

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 23, 2024**  
**3:00-5:00 P.M.**  
**ONLINE**

*(Pending approval at the August 27, 2024, Faculty Senate Meeting)*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. Operations Committee member John Burke presided. Faculty Senate President Cris Elder joined later in the meeting. Attendance was recorded on the meeting attendance sheet which can be found in the supporting documents.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**2. Approval of the March 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

The March 26, 2024, minutes were approved.

**3. President's Report**

President Garnett Stokes reported the following.

- UNM is the first Hispanic-serving Research 1 University. Research universities are in the prime position to tackle Hispanic in governance and leadership roles. There are approximately 22 Hispanic-serving Research 1 Universities now. UNM attended a conference at the University of Texas-Arlington for Hispanic-serving institutions.
- President Stokes has been working with the UNM Foundation, deans, and other leaders in the 'silent' phase of a comprehensive fundraising campaign. It is in its third year. It is an opportunity to build greater support for faculty, departments, programs, students, etc.
- Dean Harris Smith (College of Fine Arts) is actively engaged in fundraising for the Collaborative Arts and Technology Center.
- President Stokes returned from a trip to California where she met with donors regarding the campaign.
- Research and Public Service Proposals (RPSP) have experienced a lot of change. Typically, this time of year there is the call for new proposals. With all the changes to RPSPs, there will be a call for existing RPSPs only. New proposals have had a difficult time getting approved. Her plan is to focus any new RPSPs on the things that UNM is trying to achieve. One example is trying to get an RPSP to support faculty salaries. There is pressure to "right-size" the health sciences and the healthcare workforce in the state. Expanding to address the gaps in the system. There was a large request for substance use disorders but did not get it. Work on expanding it is ongoing. Some funding for the College of Public Health was vetoed. There are conversations happening to try to restore it.
- Work for the 2025 Legislative Session has already begun. The University must be involved all year long.

- There is a lot of activity with the federal delegation as well. Senator Ben Ray Lujan has done some work with wildfires.

#### **4. Provost's Report**

Provost James Holloway reported the following.

- The focus today will be on the Department of Education.
- Enrollment is in a pretty good place. There is an increase of 10% in credit hours. It does not translate, however, to a ten percent enrollment increase. It is primarily a reflection of earlier registration. Incoming students at the undergraduate level have more registrations for new student orientation this year compared to last year. These are all positive signs. There is no signal of a decrease and there might be a slight increase over last fall.
- The US Congress has changed the requirements for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The form is simplified and there have been positive changes. There were a lot of problems with the initial roll-out, however. Normally FAFSA records would be available in January but now are just not quite having those good data now. We are greatly delayed in packaging financial aid. The expectation is to start packaging next week. Now, the University is notifying students that have errors in their FAFSA to go back in and correct. When the University does the aid, it needs to view all the students together. There are about 700 to 800 with errors. Most errors are trivial. Now errors can only be corrected through the system. UNM is not behind; about 30 universities started packaging aid last week. No other university in New Mexico has started to package financial aid yet.
- Many UNM students have a financial need, and they are making their decisions based on what their financial aid package is. They can't see it yet.
- The new Title IX regulations have just come out. Title IX regulations seem to be changing now with each new administration. There are 1600 pages of regulations and UNM has 100 days to revamp and comply with them. It will be a major push over the summer.
- There are changes to the Gainful Employment Rule. The rule has been around for about a decade. It was very much targeted at for-profit institutions doing certain kinds of degrees, i.e., cosmetology, barbering, etc., because students were taking out large loans with unrealistic expectations of what their future income might be. The Feds put the rule in place with that focus. It is now being expanded to all programs. Data will be provided to the Department of Education. For graduate level programs, in two years, if the financial matrix is low, students will be required to sign a form stating that they have seen the financial matrix for their degree. The goal is to inform students.

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

Faculty Senate President Cris Elder reported the following.

- President Elder met with Associate Provost Pamela Cheek and Interim Associate Dean Kate Lippitt (Geography). Kate is chairing the Faculty Senate Teaching Enhancement Committee (TEC). They discussed the senate's feedback. TEC is being assigned the work from the feedback.
- President Elder is working on pursuing to get paid family medical leave; not just for ill loved ones but for primary caretakers. The issue died at the last legislative session.
- Sign up for a committee appointment. President Elder will be sending out the survey again. There are 45 sign-ups, which is not nearly enough to staff the Faculty Senate Committees. It is first come, first served on committee placement.

- Please consider running for 2024-2025 President Elect and membership to the 2024-2025 Operations Committee.
- Thank you to all the 2023-2024 Faculty Senators and committee members for their service.

**6. Consent Agenda**

Spring 2024 Degree Candidates

Curricula Changes

The consent agenda was approved.

**7. Approval of the 10-year Academic Calendar**

Registrar Shiela Journak presented the following revised 10-year Academic Calendar for approval. The only change is the amendment of the 2034 Academic Year. The academic year 2029 was corrected, March 11-18, for Spring Break.

Proposed University of New Mexico 10-Year Academic Calendar								
Year	Spring			Summer		Fall		
	Begin	Break	End	Begin	End	Begin	Break	End
<b>**2024</b>	15-Jan	Mar 10-17	11-May	3-Jun	30-Jul	19-Aug	Oct 10-11	14-Dec
<b>2025</b>	20-Jan	Mar 16-23	17-May	2-Jun	29-Jul	18-Aug	Oct 9-10	13-Dec
<b>2026</b>	19-Jan	Mar 15-22	16-May	1-Jun	28-Jul	17-Aug	Oct 8-9	12-Dec
<b>2027</b>	18-Jan	Mar 14-21	15-May	31-May	27-Jul	16-Aug	Oct 7-8	11-Dec
<b>**2028</b>	17-Jan	Mar 12-19	13-May	5-Jun	1-Aug	21-Aug	Oct 12-13	16-Dec
<b>2029</b>	15-Jan	Mar 11-19	12-May	4-Jun	31-Jul	20-Aug	Oct 11-12	15-Dec
<b>2030</b>	21-Jan	Mar 17-24	18-May	3-Jun	30-Jul	19-Aug	Oct 10-11	14-Dec
<b>2031</b>	20-Jan	Mar 16-23	17-May	2-Jun	29-Jul	18-Aug	Oct 9-10	13-Dec
<b>**2032</b>	19-Jan	Mar 14-21	15-May	31-May	27-Jul	16-Aug	Oct 7-8	11-Dec
<b>2033</b>	17-Jan	Mar 13-20	14-May	6-Jun	2-Aug	22-Aug	Oct 13-14	17-Dec
<b>2034</b>	16-Jan	Mar 12-19	13-May	5-Jun	1-Aug	21-Aug	Oct 12-13	16-Dec

The amended 10-year academic calendar was approved.

**8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**9. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.**