

General Faculty Meeting Approved Minutes
Approved August 18, 2015

Date: February 25, 2015

Time: 4:00

Sininger Hall 100

Call to Order at 4:07 p.m.: Note: quorum obtained (26 voting and 1 non-voting Faculty attendees)

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Agenda was approved.
- 2. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from January 28th were approved.
- 3. Presentation by Athletic Department**
 - a. Jim Deisler, Assistant Director and Jeff Falkner, Director gave a presentation about student athletes.
 - b. The department's philosophy is that we should be teaching first, then athletics. They push athletes to use all campus resources.
 - c. Will be recruiting more athletes from the state.
 - d. Encourage athletes to interact in all campus activities.
 - e. Athletic program is also involved in community activities.
 - f. Currently hiring football coach and will be interviewing 4 candidates.
 - g. Power point presentation on "Life of a student athlete".
 - i. Eligibility requirements by NCAA reviewed to insure athletes are college ready. Classes must be applicable to degree.
 - ii. NMHU does not offer full-scholarships – usually 50%
 - iii. Countable Athletic Related Activities – how much time an athlete can spend on their sport to include practice, weight lifting, conditioning, team meetings, competitions
 - h. The Faculty Athletic Committee is putting together a fact sheet for faculty. The committee encourages faculty to attend student activities, including athletics to build a sense of community.
- 4. Faculty Senate Chair Report**
 - a. Presidential search is moving forward.
 - b. See Senate minutes for full report.
- 5. Duties of Committee Chairs**
 - a. Proposed wording for Faculty Handbook on Duties of Committee Chairs: The Committee Chair shall schedule and hold at least three meetings in Fall and Spring semesters. The meeting shall be run in a professional manner and guided by Robert's Rules of Order. Attendance and minutes shall be sent to the Faculty Senate secretary after each meeting. The chair shall respond to charges from the Faculty Senate in a timely manner and regularly communicate with committee members and the Faculty Senate.

Failure of the Committee Chair to carry out these duties will result in an initial warning from the Faculty Senate. If the chair continues to fail to carry out these duties as determined on a case by case basis by the Executive Committee, the chair may be removed by the Faculty Senate.

- b. Motion made to accept the proposed wording regarding Duties of Committee Chairs (Loewen/Christensen) Motion passed unanimously.

6. Updates on various issues by Dr. Aguilar

- a. See complete report in Senate Minutes
- b. Dean Searches - CAS Dean Co-Chairs: Dr. Kathy Jenkins and Evonne Roybal-Tafoya. EDUC Dean Co-Chairs: Dr. Geri Glover and Dr. Virginia-Padilla- Vigil
- c. Strategic Planning – community leaders invited. Athletic dept. and residence life office getting student input. Faculty debate on traditional graduate students forthcoming.
- d. Budgeting process discussions – plan for flat budget. Open forums at College & School levels in order to make the process more transparent and inclusive.
- e. Ballen scholar here the rest of the week.
- f. Las Vegas day at the legislature tomorrow

7. Announcements

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.