

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2022
Approved October 26, 2022**

SUB 321 and ZOOM: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/93890638547>

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Faculty Senate

1. Call meeting to order.

3:02 p.m. by Ann Wolf, noting that Daniel Chadborn and Jennifer Lindline are at conferences.

2. Roll Call.

	ATTENDANCE		
	Present	Absent	Excused
Art and Music; Edward Harrington	X		
Biology; Justine Garcia, At-Large	X		
Business Administration; Ali Arshad	X		
Chemistry; David Sammeth		X	
Computer and Mathematical Sciences; Gil Gallegos	X		
Education - Counseling and Guidance; Sulema Perales	X		
Education - Curriculum & Instruction; Ann Wolf, At-Large	X		
Education - Educational Leadership; Rod Rock	X		
Education - Special Education; PJ Sedillo	X		
Education - Teacher Education; Melani Buchanan-Farmer	X		
English and Philosophy; Lauren Fath; At-Large	X		
Exercise and Sport Sciences; William Hayward, At-Large (K. Jenkins)	X		
Forestry; Blanca Cespedes	X		
History and Political Science; Steven Williams	X		
Languages and Culture; Norma Valenzuela	X		
Library; April Kent	X		
Media Arts and Technology; Morgan Barnard			X
Natural Resources Management; Jennifer Lindline, Secretary			X
Nursing; Sandra Gardner			X
Psychology; Daniel Chadborn, Chair			X
Social Work; Rebecca Moore	X		
Sociology, Anthropology, and CJ; Mario Gonzales	X		
President; Sam Minner		X	
Provost/VPAA; Roxanne Gonzales (Brandon Kempner)	X		
Staff Senate; Dolores Gallegos and Veronica Black	X		
Student Senate; Samuel People	X		

3. Approval of Agenda.

16 votes in favor, 1 abstention on agenda with addition of Rebecca Álvarez, Library Committee election. Agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes from September 28, 2022 (attachment).

15 in favor, 1 abstention. Minutes approved.

5. Communication from the President (S. Minner). Not present.

6. Communication from the Administration (B. Kempner).

1) Final decision on Sininger Hall contractor has been pushed back due to higher cost of building materials; 2) GO bonds are listed on the back of the election ballot. Important to vote on for our HU infrastructure, such as buildings and Donnelly library. 3) Friday is the deadline to register for second eight-week courses. Some enrollments aren't great at the 3000-level due to uneven distribution of students. B. Kempner briefly described how chairs determine course schedules in response to a question from Samuel Peoble.

7. Communication from the Chair (A. Wolf).

Rebecca Álvarez has been elected to the Library Committee.

8. Communication from Academic Affairs (A. Kent).

See attached.

9. Communication from the Student Senate (S. Peoble).

Student Senate met on Sunday, Oct. 9. SS cannot provide funds to students through the Foundation. They are investigating with VPFA Baca. They passed out funds to assist Forestry Club with purchasing two chainsaws. SS still has two positions vacant: one grad for Social Work and one undergraduate.

10. Communication from the Staff Senate (V. Black/D. Gallegos).

Veronica Black: Staff Senate has meeting tomorrow and hopes to hold elections, which have been delayed since last May. They are having issues with salary and insurance and hoping for HR to get those problems fixed.

11. Old Business.

a. Student Athlete Absence Letter (attachment).

Letter was brought to Senate and tabled at last meeting. A. Wolf requests motion to accept the letter. S. Williams asks whether, if we approve this, will we not get so many athletic travel emails. G. Gadsden notes that you can be asked to be removed from the distribution list if you email Ted Gonzales. K. Jenkins wants to know whether these letters are required. S. Williams asks what the point of the letter is. A. Wolf indicates that student-athletes are responsible for filling out the letter and giving to professors. S. Williams notes that this places the onus on the professor, not the student.

K. Jenkins moves to table and get more information. R. Rock seconds. Discussion: E. Harrington supports because it's written as a first-person note from the student. He hopes that students understand that missing class places the onus on them to do the work. R. Moore adds that this is the student's responsibility. S. Peoble adds that it's a student's responsibility to remind professor in addition to providing the form at the beginning of the semester. K. Jenkins notes that she has 120 students; 80% are athletes, so she receives a large number of letters and emails. N. Valenzuela asks whether all athletes are supposed to bring the same letter to us. A. Wolf says that's our understanding. G. Gadsden notes that it could depend on the coach. She notes that this came to Senate because some students thought they weren't responsible for coursework when they were traveling. 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

12. New Business.

a. Strategic Enrollment Management Strategic Planning Committee.

3 volunteers: R. Moore, E. Harrington, D. Sammeth

Vote: K. Jenkins moves; S. Williams seconds. In favor: 14; Opposed: 1; Abstentions: 0

b. DEI Pride Statement (attachment).

R. Moore offers context: The statement was developed in spring of this year by members of the PCDEI, especially PJ Sedillo. President Minner supports the proclamation and asked R. Moore to present it to the three senates. PJ Sedillo notes that it is a standard proclamation, modeled after Albuquerque and Los Ranchos. K. Jenkins moves approval, G. Gallegos seconds.

17 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions.

R. Moore would like to have a letter stating the vote and the support of Faculty Senate.

13. Executive Session.

14. Adjournment.

K. Jenkins moves to adjourn. N. Valenzuela seconds.