

**General Faculty Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2015**  
*Approved September 30, 2015*

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**3:00 p.m.**  
**Sininger Hall 100**

- 1. Call to Order: 3:05 p.m.**  
Note: quorum obtained (55 voting Faculty attendees)
- 2. Approval of Agenda:** Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 25, 2015. Motion passed.
- 4. Report from President Sam Minner**
  - a. Would like to provide reports at both Senate and General Faculty meetings
  - b. He has a standing monthly meeting with Senate Chair
  - c. Has open door policy, as well as monthly informal gatherings
  - d. Goals are enrollment and retention plans
- 5. Faculty Senate Chair Report**
  - a. The Senate's role is to gather faculty opinion and hold the administration accountable for shared governance. This is the service component of the job. The Senate works for faculty and is an information resource.
  - b. Dr. Kempner is initiating three new communication initiatives. Bi-weekly e-mails, faculty senate hours on Mondays from 9:30-11 at Traveler's Café and Fridays from 10-12 in his office, Douglas Hall 148. Contact him with issues or concerns so he can track them. 505-454-3286 or bkempner@nmhu.edu
  - c. Committees – need active and engaged committee members. Let Cheryl Zebrowski know who will be serving on which committees.
  - d. Activities
    - i. Faculty Resources web page under Faculty.
    - ii. Disability Statement, HU Cares Statement, +/- grading and academic integrity policy should be on syllabus. All are available on the new Faculty Resources page.
  - e. Board of Regents Meeting
    - i. Dean Searches for Business and Social Work will start in fall.
    - ii. Ten new tenure track hires this fall
    - iii. Strategic Planning update will go out for review soon
    - iv. Dr. Trujillo reported that student services lost the TRiO grant
    - v. A firm will be hired to review HR processes
    - vi. HLC visit is scheduled for Sept. 28-29
    - vii. Enrollment and budget flat
    - viii. The athletic director left, so there will be co-athletic directors this fall
    - ix. NMHU will not be joining the Lone Star Conference
  - f. Senate Activities will be sent in next week's e-mail.
- 6. Presentation on Upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Assurance Visit.**
  - a. Dr. Jean Hill reported that the visit will take place on Sept. 28-29
  - b. Accreditation is through 2020, but this is a full-site visit

- c. Document will be posted sometime in the next week or two, so please review and become familiar with it.
- d. Agenda will be finalized after Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- e. Outcomes assessment, strategic planning and finances will be problematic
- f. Suggest to students that they look at report and attend appropriate forums

**7. Presentation from Athletics Committee**

- a. Dr. Carol Linder reports that there is a forum tomorrow with the athletic directors.
- b. Dr. Linder passed out a flyer and reviewed the “How Can I Help Student-Athletes Succeed” section.
- c. RMAC sets the schedule, and NMHU has no control over that. Coaches can proctor exams.
- d. Eligibility is determined by prior year’s grades, not how they’re currently doing.
- e. The flyer will be posted to the Faculty Resources page.

**8. Move to Executive Session to Discuss Issues of Importance to Faculty**

- a. Motion made and seconded to move to Executive Session. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. There has been declining communication with administration. Dr. Kempner distributed a short survey on Shared Governance. Please complete and return to him.
- c. It was proposed that the Senate send a joint letter with Association regarding issues such as requesting a search for VP of Finance, academic calendar. Departments should send other issues and concerns to the Chair.
- d. Motion made and seconded to have the executive committees of the Senate & the Association draft a letter regarding shared governance and other issues, and present it to the President by September 4th. Addendum: Solicit information and issues from faculty. Motion carried unanimously.
- e. The executive committee is planning on sending a letter to Max Baca regarding his plagiarism & copyright violations in his newsletter.
- f. Motion made and seconded to withdraw from Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously

**9. Announcements**

- a. None

**10. Adjournment at 4:16 p.m.**