

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018
Approved April 25, 2018

Lora Shields room 329 and via ZOOM, 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order: 3:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Bustos, Leon (Psychology); Coggins, Kip (School of Social Work); Ensor, Kevin (Counseling & Guidance); Fath, Lauren (English & Philosophy); Gardner, Sandra (Nursing); Harrington, Edward (Visual & Performing Arts); Jeffries, John (Computer Science & Math); Jenkins, Kathy (Exercise & Sport Sciences); Lindline, Jennifer (Natural Resources); Meckes, Shirley (Teacher Education); Rodriguez, Elaine (History and Political Science); Romine, Maureen (Biology); Sammeth, David (Chemistry); Sedillo, PJ (Education; Special Education/Gifted); Valenzuela, Norma (Languages & Culture); Ward, Tom (Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice)

Also Present: Bassett, Melissa (Recruitment and Admissions); Duran, Christina (Social Work); Gadsden, Gloria (Academic Affairs); Jaramillo, Jessica (Recruitment and Admissions); Marrs, Diana (Center for Teaching Excellence);

Absent: Broughton, Leslie (Library); Cruz, Patricia (Education; Educational Leadership); Ortiz, Luis (School of Business); Meron, Angela (Media Arts & Technology); Yerende, Eva (Education; Curriculum & Instruction)

3. Approval of Agenda: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the agenda with shifting of Items (5) and (6) and New Business Items (a) and (b). Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to approve the Minutes from March 28th. Motion passed.

5. Communication from the Administration (R. Gonzales tapping in remotely from car in gas station at Kirtland Air Force Base).

- Reported on last week's HLC meeting. More than 5000 attendees. One criterion that was emphasized was diversity in classroom. Messages that were repeated were retention and graduation; these pertain directly to NMHU. Another item that was discussed was workforce needs; how can higher education meet those needs?
- Shared that NM HED is HED for NM is putting out a set of rules for undergraduate and graduate degrees with open comment period this week. All faculty are encouraged to read materials and consider how this affects what we do; talk to chairs, deans, committee members so that there are things we can put forward as a group.
- Shared that 50k has been budgeted for online initiatives; programs can coordinate with respective Dean to receive \$10k if going to develop new online programs (graduate or undergraduate).

- Announced new project with Pojoaque school district that includes professional development for teachers in classroom to graduate more STEM students and put more students into STEM.
- Announced that there are new grant funds for Outcomes Assessment projects.
- Shared that in receipt of Prior Learning Assessment from ad hoc committee; in review.
- Shared that just received recommendations for tenure and promotion; in review.
- Shared that working to setup time for White Paper forum before end of term.

6. Communication from the Chair (T. Ward).

- Reminded all that Evaluation of Administrators in progress. Deadline is on Friday, 04/13; encourage department faculty to participate in process.
- Notified FS that VPAA's white paper (Weaving Tradition and Technology) was distributed globally through email yesterday. VPAA Gonzales is planning a forum for end-of-semester. FS is also planning forums. Lots going on!
- Notified FS of credentialing update; if departments regularly use credentialing policy, must develop department specific credentialing policies for fairness in employment process.
- Shared that MJ Valdez has been tape recording FS meetings and archiving the tapes for years. Tapes no longer available and technology obsolete. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to cease tape recording Faculty Senate meetings; all in favor.
- Shared that a number of policy review action items are in the pipeline; requested that FS please keep eye on emails for reading and reviewing.
- Announced the passage by BOR at last meeting of additional fees for fully online programs and exemption of Student Activity fee for Center students.

7. Communication from Academic Affairs (E. Harrington).

- Catalog revision drafts have been distributed to departments for review.
- Course substitution policy; still in discussion.
- Financial Planning committee has charge; gathering data.
- Question from Senator – *any discussion/charges about reducing number of upper-division requirements?* No faculty or committee representatives had knowledge of such.

8. Communication from the Student Senate (N. Lujan). None provided.

9. Communication from the Staff Senate (L. Thornton). None provided.

10. Old Business

a. Task Force Forums

i. Online Learning (G. Gadsden)

- Presented Members: Coggins, Fath, Flood, Gadsden, Gardner, Karaba, Sammeth, Ward, Williamson
- Talked about process; brainstorming and identifying challenges and possibilities.
- Gave presentation about the items the group considered, including buy-in/process, infrastructure, quality, programs/courses, strategy & policy, resources/staffing, training, and challenges.
- D. Marrs shared that D2L is getting an upgrade to “Bright Space.” If you see emails about this service, not new – just upgraded.

- Questions from Senator: *where are we with reserves?* Keep hearing that need to build reserves and monies being directed to that, so where are we? No specific answer given, but KJ said that required to put 400-500k each year b/4 2020 site visit to show progress.

ii. Physical Footprint Albuquerque (C. Duran).

- Shared that Albuquerque Center on Indian School campus; “humble abode.” There have been adjustments between Rio Ranch and Albuquerque centers and offerings. Lease up in 2020. Work group tasked with question: What is the future of Albuquerque Center? No classes programs other than Social Work offered there. Good hard working group. Developed and distributed survey to students. Space is cramped, but location is prime. Note: all core classes are on-ground, in-person. Few electives are on-line. Want to maintain a presence, space in Albuquerque. OK to move on-line, but want to maintain what doing well and doing successfully.

b. Changes to Undergraduate Admissions policy (J. Jaramillo).

- Shared proposal to increase application fee for first time freshmen. Table presented; Faculty Senate recommended \$25 fee.
- Senator asked, *Why different categories (freshmen, military, adult learners ...)?* Response for data tracking, responsiveness, inclusiveness.
- Admissions deadline ...
- Discussed transfer credits; looking at 16 now, want to move to 30 transferable credits. Looking to see if students are enrolling as transfer but really freshmen, missing out on academic support they really need.
- Brought up the orientation requirement that FS proposed at 03/28 meeting. JJ said cannot develop b/c not her purview.
- MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to recommend to Academic Affairs Office that every student be provided with an orientation appropriate to their background. Motion passed unanimously.
- Shared policy that new students may not be admitted or enrolled after the 1st week of classes, yet takes place during 2nd week of classes. *How address?* Discussion ensued; no resolution.

11. New Business

a. Honorary Bachelor’s Degree Nomination (letter handout). MOTION MADE AND SECONDED to award Ms. Ortega an Honorary Bachelor’s Degree. Motion passed with 14 favored; 2 abstained.

b. Professionalism and Technology (Discussion Item; Sammeth).

- Discussion initiated about physical versus electronic presence for faculty members at meetings and forums. Should be exception, not rule.
- FS brought up issue of quorums at General Faculty meetings. Many would not attend if couldn’t electronically zoom in.
- Issue of quality brought up (connections, sound, others).
- FS offered that maybe enforce, encourage through department meetings not a rule or policy.

12. Adjournment at 5:01.