

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2023
Approved September 13, 2023

SUB 321 and ZOOM: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/3755944464>

3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Faculty Senate

- 1. Called meeting to order.**
- 2. Call Roll.**

	ATTENDANCE		
	Present	Absent	Excused
Arts & Music; Edward Harrington	X		
Biology; VACANT		X	
Business Administration; VACANT		X	
Chemistry; Steven Karpowicz	X		
Computer and Mathematical Sciences; Gil Gallegos	X		
Education - Counseling; Sulema Perales	X		
Education - Curriculum & Instruction; KwangJong Park	X		
Education - Educational Leadership; Rod Rock, Chair	X		
Education - Special Education; Mariana Ulibarri-Horan	X		
Education - Teacher Education; Angela Redondo	X		
English and Philosophy; Lauren Fath, Vice-Chair	X		
Exercise and Sport Sciences; Kathy 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; Mariah Fox Hausman	X		
Natural Resources Management; Jennifer Lindline, Secretary	X		
Nursing; Siri Khalsa	X		
Psychology; Thomas Brooks	X		
Social Work; Rebecca Moore	X		
Sociology, Anthropology, and CJ; Rebecca Alvarez	X		
President; Sam Minner	X		
Provost/VPAA; Roxanne Gonzales	X		
Staff Senate; Robert Anaya	X		
Student Senate; Karla Espinoza		X	

- 3. Approval of Agenda.** Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed with 14 counted in favor of the agenda.

4. **Approval of Minutes from April 26, 2023 (attachment).** Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed with 12 counted in favor; 0 in opposition; 4 to abstain.

5. **Communication from the President (S. Minner).**
 - Updated on:
 - Moving forward with DNP efforts.
 - Reforestation; things happening by the day. Visit from group who looked at 3 sites on our property. Toured those 2 or 3 weeks ago. Things seem going good. We have the land, have the water. Easy egress to 4-lane highway. They visited sites. We have been advanced again. Final recommendation is imminent. This will be a major thing for the campus. Statewide, regional, national footprint to look at state of the art facility that could employ up to 150 people. Even if we are not selected, we WILL play (confident) in participating in the operations.
 - Campaign. (\$1 million naming, land, others).
 - Facilities improvements.
 - Athletics (e-sports, Vatos).
 - Sustainability.
 - Enrollment showing 2.4% increase fall to fall.
 - Campus Life.
 - Talked about Transitioning. Going after more money where needed – Nursing, Education, Social Work, and Forestry.

6. **Communication from the Administration (R. Gonzales).**
 - Welcomed Senators.
 - Restated that will be bringing in outside professional to assist in Outcomes Assessment effort.
 - Informed that sent out Strategic Plan template to unit chairs; due 09/25/23.
 - Informed that the Legislative Finance Committee here this week. Has good handouts for HLC, HED, and Leg Finance Session. Got good information.
 - Shared that we have roughly 440 new students b/c of new programs (Wiley programs, MA CRM).
 - Said will be coming to Senate with a few things. Looking to Dual Credit program to increase that number. Compensation for universities for dual credit students is in the conversation. Will be posting for a Dual Credit Enrollment position.
 - Said gave RR a draft of Academic Affairs Office FY 24 goals.
 - Encouraged Department Chairs to meet October 30th deadline for department budgets.
 - Said that Provost Council meeting is coming up; welcomed agenda items.
 - Shared that Instructional Designers available to assist with course work. Given model for a “course shell.” Asked for input about online platform, design. Senator brought up issues about how Brightspace looks, how it works in faculty purview.

7. **Communication from the Chair (R. Rock).**
 - Appreciated everyone’s involvement in Monday’s Presidential Search Forum.

- Said there is a retreat coming up with Administration and Faculty, Student, Staff leadership.
- Reminded that there is a General Faculty meeting this afternoon at 4:00.
- Reminded that there is a Board of Regents meeting on Friday.
- Said there is an investigation on an email that was sent out in the spring.
- Shared that hasn't heard anything back from HLC or HED re General Faculty complaints.
- HLC report – Dr. Minner shared – we received accreditation approval. They will be back in 3 years with their visit (HR, payroll, accreditation issues). Still have issues re IPRA that the Faculty Senate is continuing to pursue.

8. Communication from Academic Affairs (A. Kent). Report submitted via email.

9. Communication from the Student Senate (K. Espinoza). No report.

10. Communication from the Staff Senate (R. Anaya). Brought up Spring 2023 request for additional holidays. Has had discussions with Faculty Senate, President Minner, and Board of Regents. All are supportive. President Minner has asked for feedback from the Faculty Senate on the Staff Holiday Proposal. Brooks gave a synopsis of request. KJ said generally in support of request, but reminded that the Staff Association is the sole bargaining unit for working conditions, under which this falls. N. Valenzuela commented on “low morale” has to do with issues outside of pay (lack of administrative support, poor staffing, pay issues). RA mentioned that looking for support. RR asked RA, CB what the status is with Staff Association. RB said in conversations. RA brought up issue of adoption of calendar, granting of administrative leave, and need for more time and notice.

11. New Business.

a. Election of Faculty Senate Executive Committee At-Large Members.

- Nominations included: Kathy Jenkins, Rebecca Moore, and Mariana Ulibarri-Horan.
- Motion made and seconded to have Kathy Jenkins serve as FS EC Member At-Large. Motion passed with 12 in favor, 0 to oppose, and 1 to abstain.
- Motion made and seconded to have Rebecca Moore serve as FS EC Member At-Large. Motion passed with 09 in favor, 0 to oppose, and 0 to abstain.
- Motion made and seconded to have Mariana Ulibarri Horan serve as FS EC Member At-Large. Motion passed with 10 in favor, 0 to oppose, and 0 to abstain.

Welcome new Faculty Senate Executive Committee members!

b. Election of Faculty Senate Committee Members (Athletic Committee, Financial Planning Committee, and Student Affairs Committee).

c. Development of Committee Charges.

12. Executive Session.

13. Adjournment. Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. Motion passed with majority in favor (count not taken).