

The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2017
3:00 P.M.
Scholes Hall Roberts Room

(Draft minutes awaiting approval at the January 23, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting.)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

2. Acceptance of the October 24, 2017 Minutes

The October 24, 2017 summarized minutes were approved as written.

3. Faculty Senate President's Report

- Faculty Senate President Pamela reported on the possibility of adding co-chairs to certain committees and also looking at committee charges.
- Membership of the Research Allocation Committee (RAC) has been changed from 12 members to 10. This makes attaining quorum easier.
- Overall membership of RAC was discussed since RAC supports under-funded areas, but membership in RAC does not support this. Pamela will bring this up to the chair of RAC.
- Pamela recently met with UNM's new Athletic Director, Eddie Nuñez, and Athletic Council chair, Finnie Coleman. The topic of the meeting was to discuss the Athletic Department's Exit Interview process for graduating Student-Athletes. Pamela will be attending tomorrow's Athletic Council meeting.
- Biology Annex Building: Pamela reported that there are plans to give the Biology Annex Building to the UNM Art Department, and the existing Art Annex Building (next to Hodgin Hall) will be given to the Honors College.
- Santa Fe University School of Art & Design: Pamela explained that this is a school, in Santa Fe, that is for sale and the UNM might be considering acquiring. This project is in the very early stages and has been discussed by UNM for a number of years. The property is 64 acres and is priced at \$27 million. Discussion on this issued followed.
- The panel on Free Speech will meet in January 2018.

4. President's Report

- President Abdallah provided additional information on the Santa Fe University School of Art & Design. He has met with the Mayor of Santa Fe and they discussed what a UNM presence in Santa Fe would mean for the community. A committee has been formed to look into this project and will report by the end of December 2017.
- Capital Out Lays: The annual requests for Capital Out Lay project has been submitted. Representatives from UNM will meet in Santa Fe on December 5, 2017 to discuss these projects.
- Tax Reform: The legislature in Santa Fe is discussing tax reform issues and this may affect UNM negatively. One item that would be affected would be donations made to UNM. Tuition for graduate students would also be affected by these changes. Additional changes were also mentioned including how these changes would affect Athletics. These tax changes could affect enrollment and endowments. Representative from UNM will be contacting Republican Senators in Santa Fe on these issues.
- UNM Foundation: The goal is \$800 million. President Abdallah outlined goals from different UNM colleges that contribute to the Foundation. HSC has reached 50% of its goal, while Main Campus has reached 30%.
- December 17, 2017 is the deadline for giving to the United Way and UNM Gives.

5. Provost's Report

- The Dean's Budget Retreat will take place on December 8, 2017. This meeting will lead into the Budget Leadership Team process. Shared services are being looked at in order to save money. Hiring plans are being looked at.
- Academic Affairs: At the meeting next week they will be talking about the Higher Learning Commission and the upcoming accreditation.
- Math issues, pertaining to freshman and sophomores, will be discussed at this meeting.
- And, at this meeting, the UNM Press will be discussed and how to keep it sustainable.

6. Introducing: Regent Suzanne Quillen

- Due to recovery from recent surgery, Regent Quillen called in on speaker phone for her report.
- She began her report with a background on her education and professional experiences.
- Regent Quillen responded to a faculty member's question on how she feels about President Elect Stokes and her plans for working with President Stokes. She feels quite confident that President Stokes will be a good fit for UNM. She also discussed the relationships between the Regents, UNM Faculty and the incoming president.

CONSENT AGENDA TOPICS

7. Fall 2017 Degree Candidates

The Fall 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

Committee	Appointment Type	First	Last	Title	Department	Start	End
Curricula	<i>Faculty from Honors College</i>	Leslie	Donovan	Associate Professor	Honors College	2017	2019
Library	<i>Faculty from College of Fine Arts or Architecture</i>	Caroline	Scuggs	Assistant Professor	School of Architecture and Planning	2017	2020
Research Allocation	<i>Faculty</i>	Greg	Moss	Assistant Professor	Theatre and Dance	2017	2019
Teaching Enhancement	<i>Faculty from a Branch</i>	Miriam	Chavez	Chairperson	Valencia County Branch	2017	2020
Teaching Enhancement	<i>Faculty</i>	Caleb	Richardson	Lecturer III	History	2017	2020
Teaching Enhancement	<i>Faculty</i>	Sushilla	Knottenbelt	Senior Lecturer III	Chemistry	2017	2020
Teaching Enhancement	<i>Faculty</i>	Jamie	Gomez	Lecturer III	Chemical and Biological Engineering	2017	2019

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9. Introducing: NM State Senator Gerald "Jerry" Ortiz y Pino

- Pamela introduced New Mexico State Senator Gerald "Jerry" Ortiz y Pino, District 12 (Albuquerque). She has been working with Senator Pino to help UNM faculty put their research projects in front of the legislature in order to keep the legislature more informed of the work being done at UNM.
- Senator Pino explained that he would like to see more information presented before the legislature before major decisions are voted on. He would like to see the process begin with the interim committees, which have more time to examine and consider research projects and findings.

10. Revision of Policy A66 Policy Committee

- Kimberly Gauderman, Policy Committee Chair, asked for approval from the senate for Policy A66 “Policy Committee”. This policy would refashion the Policy Committee by increasing membership and making sure there was representation from the Health Sciences Center (HSC) and branch campuses.
- This policy, and all the following policies, have been approved by the Operations Committee.
- The policy was approved by all present.

11. Revision of Policy C20: Employment of UNM Graduates

- This policy now clarifies the exceptions the university must use in hiring UNM graduates. The policy was approved by all present.

12. Revision of Policy D90: Granting Degrees for Posthumous, Memorial, and Extraordinary Circumstances

- This would add a procedure for granting degrees to individuals who are facing right to life issues.
- The policy was approved by all present.

13. Revision of Policy F10: Roles and Functions of UNM Branch Community Colleges

- A number of policies will be coming out of Section F. For Policy F10, this will correct the names of the branch community colleges which is required by New Mexico state law.
- The policy was approved by all present.

14. New Business

- None

15. Public Comment

- None

16. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 4:55pm