

NMHU Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 3rd, 2025

Time: 8:15 AM

Location: Zoom

Attendance:

- Jennifer Lindline (host of meeting, not a committee member)
- Cindy Black
- Kimberly Blea (ex-officio member, VP Student Affairs)
- Jedediah Bragg
- Debbie Deneen
- David Donley
- Rodney Sanchez

Absentee Based on Known Membership:

- Lara Barela (ex-officio member, Financial Aid)
- Laura Hansen
- Ricardo Martinez (ex-officio member, Admissions)
- Kwang-Jong Park

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Lindline, who opened with committee orientation and facilitated initial introductions.

Committee Overview & Charge

- Frequency of Meetings: Faculty Senate requires all committees to meet at least three times per semester. This committee aims for monthly meetings but is just beginning for the fall.
- **Duties & Responsibilities:**
 - Review and provide input on student affairs policies, including appeals on the student code of conduct and no trespass orders.
 - Serve as an appeal hearing body and recommend actions to the President in relevant cases.
 - Serve as a hub for both informal conversations and formal updates relating to student support, admissions, financial aid, and Title IX.

- Disseminate information and updates to campus colleagues.

Election of Officers

- **Chair:** Debbie Deneen volunteered and was unanimously elected chair
 - Others were encouraged to co-chair if interested.
 - Jennifer Lindline handed meeting over to Debbie; and left meeting as not being an active member.
- **Secretary:** Jedediah Bragg volunteered as secretary and was affirmed by the committee.

Review of Committee Membership/Ex-Officio Roles

- Kimberly Blea serves as Vice President of Student Affairs (formerly Dean of Students).
- Ex-officio members include Admissions, Financial Aid, and Registrar (currently vacant).

Agenda Planning

- Chair will review Faculty Senate-provided documents and past minutes (to be sent by Jennifer Lindline) to shape their focus and agenda.
- Committee encouraged to bring forward any items or priorities for future discussion.
- Standing agenda item will be Student Affairs updates from Kimberly Blea; requests for other guests or data also welcomed.

Scheduling Future Meetings

- After discussion of schedules, committee selected Mondays at 1:00 PM as the regular meeting time for the remainder of the semester. At least two additional meetings are planned to fulfill the semester requirement.

Action Items

- Jennifer Lindline to forward the Faculty Senate link to prior meeting records.
- Debbie circulate previous committee minutes.
- Debbie to confer with Kimberly Blea regarding invitations and confirm official membership and ex-officio participation.
- Jedediah to send minutes to Debbie within the week.

Adjournment

- With no additional business or set agenda for the first meeting, the session adjourned. Members expressed their appreciation and readiness to reconvene at the next scheduled time.