

The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Summarized Minutes
September 25, 2018
3:00 P.M.
Scholes Hall Roberts Room

Quorum was met. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

AGENDA TOPICS

1. Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda was approved as amended. Item #13 “Response to the Board of Regents Meeting” was moved from its time slot of 4:30pm to 4:05pm.

2. Acceptance of the August 28, 2018 Meeting Minutes

- Unanimously approved as written.

3. Faculty Senate President’s Report

- Pamela began by reviewing proposed changes being made by the Education Retirement Board (ERB) and how it would affect UNM’s doctors, primarily under the Return to Work section. A survey, along with a list of the ERB changes, will be sent out later today addressing these changes.
- The Grand Challenge Initiative: Pamela explained that this is being presented by the VP of Research, Gabriel Lopez, and deals with an interdisciplinary group of people who tackle a project that will be of benefit to the local community.
- Pamela and Faculty Senate President Elect Finnie Coleman met with Governmental Relations regarding individual capital outlay. Pamela will send out information on this competition.
- Pamela reported that she is still working on teaming up faculty members who are experts in their fields with members of the state legislature working on specific bills. The areas she is focusing on are: Education bills, Health Care bills, and, Economic Development bills. She will be sending out information seeking faculty with expertise in these fields to give input to the legislators supporting these bills.
- Faculty Focus was presented on Thursday September 20, 2018, and was attended by President Stokes, Interim Provost Woods, and members of the staff and faculty. Another Faculty Focus will be presented at a future date yet to be determined.
- Pamela reported that she is still researching SAC’s for the faculty but is finding the task difficult due to a lack of transparency. She will continue researching this issue.

5. Provost’s Report

- Interim Provost Richard Wood began his presentation by reporting on positive things that are happening on campus:
 - The UNM chapter of Phi Beta Kapa will be re-launched this afternoon at 4:30pm after a prolonged absence from UNM. He encouraged members of the faculty who belong to Phi Beta Kapa to please join this new chapter at UNM.
 - The Provost recognized faculty member Professor Yemane Asmerom (Earth and Planetary Sciences) for the good work he is doing within the state of New Mexico. Richard will continue to point out the achievements of individual faculty members to the Faculty Senate as a form of recognition.
 - The Budget Leadership Team (BLT) began meeting for the fall semester on September 20, 2018 and will continue meeting on UNM’s budget through spring 2019.
 - The new Taproom will be opening next week in the Student Union Building (SUB).
 - New collaborations between UNM and both Sandia and Los Alamos Labs are currently taking place.

- New hires: Office of University Council has hired a new lead attorney and a new Interim Senior Vice Provost will be announced next week. In the next few months there will be new hires for a VP for Finance & Administration, a VP for Equity & Inclusion, and the new Provost.
- **The Budget:** The Provost reported that enrollment at UNM has dropped significantly at around 7.5% and, in monies, represents a loss of \$9.7 million. This loss will affect all units at UNM and if not addressed will begin a downward spiral for UNM. The Provost is asking all faculty members to actively begin recruiting new students to help stop the downward spiral. In the Provost's next communique, he will outline the high points of UNM that can be used in recruitment. Active recruitment of high caliber faculty will become a high priority for UNM to aid in recruitment of new students.
- In closing the Provost urged the faculty to work at lowering the stress that exists on campus as the university moves forward and gets through its current financial crisis.
- A question and answer session followed the Provost's remarks.

6. President's Report

- President Stokes reported on her State of the University address that she gave yesterday, particularly on the Advisory Groups that she is assembling.
- During Homecoming week, the president will be addressing various groups in Albuquerque including the Chamber of Commerce and various Economic Development Forums. Issues raised at these meetings include UNM enrollment and what the business community can do to help UNM.
- President Stokes reported on her efforts to work with the business community state wide to increase UNM's internship programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. 2018-2019 FS Committee Appointments

- Faculty Senate President Elect, Finnie Coleman, presented the list of new appointments to the faculty senate committees. The list was unanimously approved.

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8. Approval of 10-Year Academic Calendar

- Interim Registrar, Sheila Jurnak, presented the 10-Year Academic Calendar.
- Sheila then explained the finer points of the calendar, including leap years and Albuquerque Public Schools holidays.
- A motion was made to accept the calendar and it was approved.

9. Response to the Board of Regents Meeting

- Pamela explained the incident that occurred between herself and the Board of Regents at the September 11, 2018 Regents meeting on the subject of the Honorary Degree Committee's recommendation that had been tabled for five months.
- Pamela then presented the senate with a document the committee drafted, and which will be sent to the Albuquerque Journal for publication. She asked the senate for approval showing support for the document and to follow through with its publication. The motion was made and approved.

10. 2018-2019 Faculty Senate Curricula Committee and Undergraduate Committee, Curricula Working Plan Approval

- Pamela explained how last year the Curricula Committee and the Undergraduate Committee were combined into one committee which will be called the Curricula Committee. Today Pamela needs the Senate's vote of approval to make this change.
- The motion to approve was made and second. Discussion followed. Following the discussion, the motion was passed.

11. Request Exception to FS Policy Committee term limit to allow Martha Muller to serve another term on the Committee

- Pamela explained that Martha Muller has been on the Policy Committee for ten years, with a term limit of two times three. The Policy Committee has asked for an exception in order to keep Martha on the committee.
- A motion was made to keep Martha Muller on the Policy Committee. The motion passed.

12. Approval of the Provost and Faculty Senate Protecting the Classroom Learning Environment Task Force and Task Force Charge

- Pamela explained that there are many UNM policies in place to protect the students but few to protect the faculty members. This is an attempt to make the classroom environment safer. Pamela is requesting three things:
 - For the senate to approve the task force's charge. The motion was made and approved. Discussion followed where it was suggested to expand the charge from the classroom environment to include classes online.

13. Approval of the Provost and Faculty Senate Protecting the Classroom Learning Environment Task Force Membership and chair Christopher Lyons.

- The next section of the classroom policy deals with the membership. The members of the task force are: Shawn Berman, Anderson School, Regina Carlow, Music Department, William Garver, Chemistry Department, Christopher Lyons, Sociology Department and Diane Marshal, Biology Department. A motion was made to accept this membership and passed.

14. Report from the Protecting the Classroom Learning Environment Task Force Chair: Christopher Lyons

- For the third part of this presentation Pamela invited the task force chair, Christopher Lyons, to address the senate. Christopher explained that even though there are policies for the faculty to follow regarding classroom discipline, they are inadequate. Next week the task force will be meeting with the Dean of Students to address these issues. Christopher also asked that any faculty members who have had disciplinary issues with their students to contact him via email or in person. Discussion on this issue followed with additional ideas and stories on the seriousness of the issue.

15. New Business

None.

16. Public Comment

None.

17. Adjournment

5:00 pm