

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 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 introduced new Board of Regents member Alex Romero.
- Pamela provided a summary of the recent Board of Regents meeting
- Pamela reported on the charge given to her by Provost White directing the Faculty Senate to come up with a sub-committee to assist in selecting an interim Provost for UNM.
- Pamela referred to the proposed uses of the Art Annex and the Biology Annex. A committee, through the Provost's Office, has been formed to examine proposed uses for these vacant buildings.
- Pamela reported on the relationship between the Faculty Senate and the state legislature and ways to secure additional funding for projects at UNM.
- The General Education Core Statewide Meeting will be held on October 3, 2017. 11:30am – 2:00 p.m., in SUB, Ballroom A.

**4. Introducing: Regent Alex Romero**

- Regent Romero introduced himself by stating that he is not a college graduate which he more than makes up for through his life achievements.
- He is a native New Mexican, from Rancho de Taos, where his family has lived for thirteen generations. Following his education, he came to Albuquerque in 1965. He then became involved in the development of downtown Albuquerque. He worked 35 years at Albuquerque National Bank, and became the first Hispanic manager at the bank. Following a long banking career, he retired from Bank of America in 2002. He then headed up the Albuquerque Hispano Chamber of Commerce. He retired from the Chamber in April 2017. Shortly thereafter, Governor Martinez contacted him and appointed him to the UNM Board of Regents.

## 5. President's Report

- President Abdallah announced that the state legislature has managed to find additional funding for UNM and its projects. One of these projects was the refurbishing of the restrooms in Popejoy Hall.
- He clarified issues facing the Law School and progress that has been made.
- Athletics: He announced that Larry Barker, Ch. 13, will be airing another report about UNM Athletics. President Abdallah urged everyone to wait until the State Auditor's Report is released before making any judgements regarding UNM Athletics. He also addressed the \$20,000 that was allocated to Athletics for drug testing. This is compliance money.
- Homecoming Week: President Abdallah urged everyone to participate in the activities that will be taking place this week at UNM.

## 6. Provost's Report

- **UNM Press:** Long Leaf Publishing (South Carolina) has come to UNM and reviewed the UNM Press warehouse operation. This is an out sourcing company that works with a number of university presses. UNM is currently looking at the review and deciding if the UNM Press operation needs to be out sourced, or kept in house.
- **Biology Annex:** The Space Allocation Committee is currently examining uses for the vacant Biology Annex building. The Provost's Office is currently waiting for the committee's recommendations.
- **China:** The Provost returned from a trip to China a week and a half ago. His office is working on creating a dual degree program with China. Representatives from China were recently on campus.
- **Budget Leadership Team (BLT):** The BLT has recently met and is in the process of re-setting up last spring's sub-committees. Bob Barrens, Chair Economics Department, has been looking at the benchmark data from universities across the country and how UNM could apply those strategies to student success.
- **Division of Equity and Inclusion:** This committee is about to be launched. This will be a 20 – 25-member committee. They hope to make recommendations to the President by the end of this semester. Things they are looking at include symbols and murals from around the UNM campus and how to utilize them for educational purposes.
- **The Strategic Plan:** This plan is being updated from last year. Their goal is to achieve a four-year graduation rate above 25%.
- **UNM Law School:** Their graduation rate is 29%.
- **Smith Family Totem Pole:** The totem pole has been completely refurbished and now stands in the Hibben Center.
- **The Accreditation:** The Provost's website has a time line for this process and an Associate Provost is now in place. This will be an ongoing process.

## 7. 2017-2018 Faculty Senate Committee Appointments

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

<b>FS Committee</b>	<b>Appointment Type</b>	<b>First</b>	<b>Last</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
Admissions and Registration	<i>Faculty from College or School - Main Campus</i>	Marjori	Krebs	Associate Professor	Teacher Education	2017	2019
Admissions and Registration	<i>Faculty from College or School - Main Campus</i>	Charlie	Steen	Professor	History	2017	2019
Athletics Council	<i>Faculty Member, tenured</i>	Jackie	Hood	Professor	ASM Organizational Studies	2017	2020
Athletics Council	<i>Faculty Member, tenured</i>	Ann	Gibson	Associate Professor	Health, Exercise, & Sports Sciences	2017	2019
Curricula	<i>Faculty from Los Alamos Branch</i>	Thomas	Beach	Lecturer	UNM-Los Alamos	2017	2019
Honorary Degree	<i>Faculty member appointed by Senate Graduate Cmte</i>	Karen	Brown	Professor	Nursing	2017	2019
Honorary Degree	<i>Faculty member appointed by Senate Graduate Cmte</i>	Alexandra	Siek	Lecturer III	Law Library	2017	2019
Graduate & Professional	<i>Faculty from Anderson School of Management</i>	Hsuan-Chi	Chen	Associate Professor	ASM	2017	2019
Graduate & Professional	<i>Faculty from College of Arts and Sciences - Humanities</i>	Aeron	Haynie	Associate Professor	English	2017	2019
Graduate & Professional	<i>Faculty from College of Arts and Sciences - Natural Physical Sciences and Math</i>	David	Gutzler	Professor	Earth and Planetary Sciences	2017	2019

Graduate & Professional	<i>Faculty from College of Arts and Sciences - Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>	John	Carr	Associate Professor	Geography	2017	2019
Graduate & Professional	<i>Faculty from College of Nursing</i>	Karen	Brown	Professor	Nursing	2017	2019
Graduate & Professional	<i>Faculty from College of Pharmacy</i>	Melissa	Roberts	Assistant Professor	Pharmacy	2017	2019
Graduate & Professional	<i>Faculty from School of Engineering</i>	Ganesh	Balakrishnan	Assistant Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	2017	2019
Graduate & Professional	<i>Faculty from School of Law</i>	Alexandra	Siek	Assistant Professor	Libraries	2017	2019
Graduate & Professional	<i>Faculty Member</i>	Karl	Benedict	Assistant Professor	Law	2017	2019
Press Committee	<i>Faculty Member</i>	Loa	Traxler	Assistant Professor	Anthropology	2017	2020
Press Committee	<i>Faculty Member</i>	Stephen	Benz	Assistant Professor	English	2017	2019
Press Committee	<i>Faculty Member</i>	Anna	Nogar	Associate Professor	Spanish and Portuguese	2017	2019
Press Committee	<i>Faculty Member</i>	Suzanne	Schadl	Associate Professor	CULLS	2017	2018
Faculty and Staff Benefits	<i>Faculty Member</i>	Shawn	Berman	Associate Professor	ASM	2017	2019
Policy	<i>Faculty Member</i>	Melinda	Tinkle	Associate Professor	Nursing	2017	2020
Research Policy	<i>Faculty from the Health Sciences Center</i>	Andrea	Allan	Professor	Neurosciences	2017	2018
Research Policy	<i>Faculty from College of Education</i>	Lelia	Flores-Duenas	Associate Professor	Education	2017	2020
Research Policy	<i>Faculty Member from Arts and Sciences</i>	David	Hanson	Professor	Biology	2017	2020
Research Policy	<i>Faculty Member from Arts and Sciences</i>	David	Peabody	Professor	Molecular Genetics Microbiology	2017	2018

Research Policy	<i>faculty from College of Fine Arts</i>	Mary	Tsiongas	Associate Professor	Art and Art History	2017	2020
Research Policy	<i>Faculty from School of Engineering</i>	Rafiqul	Tarefder	Professor	Civil Engineering	2017	2020
Research Policy	<i>Faculty from College/Department Generating Sponsored Research</i>	Alexander	Webb	Assistant Professor	Architecture and Planning	2017	2020
Undergraduate	<i>Faculty Member from Arts and Sciences</i>	Maria	Velez	Associate Professor	Sociology	2017	2019
Undergraduate	<i>Faculty from Los Alamos Branch</i>	Thomas	Beach	Lecturer	UNM-Los Alamos	2017	2019

**8. Faculty Senate Resolution-Transcription of Discussion from meeting recording**

<https://vod.unm.edu/Mediasite/Catalog/catalogs/ms-shop-faculty-senate>

- President Pamela Pyle introduced Regent President Robert Doughty.
- President Pyle provided a brief history of the resolution.
- Regent President Robert Doughty  
So, the Board of Regents, now, based on everybody's availability we will have a meeting on October 3rd. That's Tuesday, at eight in the morning. There were scheduling issues, and this was the best we could come up with. We did have our prior Regents' meeting which was back on September the 12th and had a number of great presentations. Thank you all. This is a dialogue we are having, and we will have further dialogue with the faculty. Now, the vote on the resolution will be the one vote. Whether the Regents approve it, or don't. I'm going to have to talk to them about Pamela. Either way we are going to have to continue having further dialogue and continue talking to Pamela about what the next steps would be. The Regents, whatever the vote is, and afterwards we will have to determine what the next step will be. And I have assured Pamela we will keep the faculty involved in this continued discussion.
- Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle:  
I wrote to my senators. I said is there a point in a way to keeping it on the table. And I full disclosure Ops, I believe, in totality, but anyone here who disagrees believes there is a reason to have the vote. We took the time, we have the resolution. It feels the most genuine thing to do is to ask for it to go forward. This is a straw poll. Is this an Action Item? I can't remember.
- Rick Holmes, Office of the University Secretary:  
Discussion/Action.

- President Pyle:  
So, it is a possible Action Item. Could I ask for a show of hands of who believes we should continue to go forward despite the fact that the presidential search is going forward concurrently. And there are some reasons, for the good of the university, I can see both sides. And I am not saying that by going forward with the vote that we are against the presidential search. So, I want to be really straight about it that they are going about it concurrently. So, a show of hands.
- President Pyle:  
Right now, I am just asking a straw poll on the idea of how the senate feels about going forward, asking the Regents to go forward, and have the vote. A sense of the body. Thank you.

I think it's a good idea because there is a shared governance aspect here. And we worked hard to do this. We came together as a body with a 91.2% voting, period, and almost all in favor, and two opposed. To me that speaks volumes. I mean, I feel like I could have said there are raises on the table and we wouldn't have gotten that kind of a turn out.

- President Pyle:  
And I think it speaks to the fact that we are asking the Regents to take the faculty voice seriously. And that is why I believe it is important to go forward.
- Senator Kathryn Watkins (Education):  
So, my question, my assumption is, this is a way in which we can prove to others, and direct accreditation, that we give feedback to the Regents and they make decisions on that feedback. Good, bad, or indifferent. And then we get that feedback back. To me, that's the point of pushing this resolution forward. It then is in documentation that we made a point... It matters that it is voted on and it indicates that the Regents are listening to the faculty.
- President Pyle:  
Right, and don't forget, it does go in the book, either way, whether they vote yes or no. It is a documentation and we can read that into those. So, thank you for saying that. So, Scott, its ok to just have a sense of the body then?
- Senator Scott Hughes (Law):  
It is my understanding that it is non-binding.
- President Pyle:  
This is non-binding. This is, you know, we are going to go forward. I may ask, at the end of the meeting, for an actual vote. But, I'd like for us all to discuss this first. And then to see. So right now, I'd like a show of hands going forward with the resolution.  
(show of hands)  
Thank you very much. Any opposed? It looks like most are in favor. That's what I thought but I wanted to act from you all and to have a sense.
- Regent President Doughty:  
That's the right approach, too. Then you all have the opportunity to come and speak to the Regents and to listen. But I think you should hear an explanation of what our thinking is. I think that is a good way of formal communication, back and forth. And we will have possible two, or three, Regents to explain his, or her, vote. A good opportunity to have a formal communication.
- President Pyle:  
So now, if we could play out a couple of scenarios. Last case scenario. Let's say a scenario where they agree with us, and Chaouki stays with us forever, July '19. So, that's a no-

brainer. We got that, we understand that. It's all we ask for, thank you very much. I'd be lying to you if I thought that was going to happen. So, I was proposing a compromise of could we ask an incoming candidate, supposing we got one, and that we all agreed on, or felt good about supporting. To come a little later, but not that late. January. And, I get the sense from you. Can we talk about that?

- Regent President Doughty:  
You know, this is what I told Jessica, the search committee, they did meet last week, for three days. And I can't disclose too much about the candidates, and I feel I could tell by the comments at the end that it was a very good process and a very transparent process. And overall everybody was very pleased at how the interviews went. The committee learned a lot. Jack could say a little bit on that.
- President Pyle:  
What did I preface that with? Worst case scenario, it goes past January.
- Regent President Doughty:  
So, in the closing I said at the end to the committee was that it's been a great process and I still see it, in the event that it does go forward, that it's a great process and I still foresee it, in the event that it does go forward, it has been a great process in that all different stake holders now have the opportunity to discuss the five-named finalist's various issues. Pamela and I are discussing all this. The questions that you all decided to ask can certainly be a part of this process too, in the time frame, so there is a process that will be in place on that to where the different groups can discuss with the candidates one option.
- Discussion followed on the selection process for a new UNM president and the resolution.

## **9. Resolution in Support of Letter to Retain the Current National Science Standards**

- Senator Lindsey presented concerns over changes to changing the National Science Standards.
- The issue revolves around the language recently chosen by the Public Education Department to describe evolution, climate change, the age of the Earth and the efficacy of vaccinations. UNM students and STEM department chairs are currently sending letters to the Public Education Department.
- The Public Education Department is taking comments on this issue and there will be a public hearing on the issue on October 15, 2017, in Santa Fe.
- Lindsay is requesting a resolution from the Faculty Senate supporting the student and chair's letter writing campaign. The letters will be made available on line.
- Pamela suggested an electronic resolution to address this issue. It was agreed upon.

## **10. Benefits update for 65+ retirees**

- Vice President for Human Resources Dorothy Anderson explained that the changes for 65+ retirees have already been approved by the Regents. It represents a spike of 40%.

- Joseph Evans then, in the time allotted, explained the changes to the benefits of UNM retirees who are older than 65 years. This information is contained on the handout.
- Dorothy suggested a special senate meeting be held to that there would be enough time to properly explain the changes to the retiree benefits.

#### **11. Sexual Misconduct and Harassment (SMHS) Task Force**

- Barbara Overman presented a report on the Sexual Misconduct and Harassment (SMHS) Task Force. The Power Point of this presentation will be distributed to all senators.
- Recommendations will be sent to President Abdallah by November 15, 2017.
- UNM is coming up with a different way to handle sexual assaults that is different from any other university. This would relieve the faculty and staff of the burden of being mandatory reporters. They would now be mandatory **supporters**.
- Everyone who is a department chair, or higher, **will remain** mandatory reporters.

#### **12. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.