

The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2017
3:00 P.M.
Scholes Hall Roberts Room

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

2. Acceptance of the September 26, 2017 Minutes

The April 26, 2017 minutes were approved as written.

3. Faculty Senate President's Report

- Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle met with state senator Jerry Ortiz y Pino and she presented him with an idea of a faculty research project to support projects of legislators. She asked for seven volunteers to help with the project.
- President Pyle asked for the Governmental Relations Committee (GRC) to come up with a vetting process for Regents. This idea was originally presented to then governor Bill Richardson, who approved of it, but was then retracted by governor Martinez. President Pyle suggested this idea be presented to the new governor.
- The Operations Committee has decided to merge the Undergraduate and Curricula committees into one working group due to vacancies on the Undergraduate Committee, redundancies in work, and time issues for curricula form approval. This will be a trial move to see how it works and will be re-evaluated in the Spring.
- President Pyle has been working with the Regents to get the presidential search videos posted online. They will be posted for 48 hours. She urged the faculty to comment on the candidates. President Pyle and Operations Committee Member Coffee Brown are members of the Search Committee.

6. President's Report

- President Abdallah reported on his meeting with the Regents to discuss UNM's reserves. There is \$19 million in discretionary funds on main campus. He then described the process of how this money is distributed.
- Today the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) released their 80-page report. Pamela will obtain a copy and email it to the members.
- A Q&A session followed regarding the discretionary funds.
- President Abdallah also updated the senate on the re-engineering plan for UNM. He will be meeting with Mike Dougher this afternoon to discuss it. He will issue a statement on this next week.

7. Provost's Report

- Alex Lubin, Interim Associate Provost for Faculty Development, reported for Provost White, who was unavailable to attend.

- Interim Associate Provost Lubin began by explaining how he oversees promotion and tenure cases as part of his duties. He also oversees policy.
- He explained that he also works with matters dealing with campus climate and equity and inclusion. With equity and inclusion, he is working with a task force on the Works Progress Administration Murals, that are in the west wing of Zimmerman Library. Many complaints have been submitted over the years regarding these murals and their subject matter. He explained how the task force is working with faculty, student leaders and historic preservationists to address the issues regarding the murals that are offending people. The committee meets for the first-time next week. Members of the Faculty Senate are asked to participate in this project.
- He announced that this spring the Fine Arts Dean, Kymberly Pinder, an expert in murals, will be teaching a class in Art and Social Justice. This class will produce suggested solutions on what to do with the Zimmerman murals.
- Interim Associate Provost Lubin reminded the senate that he is not overseeing the Global Education Office, but does work with International Education. He is also the university liaison to the Fulbright Program.

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</i>	Marieken	Shaner	Lecturer	Biology	2017	2018
Curricula	<i>Faculty</i>	Michael	Pride	Professor	Architecture and Planning	2017	2018
Curricula	<i>Faculty</i>	Mary Anne	Majadillas	Assistant Professor	ASM-Finance Intl Tech Mgt	2017	2018
Honorary Degree	<i>Faculty appointed by the Faculty Senate</i>	Stephen	Bishop	Associate Professor	Africana Studies	2017	2019
Gov Relations	<i>Faculty</i>	Mala	Htun	Professor	Political Science	2017	2020
Gov Relations	<i>Faculty</i>	Michael	Gomez	Professor	Pediatrics	2017	2019
Gov Relations	<i>Faculty</i>	Pamela	Pyle	Associate Professor	Music	2017	2020
Gov Relations	<i>Faculty</i>	Dimitri	Kapelianis	Assistant Professor	ASM	2017	2018
Grad & Prof	<i>Faculty from College of Arts and Sciences - Natural Physical Sciences and Math</i>	Joseph	Galewsky	Assistant Professor	Earth and Planetary Sciences	2017	2019
IT Use	<i>Faculty</i>	Deborah	Fort	Associate Professor	Cinematic Arts	2017	2019
Press	<i>Faculty</i>	Jim	Stone	Distinguished Professor	Art	2017	2020

9. Faculty Senate Free Speech Panel Discussion Planning

- President Pyle gave a brief history of free speech initiatives at UNM over the years.
- She is in the process of creating a free speech panel discussion, as opposed to a debate, and has already received a number of suggestions for members of the panel.
- Coffee Brown will be spearheading this effort and explained his place in the project. He asked that the senators to send him ideas for the panel to discuss and he also asked for volunteers to sit on the panel. He is seeking six people to sit on the panel which would meet six times a year.
- Coffee then asked for a brief Q&A on this issue: How can Free Speech and a Respectful Campus exist together at UNM.

10. Presidential Candidate Survey

- Committee on Governance Chair Elizabeth Hutchison explained the Presidential Candidate Survey to the Senate. She distributed handouts and a copy of the handout has been emailed to all faculty.
- The survey has a 48-hour time frame. The survey is in lieu of a full faculty meeting to discuss the candidates.
- The results of the survey will be reported to the Regents on Monday morning, October 30, 2017.

11. Public Education Department (PED) Update

- Faculty Senator Kathryn Watkins (College of Education) began her presentation with an overview of New Mexico's Public Education Department, which oversees grades K thru 12.
- She then explained how the state wants to change the language of science standards for grades K thru 12. Changes include the elimination of evolution, the age of the Earth, and the term 'climate change'.
- Following a public meeting on this issue the Interim Head of the PED has since rescinded taking out the term 'evolution', the age of the Earth and the term 'climate change'. But, there are still 35 new standards that will be taught in the classroom.
- Kathryn will email the 35 new standards to the faculty senators.
- President Pyle called for a vote, from the members present, to support a letter to be sent to the Interim Head of the PED challenging the new standards and their enforcement. The vote passed.

12. Research and Creative Works (RCW) Council Report

- David began his presentation by explaining that the RCW Council is made up of the Research Allocation Committee (RAC), UNM Library, Research Policy and UNM Press.
- They have been working on policies and the distribution of awards. They are also meeting with all the Deans of the various colleges.
- \$25,000 is being provided for non-STEM RAC awards

13. Faculty Senate Open Discussion Regarding Upcoming Priorities

- Pamela opened this part of the meeting to solicit ideas from the senators of what issues the Faculty Senate should consider perusing in the following year.

Ideas presented were:

- More discussions on the current state of affairs regarding Shared Governance.
- University of Colorado: Recently removed all lab fee due to the cost of processing the fees. Should UNM look at other universities to see if similar cost cutting ideas would work at UNM?
- Incentivize colleges, and departments, to project five years into the future the revenues that will be brought in by students. This might be a BLT issue.
- Paying for Lab Assistants. Looking at the sources used to pay for lab assistants. Are lab fees being used the way they are supposed to be used.
- Looking at all the elements that are eroding UNM's body politics and how it affects the Faculty Senate's mode of empowerment and political ability to affect change. The need to build up morale at UNM.
- Looking at the deterioration of UNM's health insurance and the Tiers. (*Dorothy Anderson will present to the senate on this issue.*)
- Student advising for undergrads.
- The issue of Main Campus vs. HSC. "The Lomas Divide".
- Having a way for the students to address the faculty senate regarding student issues. Also, addressing the student's Faculty Evaluations and dealing with difficult students.
- Lee Brown – scheduling an occasional Faculty Senate meeting on the North Campus, in the Barbara & Bill Richardson Pavilion (BBRP). Perhaps, every second, or third, FS meeting. Lee suggested contact Dr. Gomez, who is a senator, to coordinate these meetings.
- Coffee Brown – Invited senators to attend the HSC Council meetings. If there is an issue they would like to bring up, Coffee will put it on the HSC agenda. Just email Coffee if anyone is interested.

14. **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

15. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.