

Student Affairs Committee

Agenda

2.3.2023, 2:25-3:15 p.m.

Zoom <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/94212720609>

In addition to Zoom, in-person location, Room 1, Music Building

Committee Members Attendance:

Present:

Edward Harrington (chair), Jeannette Baca, Joseph Sabitus, Laura Hansen, KwangJong “KJ” Park, and Anna Koch (secretary)

Absent:

Emmanuel Nkwenti-Zamcho

Ad Hoc Attendance:

Ricardo Martinez, Kim Blea

1. Approval of agenda

A. Koch motioned to approve, J. Sabitus seconded, all member in favor to approve

2. Approval of minutes for 10/14/22 meeting

J. Sabitus motioned to approve, L. Hansen seconded, all members in favor to approve

3. Vacant: Coordinator of Disability Services

Due to not currently having a Coordinator of Disability Services, all inquiries about accessibility services for students are to be directed to Ian Williamson. I. Williamson and Provost Gonzales are working on filling the position. Gabriel Marcus is serving as the point person at Disability Services, he is an assistant in the disability services office. J. Sabitus inquired if G. Marcus has the experience to make disability services/accommodation determinations. K. Blea said he is only receiving requests. K. Blea will relay our concerns about the open position and eligible students receiving disability services at this time. E. Harrington wondered who is currently determining appropriate accommodations for students. R. Martinez reported Dr. Williamson or Dr. Gonzales are handling current requests and the application goes through Slate.

4. Privilege walk activities & student safety

E. Harrington was concerned about a recent global email Dr. Minner sent out regarding student safety concerns on campus. The email did not contain detailed information regarding his specific concerns. Also, our committee wasn't notified of any problem(s)

on campus regarding students. E. Harrington thought the Student Affairs Committee should be notified and possibly involved. Kim B. shared some background information that led to said email being sent by Dr. Minner. She attended a meeting with other faculty members, including Rod Rock, Faculty Senate Chair, Chief Romero, and some students. She shared that she could not go into much detail other than to say the meeting was regarding graffiti. Chief Romero looked through his records of prior crimes and reports and determined the current incident of graffiti was an isolated incident. There were also other concerns shared by members of the campus community with President Minner. She recommended SAC contact Rod Rock, as Faculty Senate Chair, and President Minner to obtain regular reports from campus police and President Minner. E. Harrington said based on the content of the global email President Minner sent out, no single incident was identified, instead he stated our community needs to be more welcoming. This led to him wondering if President Minner is suggesting the NMHU community is not welcoming. J. Satitus thinks there should be a policy in place for things like this. If University administration are following this policy, then the SAC does not need to be involved. If there is no existing policy, and this committee is concerned, then we should be involved. E. Harrington said, based on what K. Blea stated, Dr. Minner included members of other committees to his meeting. K. Blea offered to take our concerns about the SAC not being included to the executive leadership team, President Minner and Provost Gonzales. J. Satitus said the SAC should also notify the Faculty Senate Chair. The question was posed, is there a current policy to address how to handle this incident? Kim said the university does not have a policy and there was an ad hoc committee put together. Should the SAC be included in the development of this policy? E. Harrington offered to write a short note to Dr. Rock, to see if there can be a policy put in place. SAC members expressed their interest in student well-being and are offering their support. E. Harrington will send a draft of his memo to committee members for input/review.

Laura moved to have E. Harrington write this note.

Joseph Seconded

All members in agreement

5. Schedule next meeting-March 3 @ 2:15

6. New Business-

K. Blea said she has no new business, per se, but does have information to share. She shared they are in the process of organizing a faculty, staff, and student services social. There is concern around students getting their basic needs met. NMHU received a College Food Security grant. She also shared they are in the process of discussing develop of a modified Title IX policy statement. She wanted to know if the SAC committee members felt it would be beneficial to have a syllabus statement regarding the food pantry and other available services to help meet students' basic needs. The old statement had CARES as the contact. K. Blea's staff revised the statement and mistakenly sent it to Provost's office without getting approval through any committee. E. Harrington offered to follow-up with Dr. Rock, Faculty Senate President, to discuss the appropriate process for that. He said he will copy Kim and help edit the draft. K. Blea said the goal is for the statement to go out to students the next academic year. K Blea also

shared with the committee about NMHU receiving grant funding through the Higher Education Department. This funding includes conducting a basic needs survey. The aim is to survey faculty, staff, and students, to provide institutional data regarding food security issues and homelessness. The data is managed through UNM, and we will get our institutional level data/results for our own review. K. Blea said there will likely be more Title IX changes coming. She will keep us posted.

7. Adjourn

A. Koch moved to adjourn the meeting.

J. Satitus seconded the motion.

All members in agreement

Meeting adjourned.