

General Faculty Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2018
Approved April 25, 2018

Call to Order at 4:00 p.m. Note: quorum obtained (30+ voting Faculty attendees; 26 needed for a quorum).

1. **Approval of Agenda.** MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve meeting minutes from February 28, 2018. Motion passed.
3. **Chair's Announcements** (T. Ward).
 - a. Update from Thu, 03/15, Board of Regents meeting (K. Jenkins).
 - Main discussion was about tuition hikes. Interest in raising reserves to meet HLC requirements to build reserves. BOR did not lean towards this. Not happy about fact that enrollment not increasing and admin wanting to increase tuition. Message: you cannot come here again to ask BOR to approve tuition hikes. Another discussion led by VPAA RG was about an RFP with a Pearson-like company to build course materials for large amount of online courses that we are anticipating.
 - \$300-375 (undergraduate) or \$500-575 (graduate) additional fee for on-line and center students.
 - 3% increase in Residence Hall fees.
 - One request for copy of original motion and access to discussion.
 - One suggestion that Faculty Senate distribution draft Undergraduate Admission Policy document for information and input.
 - b. Evaluation of Administrators; *in progress*. Includes Chair, Dean, Vice Presidents, President, and Regents.
 - c. Faculty Senate voted to move forward with a schedule of 4 forum events (Wednesday, 04/11 and Wednesday, 04/25) each covering 2 Task Force recommendations/discussions.

4. Administration Update (AVPAA/Ian Williamson).

- VPAA Gonzales is attending Counsel of College and Military Educators conference.
- Several Search and Screen processes in progress.
- Tenure and Promotion applications in review.
- An NMHU cohort will be attending the upcoming HLC conference (04/07-04/10). The President asked attendees to catalogue experiences and share with campus community upon return.
- Academic Affairs Office solicited and received numerous faculty excellence nominations; reception planned for April 18th 5:00-7:00.
- AA Office working with multiple office on catalog revisions, especially policy on course substitutions.
- Faculty Research Handbook revisions in progress.
- VPAA Gonzales' white paper is forthcoming; encourages comments to be sent directly to VPAA Gonzales.
- Several new hires in place in administration:
 - Michael Rivera, new Title V Director for Conectado/Unidos NMHU
 - Susan Decker, ARMAS in Education Director
 - Frances Ortega, Director of AP New Mexico

5. Discussion Items

- a. Faculty Senate Academic Vision/Adult and Online Learning
 - i. Survey results. JL gave brief summary of survey results; requested that all review and consider information provided.
 - ii. Forum 1: Reorganization. TW relayed that VPAA RG is summarizing recommendations and will forward to General Faculty (cc Faculty Senate) soon. Has been assured by administration that all recommendations will go through full Faculty Senate review and due process. TW shared that just learned YESTERDAY that there were 4 subcommittees to review proposed models. Posted models on screen for discussion. A lively General Faculty dialogue ensued.
 - One Senator suggested that all of the opinions voiced today be recorded, collated, and sent to administration.
 - Faculty expressed concerns that all of this could be for naught, b/c Admin can invoke management rights and implement any model they wish, regardless of faculty input.

- Many faculty attendees expressed concerns about the lack of budget neutrality, student enrollment potential, and increase in university strength in ANY of the proposed models.
- TW pledged to share the 4 proposed reorganization models with faculty and requested that General Faculty send feedback to Faculty Senate Executive Committee: Ward, Sammeth, Lindline, Jenkins, Romine, Meron, Coggins. (Note: models circulated to General Faculty post-meeting and archived as meeting handouts.)

6. Meeting adjourned at 5:02.