

The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
Jan. 28, 2025
3-5 P.M.
ONLINE

(Pending approval at the Feb. 25, 2025, Faculty Senate Meeting)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. Faculty Senate President Cris Elder presided. Attendance was recorded on the meeting attendance sheet which can be found in the supporting documents.

1. Approval of the Agenda

President Elder requested a motion to accept the agenda, and the agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of the Nov. 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The Nov. 26 minutes were approved as presented.

3. President's Report

President Garnett Stokes reported on the following:

- The state legislative session has begun and is a 60-day session this year. Some large project requests include the Humanities and Social Sciences Complex funding, School of Pharmacy building replacement. Other general legislation up for discussion is hazing legislation and items related to hospitals and healthcare as well as higher education Board of Regents legislation. More updates will be provided at our next Faculty Senate meeting.
- The President will be stepping in as chair for the Council of Presidents, the group of presidents for four-year colleges. This group routinely reports to the Senate Finance and state legislature.
- UNM Day is Jan. 29, and the President will be representing at the Capitol.
- Several appointments have been made since the last Faculty Senate meeting including Mike Richards as the Executive Vice President and CEO for Health Sciences. Dr. Richards was previously serving as interim in this position. The new athletic director was also appointed as well as the selection of a new football coach. Daniel Jones has been elected as new General Council.
- Regent Rob Schwartz stepped down from the Board of Regents in December. The governor has appointed two new Regents- Christina Campos and Patricia Williams.

- Brianna Morales is UNM's first Rhodes Scholar. She graduated in May 2023 from UNM and was a Truman Scholar as well as only one of 32 Rhodes Scholars nationally.
- Several GO Bonds passed in the fall and there are currently renovations to the Duck Pond, which is not funded by GO Bond money.
- UNM was announced a Fullbright Hispanic-Serving Institution Leader for the fourth year in a row, only one of 51 schools in the nation with this distinction.
- UNM Gives Big Give will start in February, an event where people can donate during a 24-hour period to any program, school, or college.
- There is a great deal of uncertainty with federal executive orders and communications that can have a direct impact on faculty and federal funding. Four task forces or groups are being formed to focus on immigration policy, research funding, etc. There will be a legal person serving on each of these groups, and the Provost will identify the leaders of these groups. They are quickly pulling together an assessment of everything that is occurring.

Provost Holloway took questions from faculty regarding the issue of differential tuition.

4. Faculty Senate President's Report

Faculty Senate President Cris Elder reported the following:

- The passing of Dr. Mala Htun was recognized by the senate and her incredible contributions to the University and the Political Science Department. A memorial service is being held for her on Jan. 29. [ABQ Journal Article](#)
- The Sanctuary Campus Working Group, which was instituted about 8 years ago has reconvened. This committee was established to support DACA and undocumented students, their families, and the community. Additional resources were provided to help sharing within our communities and to tamp down any fears, while communicating within our communities. The following resources were also provided:
 - [UNM Sanctuary Campus website](#)
 - <https://fronteristxs.site> (Collective of artists in New Mexico working to end migrant detention and abolish the prison industrial complex.)
 - VIDA: <https://www.abqvida.org> (Volunteers for Immigrants in Detention)
 - Faculty are encouraged to use their personal email addresses, rather than official UNM email, to sign up for or communicate with these entities.
- President Elder had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Mike Richards, Executive Vice President and CEO for Health Sciences. He has agreed to come to a Faculty Senate meeting this semester to discuss some of his goals and priorities. They also discussed RAC opportunities for branch campuses and colleges that don't fall specifically under School of Medicine or Main Campus (College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, and Population Health) and Dr. Richards will look into this. President Elder has also discussed this issue with VPR Ellen Fisher.

5. Consent Agenda

- Curricula Changes

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

6. Update and Q & A on ISS Initiatives

Shawna Wolfe, Vice President of Institutional Support Services introduced herself to the senate and presented on the department's current plans and initiatives. [ISS Presentation](#)

7. Equitable Access Program

Lisa Walden, UNM Bookstore Director, and Alicia Solano, Assistant Vice President of ISS, presented on the new Equitable Access Program set to begin Fall 2025. The presenters provided information on how the program will benefit students. [Bookstore Presentation](#)

Jennifer Jordan, Assistant Professor, College of University Libraries and Sciences, provided research on Equitable Access/Automatic Flat-Rate Textbook Billing as well as information on Open Educational Resources (OER). [OER Presentation](#)

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

FACULTY SENATE ATTENDANCE ROSTER
2024-2025

Last Name	First Name	Representing	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Adolphi	Natalie	school of medicine	P	P	P	P	P				
Alles	Sascha	school of medicine	P	E	P	P	P				
Anderoglu	Osman	school of engineering	P	P	P	U	P				
Arndt	Christopher	school of medicine	P	U	U	P	P				
Avila	Melody	college of nursing	P	U	U						
Baca	Olivia	college of university libraries and learning sciences	P	U	P	P	P				
Balwan	Akshu	school of medicine	P	E	P	P	U				
Behrens	Brandon	school of medicine	P	U	U	U	U				
Bendell	Justin	unm-valencia	P	P	P	P	P				
Bordeianu	Sever	at-large	P	E	P	P	U				
Bunt	Stephanie	school of architecture and planning		P	P	P					
Burke	John	unm-gallup	P	P	P	P	P				
Chabi	Sakineh	at-large	P	U	P	U	P				
Clifton	Cash	university college	P	U	U	U	U				
Cook	Angela	school of medicine	P	U	U	P	U				
Corbin-Swalin	Paula	college of fine arts	P	P	P	P	P				
Davis	Michael	school of medicine	P	P	P	U	E				
de Oliveira	Cassiano	school of engineering	U	U	U	P	U				
Devetsikiotis	Michael	school of engineering	P	P	P	E	P				
England	Scott	school of law	P	P	U	U	U				
Espey	Eve	school of medicine	P	P	E	P	U				
Gallego Umana	Daniel	school of medicine	U	U	U	U	U				
Garza Ayala	Armando	college of education and human sciences	P	U	P	E	P				
Gonzales-Pacheco	Diana	college of education and human sciences	P	P	P	E	P				
Goodwin	Matthew	college of arts and sciences	U	P	P	P	P				
Gopal	Ramesh	school of medicine	P	U	P	P	P				
Gordon	Amber	unm-taos	P	P	E	P	P				
Hutchison	Liz	college of arts and sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Ketcham	Amaris	honors college	P	P	P	P	U				
Lavin	Roberta	college of nursing	P	P	E	P	P				
Lehan Mackin	Melissa	at-large	P	P	P	P	P				
Liotta	William	college of fine arts	P	U	U	P	U				
Lucas	Joan	unm-los alamos		P	P	P	P				
Matthews	John	college of arts and sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Montgomery	Lee	college of fine arts	P	P	U	P	U				
Murphy	Grace	college of nursing					P				
Otano Gracia	Nahir	college of arts and sciences	U	U	P	P	P				
Panikkath	Pramod	school of medicine	P	P	P	P	U				
Polhemus	Mark	school of medicine	E	E	P	P	P				
Poroseva	Svetlana	school of engineering	P	P	P	P	P				
Reyes	Kathleen	school of medicine	P	P	P	U	P				
Rhue	Deborah	health sciences library and informatics center	P	U	U	P	U				
Ro	Min	unm-los alamos		P	P	P	P				
Romero	Steven	unm-valencia	P	P	P	P	P				
Salas	Christina	school of medicine	P	P	U	U	U				
Scruggs	Caroline	school of architecture and planning					P				
Siegel	Patricia	school of medicine	P	P	U	P	P				
Simcox	Kristian	unm-gallup	P	P	P	P	P				
Son	Hyunsang	anderson schools of management	P	P	P	P	P				
Soneru	Codruta	school of medicine	P	P	P	U	P				
Stark	Cortney	college of education and human sciences			U	P	P				
Sturgis	Meshell	college of arts and sciences					P				
Tarawneh	Rawan	school of medicine	P	U	U	U	U				
Thomas	Jack	college of arts and sciences	P	U	P	P	U				
Thomson	Iain	at-large	P	P	P	P	U				
Tomedi	Laura	college of population health	P	U	E	U	U				
Torrazza Perez	Euriko	school of medicine	P	P	P	P	P				
Walker	Peter	unm-taos	P	U	E	P	U				
Walsh	Steven	anderson schools of management	U	U	U	U	U				
Ward	Krystal	college of pharmacy	P	P	P	P	P				
Watson	Erik	school of medicine	E	E	P	P	E				
Witt	Satya	college of arts and sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Yang	MingAn	school of medicine	P	U	P	P	P				
Yang	Xuexian	school of medicine	P	U	P	U	U				
Yu	Peng	at-large	P	P	P	P	U				