

**Special Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2024**  
**Approved August 14, 2024**

**ZOOM:** <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/3145944449>

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

**1. Call meeting to order.**

**2. Roll Call.**

	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Excused</b>
Art & Music; Edward Harrington	X		
Biology; <b>VACANT</b>		X	
Business Administration; Gerardo Moreira	X		
Chemistry; <b>VACANT</b>		X	
Computer and Mathematical Sciences; Gil Gallegos			X
Education - Counseling; Sulema Perales			X
Education - Curriculum & Instruction; KwangJong Park	X		
Education - Educational Leadership; Sheree Jederberg	X		
Education - Special Education; <b>VACANT</b>		X	
Education - Teacher Education; Angela Redondo			X
English and Philosophy; <b>Lauren Fath, Chair</b>	X		
Exercise and Sport Sciences; <b>Kathy Jenkins, At-Large</b>		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; <b>Jennifer Lindline, Secretary</b>			X
Nursing; Siri Khalsa	X		
Psychology; David Pan	X		
Social Work; <b>Rebecca Moore, At-Large</b>		X	
Sociology, Anthropology, and CJ; <b>Rebecca Alvarez, Vice Chair</b>	X		
President; Sam Minner		X	
Provost/VPAA; Roxanne Gonzales		X	
Staff Senate; Cathryn Brooks		X	
Student Senate; Kayl Rainer		X	

**3. Approval of Agenda. Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting agenda. Motion passed with 11 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**

4. **Approval of Minutes from May 8, 2024 (attachment). Motion made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed with 10 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**

5.

a. **Academic Affairs Program Approvals.**

1) **Fine Arts (BA, BFA) Program Revisions (attachment).**

- Shereen Lobdell presented that there are courses not being counted toward degree credit. These courses currently require course substitutions. They are Ceramics 4, Art Foundry 4, and Jewelry and Small Metals 4. The program requests that they count toward degree credit.
- Dr. Romero noted that just because a course is not specific to the degree, it may still count toward the degree.

**Motion made and seconded to approve the program revisions. Motion passed with 10 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**

2) **School of Business, Accounting Program Revisions (attachment).**

- Dr. Owusu-Ansah proposed that the changes are intended to 1) modernize the accounting program and 2) adequately prepare students for CPA exams by adding Intermediate Accounting.

**Motion made and seconded to approve the program revisions. Motion passed with 10 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**

3) **New Minor - Sustainability and Conservation (attachment).**

- **Dr. Falkowski presents that the new minor would be hosted by both the Biology and Forestry departments.** There are no interdisciplinary options currently available. The number of courses and electives are expected to expand moving forward.
- Question from the Chair: where are the letters of support from chairs of departments whose courses would be included in this program. Answer: the AAC did not require letters from all departments, but Dr. Falkowski would be willing to procure these.

**Motion made and seconded to approve the new minor. Motion passed with 9 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**

4) **New Program - MS in Natural Sciences; Concentration in Forestry (attachment).**

- Dr. Falkowski stated that students were reporting that hiring managers were not clear as to whether they met minimum qualifications for positions.
- Dr. Harrington asks if the degree needs approval by the department of higher education. Answer: It does not
- Sheree wanted to know why 75% is the cutoff score for a comprehensive exam—Dr. Fath points out that outcomes assessment are about continual approval.

**Motion made and seconded to approve the program. Motion passed with 9 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**

5) **GNDR 2225 & SOCI 2310 Gen Ed Core Curriculum additions (attachment)**

- Dr. Derkas presents that programs were contacted and expressed support, with some concerns from Political Science.
  - **Motion made and seconded to approve the additions. Motion passed with 9 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**
- 6) **Dept of Nursing – BSN Program Revisions (attachment)**
- Dr. Khalsa proposed several changes due to accreditation. They are changing 3 courses to include a clinical component. Instead of 3600, another course will be reactivated because the graduate program requires advanced pathophysiology.  
**Motion made and seconded to approve the program revisions. Motion passed with 9 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**
- 7) **School of Education Program Rev-Curr & Instruction - All Emphasis Areas (attachment)**  
**Motion made and seconded to approve the program revisions. Motion with 9 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**
- 8) **School of Business DOBA-New Programs in Digital Marketing**  
**Motion made and seconded to approve the program. Motion passed with 9 in favor; 0 to oppose; and 0 to abstain.**

### **13. Adjournment.**