 academic year.

- Senate and Senate Committee changes were approved by the Faculty at the General Faculty meeting on May 4, 2012.

**Communication from Academic Affairs – Dr. Pete LeRoy, Faculty Senate Liaison**

- Submitted report to Faculty Senators via e-mail.

**5. Communication from the Student Senate**

None

**6. Communication from the Staff Senate**

None

**7. Old Business**

None

**8. New Business**

a.) Senate elections: Vice Chair, Secretary, and two at-large members for the Executive Committee.

*Motion was made to elect Brandon Kempner for Vice Chair of Faculty Senate.  
Motion passed unanimously.*

*Motion was made to elect Faculty Senate Secretary and two at-large Executive Committee members at the first Fall 2012 Faculty Senate meeting. Motion passed unanimously.*

b.) Election of the Senate Members for the Dean Search Committee.

*Motion passed to elect Kerry Loewen (School of Business-Dept. of Media Art) and Dr. Edward Martinez (College of Arts & Sciences-Natural Resources) to be part of the Dean Search Committee. Motion passed unanimously.*

**9. Adjournment: 3:50 pm**