

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2017
3:00 P.M.
Scholes Hall Roberts Room**

(Draft minutes pending approval at the September 26, 2017 Faculty Senate meeting.)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

2. Acceptance of the April 26, 2017 Minutes

The April 26, 2017 minutes were approved as written.

3. Faculty Senate President's Report

- Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle reported on the Board of Regents August 14, 2017 meeting at the SUB, and her presentation to the Regents. She expressed concerns to the Regents about issues facing UNM's upcoming accreditation. President Pyle also reported on issues facing the proposed uses for the empty Biology Annex Building and the Art Annex Building. She also suggested that UNM should consider collaborating with other research universities to see if UNM is being run correctly.

Operations Committee member Lee Brown presented the following resolution regarding delaying the hiring of a new UNM president for one year and retain Interim President Chaouki Abdallah through the upcoming accreditation in 2018-2019.

In view of the overwhelming sentiment of the Faculty Senate in favor of delaying the recruitment and hiring of a new president of UNM by one year, the Faculty Senate requests in the strongest possible terms that the UNM Board of Regents hold a formal vote on the Faculty Senate Resolution delaying the hiring of the new president by one year.

Discussion of the motion followed. The resolution was approved with none opposed and 10 abstentions.

- President Pyle provided an overview of the Faculty Senate for the new senate members. She explained that the faculty senate committees and councils, are currently being staffed for the Fall Semester.

4. Provost's Report

- Interim Provost Craig White reported on progress being made on reutilizing the vacant Biology Annex Building. President Abdallah and Regent President Doughty are involved in this process. A small task force of six people will be created to help. An outside architect will be hired to assist. This process will continue for the next month to month and a half and hopes to be ready for the October Board of Regents meeting. Pamela suggested that one

member from both the Art Department and the Honors College should be on the task force.

- The Provost's Office is close to finalizing the selection of Associate Provosts.
- Regarding finances, they are working on the categorization of reserves.
- Work is being done on the budget process.
- Equity inclusion reorganization which will be chaired by Richard Wood.
- Enrollment is being looked at and it is down from last year but still close to the budget model. This is partially due to a reduction in the Lottery Scholarship. There is also a shift from full time students to part time students.

5. President's Report

- President Abdallah gave an update on the process of reengineering UNM. In July, he held an Administrative Leadership Retreat at University House with members of the upper administration to discuss ideas on how to move forward with the university. The results of this meeting can be found at Strategy.unm.edu. This site contains the minutes and the presentations.
- In September 2017 two more Town Hall meetings will be held. One on main campus and the other at the Health Sciences Center (HSC). Ideas for reengineering UNM will be discussed at these meetings.
- President Abdallah is also forming a Steering Committee, comprised of two, or three, members, to make sure the reengineering process is moving forward. They will also work with the Budget Leadership Team (BLT). He hopes to have a plan in place 12 to 18 months from now.
- President Abdallah hopes to complete this process without hiring outside consultants. He mentioned that while he was Provost he contacted leaders at universities going through similar challenges that UNM is experiencing and, if necessary, would invite them to UNM to discuss their plans for their universities.
- He discussed a letter from HSC that addressed the financial difficulties being experienced at UNM's Athletic Department. President Abdallah told them that he would be sending them information on the Athletic Department by September 14, 2017.
- The president's overall plan is to have a strategy in place to take UNM through the next 25 years. Discussion on this issue followed.

6. Re-engineering the University: Presentation and Discussion with Senators

- President Abdallah hopes to have a plan in place for the future of UNM that can be presented to the new governor of New Mexico in two years. This plan will also encompass the 31 institutions of higher learning throughout New Mexico.
- The president also discussed his future as president of UNM. He is willing to stay in his current position for up to two years but does not want to commit beyond that period.

CONSENT AGENDA TOPICS

7. Summer 2017 Degree Candidates

The Summer 2017 Degree Candidates were unanimously approved.

8. 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Committee Appointments

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

| FS Committee | First Name | Last Name | Title | School/ College/Department | Term Start | Term End |
|---------------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Research Allocations | Cathy | Qi | Professor | Education | 2017 | 2019 |
| Research Allocations | Wendy | Hansen | Professor | Political Science | 2017 | 2019 |
| Research Allocations | Robert | Waide | Professor | Biology | 2017 | 2019 |
| Research Allocations | Christian | Koops | Assistant Professor | Linguistics | 2017 | 2019 |
| Ethics and Advisory | Patrick | Mannning | Associate Professor | Art and Art History | 2017 | 2019 |
| Ethics and Advisory | Stephen | Bishop | Associate Professor | Foreign Languages and Literatures | 2017 | 2019 |
| Ethics and Advisory | Nick | Flor | Associate Professor | ASM Mrkting Info Decision Sci | 2017 | 2019 |
| Curricula | Janet | Vassilev | Associate Professor | Mathematics and Statistics | 2017 | 2019 |
| Curricula | Sherri | Thomas | Professor | Law | 2017 | 2019 |
| Curricula | Saurabh | Ahluwalia | Assistant Professor | ASM Finance Intl Tech Mngt | 2017 | 2019 |
| Graduate and Professional | Hsuan-Chi | Chen | Professor | ASM Finance Intl Tech Mngt | 2017 | 2019 |
| Graduate and Professional | Aeron | Haynie | Associate Professor | Arts & Sciences – Humanities | 2017 | 2019 |
| Graduate and Professional | John | Carr | Associate Professor | Arts & Sciences – Social Sciences | 2017 | 2019 |
| Graduate and Professional | Ganesh | Balakrishnan | Assistant Professor | Electrical and Computer Engineering | 2017 | 2019 |
| Graduate and Professional | Alexandra | Siek | Lecturer III | Law | 2017 | 2019 |

AGENDA TOPICS

9. Advancement of Women in STEM

- This is a five-year program. It is funded for \$3.5 million. The program was started in September 2016 and is now completing its first year of operation. The program is based up the successful program that was created by the University of Michigan.
- Julia pointed out that her group is also considering the issue of UNM faculty being dissatisfied with UNM and are looking for positions elsewhere. In response to her survey she has found out that 60% of UNM faculty are looking for jobs outside of UNM. They have met with the president and provost on this issue and the issue of faculty and staff raises.
- Spring Break. Currently UNM and Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) are not aligned on their schedules, which causes problems. APS is trying to schedule their spring break after their PARK testing which would bring their spring break more in line with UNM's. HSC is not involved in this process.

10. Balance of the Value of Free Speech and a Safe and Civil Campus Environment

- The members of the Operations Committee were introduced to the senate.
- Discussion followed on communication on the UNM campus and how it relates to free speech.
- This item will be on future Senate agenda(s).

11. New Business.

No new business was raised.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.