

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2018
3:00 P.M.
Scholes Hall Roberts Room**

(Draft minutes awaiting approval at the March 27, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting.)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

2. Acceptance of the January 23, 2018 Minutes

The January 23, 2018 minutes were approved as written.

3. Memorial Minute for Dr. Mario Rivera

Bruce Perlman, School of Public Administration, gave a brief overview of Dr. Mario Rivera's life and accomplishments. Dr. Rivera passed away during UNM's Winter Break last December. The Faculty Senate then unanimously approved and observed a minute of silence for Dr. Rivera.

4. Faculty Senate President's Report

- Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle presented an update on the recent legislative session in Santa Fe. Both the College of Pharmacy and the College of Fine Arts Art Department received funding from the legislature. The College of Pharmacy received \$88,000 to upgrade their 911 system. The Art Department received \$73,800 for renovations.
- Pamela testified before the legislature regarding the SRJ8, the vetting process for regents, and it passed the Rules Committee.
- The legislature also voted for a 2% compensation raise for state workers.
- Recently Pamela addressed the Board of Regents. Points she covered included:
 - Concerns the faculty have about the upcoming accreditation, largely because of actions taken by the regents.
 - Also, conflicts of interest the regents may have regarding their duties.
 - She also asked the regents for more clarity on financial issues related to Athletics.
- Pamela reported that the Free Speech Conference, held at the SUB on February 5, went very well. She would like to plan for similar events in the future.

5. Former Regent Alex Romero

Former regent Alex Romero asked to be allowed to speak to the Faculty Senate. Points he covered included:

- The proper use of honesty and leadership.
- He bears no ill will towards UNM.
- He thanked Governor Martinez for his appointment to the Regents.
- He explained difficulties he experienced working with UNM's Regents, especially in the area of communications, which led to his decision to resign his post.
- Areas of his concern include UNM's upcoming accreditation, the Athletic budget, and closed meetings.
- What will UNM be like one, two or five years from now.

Following former regent Romero's comments, the issues were opened for discussion:

- One suggestion was that members of the faculty keep in touch with Alex Romero to tap into the local, and state wide, contacts he has made over the years.
- Lee Brown, Health Science Center, commented on the behavior of the regents Lee, Doughty and Clifford. He thanked Alex Romero for taking a public stand by resigning his regent appointment and sending a message to the remaining regents and the UNM community.

6. President's Report

- President Abdallah began his presentation with an overview of the recent legislative session and how it affects UNM's budget. He also discussed the 2% cost of living raise for all state workers and explained new monies that UNM will be receiving.
- He then explained how lower enrollment is affecting UNM.
- At this time UNM's budget is down \$5 million. He discussed possible cuts that may be coming to UNM and the possibility of raising tuition. He also stated that more money needs to be invested in campus safety and UNM Police. Safety issues at UNM can affect enrollment if the campus does not appear safe.
- President Abdallah addressed the issue of finances within the Athletic Department, but deferred to Athletic Director, Eddie Nuñez, who will speak later in the meeting. He did suggest that certain sports may have to be cut if the budget cannot be balanced. UNM has 22 sports on campus, while most universities only have 18 or 19.
- The complexity of cutting out certain sports was discussed which led to a discussion of reengineering UNM. He stated that incoming UNM President Stokes has already been briefed on these issues. A Task Force is in the process of being created to address the reengineering. One idea that is still being looked at is scaling UNM down to a four-day work week.
- President Abdallah wrapped up his presentation by encouraging everyone to be as welcoming, and supportive, as possible to incoming president Stokes.

7. Provost's Report

Acting Provost, Richard Wood, gave a brief overview of items Student Affairs is currently working on:

- The Equity and Academic Excellence at UNM Task Force. This task force was created by President Abdallah last summer.
- UNM's higher learning accreditation process is moving forward.
- A faculty credentials process that is required for HSC accreditation.
- The controversial murals in Zimmerman Library.
- Working on difficult historical issues on campus. Specifically, how to deal with them in the future. In particular the totem pole issue which is now housed in the Hibben Center.
- The ongoing issues of teaching excellence and student success.
- The entire transition occurring in Academic Affairs, involving the movement within the President's Office and the Provost's Office surrounding interim positions.
- The reengineering of campus safety.
- The many faculty surveys that were sent out over the past year and difficulties obtaining correct email addresses.
- Research excellence and interdisciplinary work.
- Working with the ageing New Mexico communities.
- The ongoing work with Title IX.

- And finally, addressing stress issues on UNM's campus affecting both students and faculty due to the violent incident occurring on campuses across the country.
- Acting Provost Wood also addressed the issue of faculty leaving, and retiring, from UNM. The current numbers are much higher than in the past. Over 60% of UNM's faculty are either leaving the university or being recruited by other universities.

8. 2017 – 2018 Faculty Senate Committee Appointments

The following appointments to the 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Committees were unanimously approved.

Committee	Appointment Type	First	Last	Title	Department	Start	End
Policy	Faculty	Michele	Marsee	Associate Professor	UNM-Los Alamos	2018	2021
University Press	Faculty	Kristina	Jacobsen	Assistant Professor	Music	2017	2020

9. Forms C from the Curricula Committee

The following Forms C were unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate.

Form	Name of New or Existing Program	Action and Category
C2005	BS Biology	Revision of Concentration
C2007	AS Science (Gallup)	Revision of Degree
C2178	All A&S Undergraduate Degrees	Revision of Degree
C2008	AS Sciences Concentration	New Concentration
C2173	PHD Optical Science and Engineering concentration: Imaging Science	Revision of Concentration
C2011	AS Science: Earth/Planetary/Environmental Sciences (Gallup)	New Concentration
C2031	PhD Counselor Education	Revision of Degree
C2043	AA Liberal Arts (Gallup)	New Concentration
C2151	UG Minor: Computer Engineering	Revision of Minor
C2152	UG Dept Honors: Computer Engineering; Electrical Engineering	Revision of Department
C2135	AAS Environmental Technology (LA)	Revision of Degree
C2136	AAS Office Communications and Technology (LA)	Revision of Degree
C2037	AA Liberal Arts (Gallup)	Revision of Degree
C2038	AA Liberal Arts (Gallup)	Revision of Degree
C2041	AA Liberal Arts (Gallup)	New Concentration
C2140	CERT Pre-Professional Health Sciences (HSC) (LA)	Deletion of Degree
C2122	BS Anthropology concentration: Ethnology/Linguistics	Deletion of Concentration
C2121	BS Biology	Revision of Degree
C2117	BLA Liberal Arts concentration: Global and National Security	Revision of Concentration
C2102	MEME Manufacturing Engineering: Computer Integrated Manufacturing	Revision of Degree

C2091	CERT PC Operating Systems and Repair (VA) (NEW)	New Certificate
C2089	CERT Networking and Linux (VA) (NEW)	New Certificate
C2093	CERT Game Design and Simulation (VA)	Revision of Certificate
C2090	CERT VMware (VA) (NEW)	New Certificate
C2094	AAS Manufacturing & Industrial Technology (VA) (NEW)	New Degree
C2092	AAS Game Design and Simulation (VA)	Revision of Degree
C2087	AA Psychology (GA) (delete)	Deletion of Degree
C2085	AS Elementary Teacher Education (GA) (NEW)	New Degree
C2086	AA Secondary Teacher Education (GA) (NEW)	New Degree
C2078	AS Nursing (HSC) (VA)	Revision of Major
C2070	Subject Code: AFST Africana Studies (VA)	Branch Adoption of Sub Code
C2066	MGTCP Management	Revision of Certificate
C2061	AA Pre-Professional Education (GA) (delete)	Deletion of Degree
C2060	MS and PHD Physics	Revision of Degree
C2054	AA Studio Art (VA)	Name Change of Degree
C2044	CERT Community Health (HSC) (TA) (NEW)	New Certificate
C2032	UNM Core: SIGN 210, 211, 310.	UG Core Course Deletion
C2029	BA Physics and Astrophysics	Revision of Major
C2028	MGTCP Management concentration: Accounting	New Concentration
C2027	MGTCP Management concentration: Taxation	New Concentration
C2026	BA Biology concentration: Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology	Deletion of Concentration
C2020	CERT Business Computer Program (TA)	Certificate Name Change
C2019	BA Linguistics concentration: Signed Language Studies (delete)	Deletion of Concentration
C2018	UG minor: Nutrition	Revision of Minor
C2016	MS EN concentration: Entrepreneurship and Technology Management	New Concentration
C2015	PHD Engineering concentration: Architectural Engineering	New Concentration
C2005	BS Biology concentration: Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology	Revision of Concentration
C1997	BA Theatre	Revision of Major
C1979	CERT Robotics (LA) (NEW)	New Certificate
C1977	Dual Degrees: MBA Master of Business Administration; MCM Master of Construction Management	Revision of Degree
C1853	BSED Elementary Education	Revision of Major

10. Athletics Director Report

UNM's new Athletic Director, Eddie Nuñez, provided the following report:

- He began his presentation by thanking President Abdallah for hiring him and offering this opportunity to take UNM's Athletic Department in a new direction.
- For the past five months Eddie has been promoting the university not only on campus but up in Santa Fe, too. He is promoting not only athletics, but the entire university.

- For the eleventh semester in a row Athletics has had an overall GPA of 3.2. This past semester it was 3.25, the fourth highest in UNM history. The nineteenth semester with a 3.0.
- Graduation rate is 80%. Women's Trask & Field has a graduation rate of 92%.
- UNM is in the 65, or higher, Mountain West Conference Academic Awards.
- He is currently working with the Athletic Department's audit and making it better. The audit is almost 100% complete.
- The Board of Regents have tasked Eddie with the job of reviewing all sports at UNM for the possible elimination of certain sports. He is reviewing the last eight years of UNM's athletics.
- He is currently looking at the athletic department's marketing department. Presently there are only three individuals to market twenty-two sports.
- He is working on new strategies to up attendance at UNM's games and upping revenues. He stated that all universities across the country are having issues with poor attendance at games.
- He summed up by referring to the budget issues facing athletics and how the exiting of UNM faculty, for better positions elsewhere, is affecting the curricula and the recruitment of future student-athletes.

Pamela introduced the Athletic Department's new Chief Financial Officer, Rob Robinson, and asked what plans he has to increase revenue for the Athletic Department. He stated that the department needs to earn back the respect, and trust, of the local community to increase revenues. Lobo Club membership is also down. Rob also explained how he is reaching out to his counter parts at other universities to get additional football games to UNM to increase revenues. He is currently planning seasons up through 2022. Athletics also needs to build up its Multi Media contracts to increase revenues. He is also making sure that UNM's Brand is shown in every part of the state to promote UNM.

In response to a question regarding football coach Bob Davies, and sexual harassment allegations coming out of the Athletic Department, Eddie explained his No Tolerance policy and the continuing series of training that is occurring within the Athletic Department.

11. Lobo Respect

Due to time constraints this presentation was postponed until the next faculty senate meeting.

12. New Business

No new business was raised.

13. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.