

**Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes**  
**September 23, 2020**  
**Approved October 14, 2020**

**ZOOM** - <https://nmhu.zoom.us/j/91283810526>; **3:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order.**

**2. Roll Call.**

Arshad, Ali (Business Administration); Chadborn, Daniel (Psychology); Ensor, Kevin (Education-Counseling & Guidance); Fox-Hausman, Mariah (Media Arts and Technology); Garcia, Justine (Biology); Garcia-Nuthmann, André (Visual & Performing Arts); Gardner, Sandra (Nursing); Jeffries, John (Computer & Mathematical Sciences); Hayward, William (Exercise & Sport Sciences); Karaba, Robert (Education-Education Leadership); Kent, April (Library); Lindline, Jennifer (Natural Resources Management); Massaro, Beth (Social Work); Sammeth, David (Chemistry); Tamir, Orit (Sociology, Anthropology & Criminal Justice); Valenzuela, Norma (Languages and Culture); Villarreal, Ben (English & Philosophy); Williams, Steven (History & Political Science)

**Absent:** Buchanan-Farmer, Melanie (Education-Teacher Education; Cespedes, Blanca (Forestry); Wolf, Ann (Education-Curriculum & Instruction)

Also in Attendance: R. Bartee, C. Duran, M. Earick, G. Gadsden, G. Gallegos, M. Haise, B. Kempner, S. Minner, R. Moore, V. Parboteeah, M. Petronis, A.J. Warwell, R. Walker-Gonzales, I. Williamson, P. Wilson

**3. Approval of Agenda.**

- Motion made and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously (14 favored; 0 opposed; 0 abstained).

**4. Approval of Minutes from September 09, 2020 (attachment).**

- Motion made and seconded to approve the 09/23/20 meeting minutes. Motion passed; 13 supported; 0 opposed; 1 abstained.

**5. Communication from the President (S. Minner).**

- Expressed thoughts to people of Louisville in the aftermath of the Breonna Taylor Grand Jury decision.
- Gave COVID update – continue to do well on campus and remain diligent.
- Gave shout-out to O. Tamir and G. Gadsden for their efforts with M.S. Culture Resources Management and Criminal Justice programs.
- Shared that recently signed an MOA with Police Department in Albuquerque to assist with reforms.
- Shared that university continues to be on fire with grants.
- Shared that next fiscal year – asked by state to submit a budget with up to 5% reductions. Notes that things are improving (gross receipts, extraction products) but slowing down in spending.
- Shared core principles guiding financial decisions continue to be: maintenance of instructional programs; maintenance of student support services; avoiding furloughs, layoffs, and salary reductions.

- Shared that Athletics situation still fluid; million moving pieces.
  - Shared outside concerns about small classes, number of classes being offered and their size.
  - Encouraged everyone to vote and to inform themselves about Bond items.
- 6. Communication from the Administration (R. Gonzales).**
- Pushed call for Spring schedule.
  - Shared working with FA on MOA for Spring 2021 semester. Maybe some tweaking to Fall 2020 MOA.
  - Shared support for professional development opportunities.
  - Sent out email to Deans for closing of the loops for Strategic Planning for the 2020-2021 year.
  - Unit strategic planning committee forming to ensure plans and reports are submitted.
- 7. Communication from the Chair (O. Tamir).**
- Shared bits of discussions with Provost Gonzales (new Interim Dean CAS position new CTE Director).
  - Asked administration for better communication with campus community for good and bad news. Would rather hear it first from University Channels than from news outlets.
- 8. Communication from Academic Affairs.** None provided.
- 9. Communication from the Undergraduate Student Senate (C. Ulibarri).**
- Shared that, as of last Thursday, there is a functioning Student Senate. First meeting upcoming. Some issues with Margaret Gonzales' retirement and inability to hold elections last Spring term.
- 10. Communication from the Graduate Student Senate (T. Crain).**
- Informed by C. Ulibarri that T. Crain no longer at NMHU and graduate students without representation. Chris will be representing students overall.
- 11. Communication from the Staff Senate (D. Gallegos).** None provided.
- 12. Old Business.**
- a. **Black Lives Matter Initiatives (D. Chadborn).**
- Threw out ideas for how to add, execute initiatives for recognizing issues that BLM cohort faces and identifying equity issues.
  - Had a response from a faculty member for forming a Black Student Center.
- 13. New Business.**
- a. Honoring memory of Kip Coggins (O. Tamir).
- Shared that Executive Committee would like to keep Kip's name on roster for remainder of year. Kip was a member of FS for number of years since the start of his tenure at NMHU and a member of the Executive Committee.

- BS said moving gesture.
- Motion made and seconded to keep Kip Coggins name on the Faculty Senate Roll Call for the 2020-2021 academic year. Motion passed unanimously (16-0-0).

**b. Election of new At-Large Member (O. Tamir).**

- Motion made and seconded to nominate Beth Massaro for At-Large Executive Committee Member. Motion passed; 15 supported-0 opposed-0 abstained.

**c. Election of Senate Liaison to Academic Affairs Committee (O. Tamir).**

- Senators asked to consider serving as AAC liaison as body needs information not only from the meeting minutes but from first-hand knowledge of meeting happenings.
- April Kent sacrificed herself and time to attend AAC meetings and serve as liaison. Motion made and seconded to elect April Kent as Academic Affairs Committee Liaison. Motion passed unanimously 15-0-0.

**d. HLC Update (K. Tucker) (attachment).**

- Reminded group that an HLC pre-Focused Visit Forum is happening tomorrow (Thursday 09/24 from 1:30-2:00. See university website for link. This forum will provide one more opportunity to share our progress with the campus community and let them know what to expect from the Focused Visit.
- Shared that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday 10/05 1:00-2:00 with HLC members Burke and Smith
- Shared that the information in the Focused Visit Final Report was prepared last fall and finalized in January. The information in that report is what is being relied on for the October HLC site visit.

**e. School of Business Certificate in Emerging Business Markets Entrepreneurship Proposal (attachment).**

- Motion made and seconded to approve the proposal. Motion passed; 14 supported-0 opposed-1 abstained.

**14. Executive Session.**

**15. Public Action as Necessary on Other Closed Session Discussions.**

**16. Adjournment at 3:45 (woot woot!).**