

Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda
April 24, 2024
Approved May 08, 2024

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

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

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

	ATTENDANCE		
	Present	Absent	Excused
Art & Music; Edward Harrington	X		
Biology; VACANT			
Business Administration; Gerardo Moreira	X		
Chemistry; VACANT			
Computer and Mathematical Sciences; Gil Gallegos	X		
Education - Counseling; Sulema Perales	X		
Education - Curriculum & Instruction; KwangJong Park	X		
Education - Educational Leadership; Sheree Jederberg			
Education - Special Education; VACANT		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; Elaine Rodriquez			X
Languages and Culture; Norma Valenzuela	X		
Library; Katie Gray	X		
Media Arts and Technology; Mariah Fox Hausman	X		
Natural Resources Management; Jennifer Lindline, Secretary	X		
Nursing; Siri Khalsa	X		
Psychology; David Pan	X		
Social Work; Rebecca Moore, At-Large	X		
Sociology, Anthropology, and CJ; Rebecca Alvarez, Vice Chair	X		
President; Sam Minner			
Provost/VPAA; Roxanne Gonzales			
Staff Senate; Cathryn Brooks			
Student Senate; Kayl Rainer			

- 3. Approval of Agenda. Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda. Motion passed with 15 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**

4. **Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2024 (attachment). Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed with 14 in favor; 0 to oppose; 0 to abstain.**
5. **Communication from the President and Administration (R. Gonzales).**
 - Thanked everyone for their cooperation and resiliency throughout cyberattack.
 - Announced that extending the Dean CAS Search & Screen (prolonging, not failing it).
 - Shared that Dr. Wolf will be here week of May 6th, including commencement.
 - Online email.
 - Reported that working to complete the review of tenure and promotion dossiers.
6. **Communication from the Chair (L. Fath).**
 - Thanked everyone, gratitude, for hard work post-cyberattack.
 - B. Kempner reported that a report that will be given from Lepre at end of Legislative Session. Awaiting that report.
 - Shared information from meeting with Bookstore representative. No one will be forced to participate in Inclusive Access. It is optional and will be made clearer in future correspondences.
 - Acknowledged ITS' amazing work to safeguard the university during the cyberattack and get things back on track. Renounced University Relations poor performance.
 - KJ offered that conversation around how to best communicate and how to ensure fairness, equity among faculty instructors. Heard some faculty using cell phones or personal accounts to continue classes. Not fair or accessible to all.
7. **Communication from Academic Affairs (S. Jederberg).** Provided oral report from 04/17 Academic Affairs meeting, including:
 - Program Reviews in progress.
 - Possibility of an extended Ballen Fellowship deadline.
 - New courses proposed for the General Education Core, including GNDR 2225 and SOCI 2310.
8. **Communication from the Student Senate (K. Rainer/E. Novikov).** None provided.
9. **Communication from the Staff Senate (C. Brooks).**
 - Shared that working on Staff Newsletter with more shout-outs.
 - Stood for questions.
 - KJ asked why the Deans asking for input on Staff's request for additional days off. Is Staff Senate getting resistance? CB replied that is some stalling, some additional conversations happening.
10. **Old Business.**
 - a. **Department chair election outcomes.** LF reported that 8/9 Chair Elections completed on time and without hitch. 1/9 was mishandled by a member of the FS EC who was a candidate in the election. Individual inserted option, tainted process. The election in question was so biased that the department faculty did not even vote.

- b. **Election of Grievance and Conciliation Committee Members.** LF informed that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has invoked its right to create a slate of nominees. G&C Committee membership criteria are tenured and serving on less than 2 committees. JL presented slate of eligible candidates. **Motions were made and seconded for the following members:**
- Juan Gallegos
 - Mario Gonzales
 - Bill Hayward
 - Sheree Jederberg
 - David Sammeth
 - Kent Tucker
 - Judy Barnstone;
 - Heather Smith
 - Rey Martinez

Motion to approve the candidate slate passed with 15 in favor; 0 to oppose; 1 to abstain.

Remaining items tabled.

- c. **Allocation of space in Lora Shields Building.**
- d. **Governance Issue/Program Review (Biology Program).**

11. New Business.

- a. **Faculty Senate Executive Committee elections.**
- b. **Faculty Senate Committee elections.**
- c. **CTE Advisory Board elections.**
- d. **Academic Affairs Program Approvals.**
 - 1) **Social Work program revision (attachment).**
 - 2) **Psychology program revisions (attachment).**
 - 3) **MS in Natural Sciences program revisions (attachment).**
 - 4) **Fine Arts program revision (attachment).**
 - 5) **School of Business, Accounting program revision (attachment).**
 - 6) **New Minor - Sustainability and Conservation (attachment).**
 - 7) **M.S. in Natural Sciences; Concentration in Forestry (attachment).**

12. Adjournment. Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with 15 in favor; 0 to oppose; 1 to abstain.