General Faculty Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2022

Approved September 28, 2022

3:00-3:50 p.m.

Location: Student Union Building, Ballroom

Zoom link: https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/98647558709

1. Call to Order. 40+ faculty members in attendance.

- 2. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3. **Approval of Minutes from April 27, 2022.** Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Welcome from Chair (D. Chadborn).
- 5. Chair Report (D. Chadborn).
 - **a. Faculty Handbook Information.** Noted that the FH has not been updated for some time. Shared that FS EC is working on updates and asked members to bring errors, omissions, updates to FS EC attention.
 - **b. Committee Membership Updates.** Requested that faculty shares changes in membership with FS EC Secretary Lindline.
 - c. NMHU Website Requests; https://www.nmhu.edu/university-relations-2/web-updates/. Noted that there are errors throughout NMHU website. Any errors, omissions, updates that are specific to the Faculty Senate should shared with the FS EC.
 - **d. Art Exhibit Updates.** Shared that a controversial art exhibit slated for the Rough Rider Museum was requested for showing on NMHU's main campus. General consensus from summer faculty conversations was that NMHU is the place to share issues, regardless of their controversial nature.

6. Other.

- Member asked when will any updates to syllabi resources be shared with General Faculty? DC responded that all information must be approved by FS so some items pending.
- Member asked if activities of FS EC is or will be reported to FS or General Faculty in writing? DC responded that there are oral updates by Chair about biweekly happenings that go into meeting minutes. Offered more if requested. General Faculty expressed support of current process.
- Member noted that FS in charge of all governance related to academics.
 FS updates the Syllabi Resources page and makes those updates. Some updates are in progress.
- Member gave example of there being a new Director of Wellness, yet there already exited a Direct of Wellness with completely different responsibilities and services. Should have been a dialogue in order to facilitate the process.
- Member asked for discussion about high faculty attrition from AY 2022 to AY 2023. Another member mentioned being offended by Minner's ascribing faculty loss to Great Resignation rather than difficulties with culture at NMHU. A suggestion was raised about creating a Committee for Campus Climate. DC invited members to attend 08/24 FS meeting and raise issue there.
- Member asked about status of President Minner's Faculty Wellness Initiative. DC said dedicated lounge is in progress, but unsure of status and details.

7. Adjournment.