

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Special Meeting
Summarized Minutes
January 29, 2019
3:00 P.M.
Scholes Hall Roberts Room**

Quorum was met. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Endorsement of NMSU FS Statement

- Pamela began by stating the purpose of the meeting, which is to endorse the statement, put out by New Mexico State University, which supports Senate Joint Resolution #6 (SJR 6) which is the vetting process for appointing new Regents at New Mexico universities. She recently met with representative Jeff Steinborn (D – District 36), who wrote Joint Resolution 6.
- Points covered:
 - The issue of removing the right of the students having the right to talk with the president. Pamela supports having this right reinstated.
 - The issue of how regents are appointed has been debated for ten years.
 - Pamela pointed out that UNM's peer institutions have a total of nine regents. UNM has seven, and the other New Mexico universities have five regents each. She supports the expansion of UNM regents to nine regents but admits this is a decision for a future date.
 - The purpose of today's vote, Pamela explained, is to show support for NMSU's resolution, but also to support the student's involvement in the regent selection process and their ability to speak with the university president. It was decided to break the vote into two separate votes. One to support the resolution and the second to support student involvement in the regent selection process.
 - The first vote, to keep student involvement, passed unanimously.
 - The second vote, supporting the NMSU resolution, passed with one abstention.

3. Old Business/New Business

- None.

4. Public Comment

- None.

5. Adjournment

3:20 pm