

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2023
Approved October 11, 2023

SUB 321 and ZOOM: <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/3145944449>

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

1. Called meeting to order.

2. Called roll.

	ATTENDANCE		
	Present	Absent	Excused
Art & Music; Edward Harrington	X		
Biology; VACANT		X	
Business Administration; Gerardo Moreira	X		
Chemistry; VACANT		X	
Computer and Mathematical Sciences; Gil Gallegos	X		
Education - Counseling; Sulema Perales		X	
Education - Curriculum & Instruction; KwangJong Park	X		
Education - Educational Leadership; Rod Rock		X	
Education - Special Education; Mariana Ulibarri-Horan, At-Large	X		
Education - Teacher Education; Angela Redondo	X		
English and Philosophy; Lauren Fath, Chair	X		
Exercise and Sport Sciences; Kathy Jenkins, At-Large	X		
Forestry; Blanca Cespedes	X		
History and Political Science; Steven Williams	X		
Languages and Culture; Norma Valenzuela	X		
Library; VACANT		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, At-Large	X		
Sociology, Anthropology, and CJ; Rebecca Alvarez, Vice Chair	X		
President; Sam Minner	X		
Provost/VPAA; Roxanne Gonzales	X		
Staff Senate; Robert Anaya		X	
Student Senate; Kayl Rainer	X		

3. Approval of Agenda. Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda. Motion passed unanimously with 14 votes counted. 0 to oppose and 0 to abstain.

4. **Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2023 (attachment).** Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously with 15 votes counted. 0 to oppose and 0 to abstain.
5. **Communication from the President (S. Minner).**
 - Welcomed everyone to Homecoming Week.
 - Shared going through personnel changes. President position going through 2nd extension. June 30th last day.
 - Shared retirements, resignations (Max Baca, Joe Gieri, Heather Tilson).
 - Updated on his Chief of Staff position – wow an incredible number of applicants. Looking to place beginning of Spring 2024.
 - Talked about US News and World report rankings. NMHU in the 50's for social mobility. Said not typically important to students, faculty or staff BUT important to parents, guardians who send and entrust us with their students.
 - Forest Reforestation Center is close to being approved out at the golf course.
6. **Communication from the Administration (R. Gonzales).**
 - DNP moving forward, lots of support re economic development.
7. **Communication from the Chair (L. Fath).**
 - Noted that postponing Executive Session to next meeting due to scheduled General Faculty meeting.
 - Asked faculty for assistance in upkeeping Faculty Senate Committee membership lists and activities. Help us help you!
 - Spoke to emails that have gone out to committees asking for reports, updates. Wants to bring information to bear, wants to support.
8. **Communication from Academic Affairs.** No report.
9. **Communication from the Student Senate (K. Rainer).**
 - Reported that just met on Monday, 09/25. Focused on Homecoming.
10. **Communication from the Staff Senate (R. Anaya).** No report.
11. **New Business.**
 - a. **Election of FS representative to Academic Affairs (At-Large Member).** Discussion about the position responsibilities. Position created years ago to share all of the very important information from AAC with FS formally and regularly. Motion made and seconded for Mariah Fox Hausman to serve as FS representative for AAC. Motion passed unanimously with 14 in favor; 0 in opposition; and 0 to abstain.
 - b. **Consideration of Revisions to Outcomes Assessment Handbook and Guidelines (response to 2022-23 Charge) (attachment) (H. Anderson).**
 - LF reminded about language changes in OA and Gen Ed Guidelines.
 - KJ made motion to approve the proposed revision. Department of ESS supported them. Noted language improvements and handbook importance. JL seconded.

- Opened floor for discussion.
- RA mentioned that Department of Anth Sociology, and CJ has not met since the 09/13 meeting. No time for feedback.
- KJ offered that need to have timely feedback. Discussed last week that information items often shared with faculty via emails.
- Motion passed unanimously with 15 in favor; 0 to oppose; 0 to abstain.

c. Consideration of Graduate Student Exam Language Changes (attachment) (G. Gadsden and I. Williamson).

- KJ made motion to approve the Graduate Exam Language Changes.
- KP offered text modifications (and/or).
- KJ asked for clarify on p. 2 the Office of the Registrar can make exceptions under “unusual circumstances.” Education wants to know, what defines “unusual”?
- KJ said exception is covered under the “not getting paperwork in on time” section. Way to push paperwork through when mistakes are made.
- G Gadsden emphasized that exceptions are about paperwork, processing. Will not be making exceptions for anything academic.
- KJ said with re-read, thinks there are a few areas that are vague to student readers.
- HR said Office of Registrar takes no position on who can or cannot defend. Does work for timeliness of paperwork. Works very hard with discipline that even when paperwork late, can support student on getting everything done without delay.
- G Gadsden assured the succession of changes. Hasn’t gone away.
- G Gadsden said once FS approved, does not go back to GC.
- KJ: 1) the top of the 2nd page right hand column the and b/4 #3 gets changed to or; 2) Do not approve that each student has to be enrolled in 1-credit. Registration for at least 1-credit hour in the graduate program.
- KJ: Withdrawing motion. What understand from IW is that there is now no longer a requirement to register for a course. Need to investigate the situation and revisit down the line.

d. Review of Faculty Senate Strategic Plan (attachment).

e. Discussion of Artificial Intelligence in academics; Session I.

12. Executive Session.

13. Adjournment. Motion made to table items 11d., e. and adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously with 13 votes counted.