



Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2020
3:00-5:00 P.M.
Online

(Awaiting approval at the February 23, 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the January 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The January 26, 2021 minutes were approved.

3. University President's Report

President Garnett Stokes reported the following:

- The link to the full “State of the University” address is on the president’s webpage and she asked that faculty view it.
- There was a remote ribbon-cutting for the PAIS building.
- The Johnson Gym remodel is to the point where students are able to partially use it.
- At the beginning of this calendar year, the University held an economic summit. Themed-based economic summits will continue, possibly annually.
- The Budget Leadership Team (BLT) is hard at work at a time when revenue pictures are changing.
- The legislative session is underway, remotely. It is a 60-day session.
- Higher Education presents to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) Friday January 29, 2021. Senator George Munoz from Gallup is the new chair of the LFC. On the house side, appropriations continue to be run by Representative Patty Lundstrom, also from Gallup. There are some discrepancies between the Governor’s proposal and the LFC proposal. There are discussions on compensation, how the C.A.R.E.S. Act is counted to help institutions, talk of an opportunity scholarship, and many other things going on. UNM will be working with the Council of Presidents on the needs of higher education.
- New RPSPs have been recommended but are not being considered.
- There is much of the session left and the University will keep the faculty posted.
- Barbara Damron is in charge of the Governmental Relations team.
- Dr. Doug Ziadonis has been named the new Executive Vice President for Health Sciences (HSC). He is holding town-halls with the colleges in the HSC. He is meeting with many people.
- The 2040 Re-Visioning process has restarted for UNM.
- There is a lot of work going on in equity inclusion. President Stokes thanked Vice President of the Office of Equity and inclusion, Assata Zerai.
- The Grand Challenges are continuing forward.
- The new Vice President for Research will start in February 2021. President Stokes thanked the previous VPR, Gabriel Lopez, for his leadership.



- Workers on the front line fighting COVID 19 have been exceptional. Vaccinations will continue at The Pit escalating to about 3,000 people per day. The only restriction is the supply and access to the vaccine.

4. Provost's Report

Provost James Holloway presented the following.

- The University is monitoring what is happening on campus and around the state regarding COVID -19. Trends in the state are going down. The number of patients in UNM hospitals is decreasing. The latest test UNM did on students revealed six percent positivity. The state's positivity rate is around nine percent. At the beginning of this calendar year there were upticks in the positivity rate at UNM. Keep wearing masks, social distancing and work remotely as possible. UNM is down to two positives a day and used to be at three. Discipline is necessary. About 7.9% of NM residents have been vaccinated. Each region of the state is in slightly different place with COVID.
- Bernalillo County is in phase 1B, only in the first part, and vaccines are available to those 75 years old and older; and 16 years old and older if there is an underlying health risk-factor. The next phase of 1B is essential frontline workers. Educators are included in the frontline workers, including higher education.
- UNM was required to submit a reopening plan in December. All UNM campuses have been given a green status on their reopening plans.
- The new Vice President for Research is Ellen Fisher. She starts February 22nd. She has already been meeting weekly with Interim Vice President for Research Mary Jo Daniel. Provost Holloway thanked Gabriel Lopez for his past leadership and Mary Jo Daniel for stepping in during this transition period.
- There are three dean searches ongoing: College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences. The search for the dean that will be 50 percent Honors College and 50 percent University College will be an internal search. The search for the Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is starting. Current Dean, Mark Peceny, will be stepping down as dean within the next six months. The search for the new Chancellor of the Taos Branch has also begun.
- The University is closely watching legislation that deals with compensation. UNM will continue to push for compensation closer to the median of UNM's peer group.
- UNM 2040 strategic plan is beginning. The strategic plan was supposed to begin in March 2020 but was delayed due to COVID-19. Long-time enrolment and budget planning will be looked at. Several financial models are being considered. Once we have a vision, where does UNM want to be in twenty years. Also, what are the short term (5 year) goals to get UNM to its 20-year vision?
- Union negotiations are proceeding with UA-UNM towards a collective bargaining agreement. The negotiation structure being used has proved to be effective. Provost Holloway hopes to be done with the negotiations by summer, but negotiations could continue longer.

5. Faculty Senate President's Report

Faculty Senate President Finnie Coleman reported the following:

- President Coleman welcomed faculty back from winter break. There will be many challenges this semester.



- There is concern of cancelling class sections due to low enrollment this year. After Provost Holloway speaking with the deans, there will be a lower number of cancellations than last year.
- There are three new council chairs, Rich Brody (Research and Creative works); Charles Paine (Academic), and Pamela Pyle (Business).
- President Coleman proposed the consideration of a sixth council dedicated to the branch campuses.
- Governmental Relations Director Barbara Damron provided a summary of the work in Santa Fe with the Legislature. There is fencing around the capital due to the events of January 6. It is hard to communicate with legislators virtually. Legislative priorities are on the Governmental Relations website <https://govrel.unm.edu/>. The Legislative Branch and the Executive Branch budgets are different. The Legislative proposal is much more favorable for UNM and higher education. Compensation is a primary topic. Dr. Damron asked faculty to use their relationships with legislators. Legislative briefings are open to anyone who is interested and are held every other Thursday. The briefings will move to weekly as the Legislature gets busier.
- There is opportunity for faculty to participate in the master plan.
- There is a meeting with the UNM Foundation regarding Environmental Social and Government (ESG) investments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved.

Curricula Forms C

7. New General Education Core Course OILS 101

The new General Education Core Course OILS 101 was approved.

8. New General Education Core Course ANTH 2190C

The New General Education Core Course ANTH 2190C was approved.

9. Revision of Faculty Handbook (FHB) Policy C07: Faculty Misconduct and Progressive Disciplinary Policy

The Faculty Handbook (FHB) Policy C07: Faculty Misconduct and Progressive Disciplinary Policy was approved.

10. Approval of FHB Policy A52.1.1: Faculty Misconduct Review Committee

The FHB Policy A52.1.1: Faculty Misconduct Review Committee was approved.

11. Divestment Resolution

The following was presented as an information item by Senators Caroline Scruggs and Megan Jacobs.

Resolution to Invest in Green Initiatives

Supplemental Resources

CLIMATE CRISIS

- 4th National Climate Assessment Volume II (NCA4), mandated by the US Congress and completed in November 2018, a comprehensive and authoritative report on climate change and its impacts in the United States
<https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>
- Climate change: <https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2018/4/30/17300946/global-warming-degrees-replace-fossil-fuels>
- “Water reckoning looms in New Mexico’s future: ‘We’re not prepared for what’s ahead of us’”: <https://nmpoliticalreport.com/2020/09/19/water-reckoning-looms-in-new-mexicos-future-were-not-prepared-for-whats-ahead-of-us/>

DIVESTITURE

- Divestment an overview: <https://gofossilfree.org/divestment/commitments/>
- UC System Divestment from Fossil Fuels:
<https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/20/us/university-of-california-divest-fossil-fuels-trnd/index.html>
- Rockefeller Foundation Divestment:
<https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/18/investing/rockefeller-foundation-divest-fossil-fuels-oil/index.html?fbclid=IwAR3zcEmNzVbuTnAN5UYkQgtvSJxiZ72NyMeExUb0NfdEHRctazKet6bt44>
- “New York’s \$226 Billion Pension Fund Is Dropping Fossil Fuel Stocks”
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/09/nyregion/new-york-pension-fossil-fuels.html?action=click&module=RelatedCoverage&pgtype=Article®ion=Footer>

SUSTAINABILITY/ CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

- Arizona State University’s Sustainability Institute:
<https://sustainability.asu.edu/about/> and achievement of carbon neutrality:
<https://asunow.asu.edu/20200421-solutions-asu-achieves-carbon-neutrality-ranked-among-most-sustainable-universities-world>
- [UNM’s Climate Action Plan, 2009](#)
- [UNM Climate Change Timeline](#)

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Climate resilience and impact on indigenous peoples:
<https://toolkit.climate.gov/topics/tribal-nations#:~:text=Climate%20change%20also%20affects%20the.altering%20ecosystem%20processes%20and%20biodiversity.&text=Decreases%20in%20water%20quality%20and,and%20traditional%20ways%20of%20life.>

University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Resolution to Invest in Green Initiatives

January 15, 2021

WHEREAS the 4th National Climate Assessment Volume II (NCA4), mandated by the US Congress and completed in November 2018, a comprehensive and authoritative report on climate change and its impacts in the United States <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>, finds that “climate change creates new risks and exacerbates existing vulnerabilities in communities across the United States, presenting growing challenges to human health and safety, quality of life, and the rate of economic growth”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “Without substantial and sustained global mitigation and regional adaptation efforts, climate change is expected to cause growing losses to American infrastructure and property and impede the rate of economic growth over this century”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “Climate change affects the natural, built, and social systems we rely on individually and through their connections to one another. These interconnected systems are increasingly vulnerable to cascading impacts that are often difficult to predict, threatening essential services within and beyond the Nation’s borders”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “The quality and quantity of water available for use by people and ecosystems across the country are being affected by climate change, increasing risks and costs to agriculture, energy production, industry, recreation, and the environment”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “Climate change increasingly threatens Indigenous communities’ livelihoods, economies, health, and cultural identities by disrupting interconnected social, physical, and ecological systems”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “Ecosystems and the benefits they provide to society are being altered by climate change, and these impacts are projected to continue. Without substantial and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions, transformative impacts on some ecosystems will occur; some coral reef and sea ice ecosystems are already experiencing such transformational changes”; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the University of New Mexico President and Board of Regents request that the University of New Mexico Foundation divest as early as possible from companies that invest in or are involved in fossil fuel extraction and production; and further that the University of New Mexico Foundation release a date by which divestment will occur and give annual

updates to the Board of Regents detailing progress made toward full divestment from investments in fossil fuels; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the University of New Mexico President and Board of Regents request that the University of New Mexico Foundation make no new investments in companies that invest in fossil fuel extraction and companies that facilitate fossil fuel production and use; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the President and the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico partner with other institutions of higher education across the state to request that the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board divest from companies that invest in or are involved in fossil fuel extraction and production; and further that the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board releases annual updates to the Board of Regents detailing progress made toward full divestment from investments in fossil fuels; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests the President and the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico partner with other institutions of higher education across the state to request that the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board make no new investments in companies that invest in fossil fuel extraction and companies that facilitate fossil fuel production and use; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the President and the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico partner with other institutions of higher education across the state to directly support companies involved in fossil fuel extraction and production that seek to transition to alternate business models; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the VP for Finance and Administration head a taskforce to develop a comprehensive clean energy plan for the University of New Mexico. The taskforce will develop a plan as soon as possible but complete it no later than the end of 2022 to reduce the university's carbon footprint¹; and further be it

RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico discontinue burning fossil fuel, by 2035, for the purpose of the production of utility electrical power, district heating, and district cooling; and further be it

RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico establish a plan for all campuses to reach carbon neutrality² by 2030 and zero carbon³ by 2040; and further be it

¹ In this context the carbon footprint is defined as the total amount of carbon dioxide and methane emitted by the University, considering all relevant sources, sinks and storage on its landed property, calculated as carbon dioxide equivalent using the relevant 100-year global warming potential (GWP100).

² Zero-net carbon emissions; carbon offset mechanisms can be used to achieve neutrality.

RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico commit immediately to discontinue the purchase of vehicles (including buses and shuttles) that emit greenhouse gases; and further be it

RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico commit to invest in additional charging stations for electric vehicles in public parking lots by end of 2022; and further be it

RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico request that UNM vendors and catering commit to zero waste⁴ operations by 2025.

³ Zero carbon in this context is referring to an elimination of carbon released from fossil fuels from power, heating, and cooling.

⁴ Zero waste is defined by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) as “efforts to reduce Solid Waste generation waste to nothing, or as close to nothing as possible, by minimizing excess consumption and maximizing the recovery of Solid Wastes through Recycling and Composting”.



12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.