

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
November 29, 2022  
3:00-5:00 P.M.  
ONLINE**

*(Pending approval at the January 31, 2023, Faculty Senate Meeting)*

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of the October 25, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

The October 25 minutes were approved.

**4. Consent Agenda**

Fall 2022 Degree Candidates

Committee Appointments

Curricula Changes

The consent agenda was approved.

**5. President's Report**

President Garnett Stokes reported the following.

- Leadership is working on campus safety.
- She has talked with student leaders about the tragic violence that occurred. A shooting resulting in one death happened on November 26, 2022, on campus near the dorms.
- There are many people working on campus safety and the actions UNM might take.
- A Women's Basketball player made the decision to leave UNM. The situation ended up in the press and an Albuquerque Journal Editorial.
- There are many cameras around campus, and from them, we know a lot of what happened.
- President Stokes has talked with the Higher Education Secretary.
- A request for funds has been made to improve security in our facilities and across campus.
- She has talked with the Chancellor of New Mexico State, and they made the decision not to have the UNM vs. NMSU basketball games in Albuquerque or Las Cruces.
- Many in the community are asking questions.
- UNM is still thinking through the response. She asked for senators' thoughts on the incident and for suggested improvements.

- A Campus Climate Survey has been sent out to all faculty. She encourages participation. It is open from November 16 through December 31. Staff and students will be surveyed later.
- Her last traveling office hour for this semester is at the College of Education and Human Sciences, Department of Teacher Education and Educational Leadership. Others are welcome.
- There was a 360-degree review conducted on her for possible renewal of her contract with the University.
- The Hanging of the Greens is Friday, December 2, 2022.
- She thanked faculty for their end of semester work. She recognizes that there is a lot.
- She hopes some senators were able to attend Research and Discovery Week. There is a great deal going on in the Office of Research. There are many initiatives going on.
- Provost Holloway asked President Stokes to report the following.
  - The new Dean of the School of Engineering has been announced. It is Dr. Donna Riley. She is coming to UNM from Purdue University. She will start in April 2023.
  - Dean Mitzi Montoya, Anderson School of Management, has taken a Provost position at the University of Utah. The interim dean will be Dr. Julie Coonrod. She will begin on January 1, 2023. She has been working as a National Ace Fellow. There will be a national search.
  - There is a search for the interim dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences (COEHS). There is a search for the Chancellor of UNM Gallup. Both are expected to conclude in the next couple weeks.
  - The Office of the Provost and the COEHS are working on hiring twenty new faculty. Six are funded directly from the Provost's Office. There are eight or nine positions that are funded by some state endowments.
  - There is an academic initiative associated with growing STEM education as part of the state economic development plan. It involves support from the NIH. There will be some related requests for the initiative going to the legislature.
- Senator Amy Neel (Speech and Hearing Sciences) asked what is going to be done with the building on Mesa Vista that keeps catching fire. President Stokes replied that the building is to be razed to the ground by the end of the calendar year. The building next door will be coming down December 12, 2022.
- Senator Nahir Otano Garcia (English) commented that surveillance does not stop the actions happening in the first place. President Stokes replied that a lot of the systems were created by the students. Administration is looking at physical security and education to avert certain situations.
- President Elect Cris Elder (English) asked about Mike Peak, the student that was shot and hospitalized. Provost Stokes has not received an update.
- Senator Ann Gibson (Health Exercise and Sports Science) asked why new hires' salaries will not have the 7% increase. Positions are being offered with salaries that do not include the increase. President Stokes said she will investigate it.

## **6. Provost's Report**

Provost James Holloway was unable to attend.

## **7. Faculty Senate President's Report**

Faculty Senate President Finnie Coleman reported the following.

- There needs to be a wholesale look at the committee structure. There are opportunities to strengthen the committees. The core work of the Faculty Senate is done in the committees.
- The election process is up coming.
- The first meeting of the spring semester will be at the end of January.

## **8. New Program-Master of Science Anesthesia Sciences**

Chair Christopher Arndt, Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine presented the following.

- This is a new Health-Profession program, otherwise known as the Master of Science in Anesthesia Sciences.
- The goal is to expand the healthcare workforce throughout New Mexico.
- This degree is not currently offered in the state.
- The graduates would become Anesthesia Assistant, working side-by-side with Anesthesiologists.

President Elect Elder asked if this course would lead to a doctoral degree. Chair Arndt replied that he is unaware of any programs in the country. The pre-requisites are the same as for medical school.

They hope to start with 10 students and expand to 16-20 students.

The course was unanimously approved.

## **9. Faculty Senate Endorsement on Academic Freedom in Iran**

The faculty Senate voted to endorse the statement on Academic Freedom in Iran. It has not been a common practice of the senate to opine on international issues. See appendix 1 for text.

## **10. Faculty Senate Resolution on Academic Freedom**

Senator Nahir Otano Garcia presented a resolution to strengthen Academic Freedom regarding the teaching of Critical Race Theory (CRT).

The faculty Senate voted to approve the resolution on Academic Freedom to teach CRT. See appendix 2 for text.

## **11. Capital Outlay**

Government Relations Committee member Pamela Pyle (Music) presented the following.

UNM Faculty Senate  
Government Relations Committee  
The 2023 Faculty Senate Governmental Relations Committee Capital Outlay  
Request Competition

**Capital Outlay Project Request- Uses and Guidelines**

- Capital Outlay funding is intended for the acquisition, improvement, alteration or reconstruction of assets for long term use, including buildings, equipment, furnishing and vehicles.
- Capital Outlay funds cannot be used for operating expenses, salaries, supplies, events, brochures, retroactive reimbursements of previous payments, loan payments or for a private non-governmental entity.
- The funds are derived from severance tax bonds (STB) which are essentially loans the state acquires with various revenues pledged by the state to make the loan payments. Funds may possibly come from additional State related sources.
- The Office of Community and Government Relations has noticed that over the past years, projects based on specific health, safety, welfare, risk or hazard issues, have been given precedence for funding, however, we will keep our competition open to the larger scope outlined in the first bullet point. This year, Capital needs related to student enrollment and retention may also be considered.

**Legislative Guidelines for Capital Outlay**

**Completion-** There is a \$100,000 minimum and \$200,000 maximum level for projects funded from STB funds and related sources. The project should not be implemented in phases and needs to be completed within the estimate from the Facilities Management Department. Ideally, it is important that the project be started by the beginning of the next legislative session.

**Equipment and Useful Life-** denotes items that become a permanent or non-depletable part of a project being paid for with Severance Tax Bond proceeds. Items of a depletable nature, or those that can be used for another project, are defined as “assets”. An asset must have a useful life of ten years.

**Governmental Relations Committee Competition Proposal Questions-**

Proposal not to exceed two pages, including the budget.

1. Provide a detailed description of the project, addressing the purpose and the need it will serve. (You may address its relation to the UNM mission or to that of the department.)
2. How many people in the UNM community will be affected by this project?
3. Will this project generate ongoing costs? (Maintenance, utilities, etc.)

4. The maximum amount for this Faculty Submitted Capital Outlay Request is \$200,000, with a \$100,000 minimum. Please provide your budget.
5. Are there other means of fundraising for this project? Describe other potential funding sources.
6. Please include an estimate from the Facilities Management Department for the requested facilities renovation or improvement, if applicable.

Up to two proposals will be selected to go forward to the Legislature.

Deadline for submission is December 2, 2022, at 5 p.m. Please submit your requests to Pamela Pyle, Chair of the Faculty Senate Capital Outlay Competition, [pvpyle@unm.edu](mailto:pvpyle@unm.edu).

Chair of the Governmental Relations Committee, Barbara Damron added that there is a very robust capital outlay process at UNM for all Schools and Colleges. This is a separate ask. This is an opportunity for faculty.

## **12. Student Counseling and Campus Safety Update**

Executive Director Stephanie McIver, Student Health and Counseling was unable to attend. Vice President Eric Scott, Student Affairs, reported the following.

- VP Scott is from Baltimore, Maryland.
- He is a first-generation college graduate. He attended the University of South Carolina for his undergraduate and master's degrees. His master's is in Higher Education Student Affairs. He did post-graduate work at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. His doctoral work was at Oregon State University. He has a doctorate in Adult and Higher Education.
- He spent six years at the University of Alaska, Juno. He started as director of campus life and eventually became the dean of students. It is a small campus with about 3,000 students. He spent the last 3 COVID years as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at Boise State University.
- Post-secondary education is one of the interventions in a person's life that has been shown to impact every life outcome in a positive way.
- He is dedicated to student success and student well-being. Student experience is dominated by their time in the classroom.
- There is an opportunity to take the good community that has been built here and make it stronger and to mend post-COVID.

## **13. Faculty Senate Representation from Branch Campuses**

President Coleman would like senators to think about the formula used to determine senator representation. Perhaps there could be a standing rule that all branches get 2 faculty senators regardless of what the formula calls for.

## **14. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **15. Meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.**