

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Nov. 26, 2024**  
**3-5 P.M.**  
**ONLINE**

*(Pending approval at the Jan. 28, 2025, Faculty Senate Meeting)*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. Faculty Senate President Cris Elder presided. Attendance was recorded on the meeting attendance sheet which can be found in the supporting documents.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

President Elder requested a motion to modify the agenda to move the closed session for Honorary Degrees to be held prior to the breakout group agenda item to ensure a quorum is held. The agenda was approved as modified.

**2. Approval of the Oct. 29, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

The Oct. 24 minutes were approved as presented.

**3. Provost's Report**

Provost Holloway reported on the following:

- The new UNM Athletics Director, Fernando Lovo, was announced over the weekend. He comes from The University of Texas-Austin. He starts Dec. 1.
- The legislative season begins in January. UNM Day will be Jan. 29. Many departments will be invited to have tables and displays.
- Students are registering for spring semester. About 1,500 students are not registered and we are working to get them registered by looking at accounts with less than \$200 owed and deploying scholarship funds to get balances paid down. There are about 100 to 200 with advising holds and the advising centers are reaching out to address any issues to get those holds removed.
- Last month the issue of the number of books held in the humanities building and solutions for temporary storage on campus. There are currently about 90,000 books that need to be moved. Staff are working on solutions to find them homes for the next couple of years.
- Budget preparation for FY26 is under way. There is a process underway for a multi-year planning process to look at what resources are needed including faculty lines, operating funds, staff lines, and any other needs. Academic Affairs has received about \$17.5 million in requests.

- There is not a sense yet as to whether the Board of Regents will raise tuition. Their default position is not to raise tuition rates, but they are interested in differential tuition. The Provost Office is preparing a report to present a report on what differential tuition rates would look like.

Provost Holloway took questions from faculty regarding the issue of differential tuition.

#### **4. Faculty Senate President’s Report**

Faculty Senate President Cris Elder reported the following:

- The faculty union began negotiations today with UNM administration to negotiate their second contract.
- President Elder attended President Stokes’s executive cabinet meeting on 11/25. Revisions to the cell phone reimbursement policy were discussed. Aso, there is a new cyber security training that was added late to Learning Central for all employees entitled “Securing the Human.” Be sure everyone completes this additional training by Jan. 31. Additionally, the legislative session was discussed. There are 29 new legislators, and this will create new leadership in committees. Committee chair assignments will be made in January. This session will be a 60-day session and ends March 22. There is a 20-day signing period and so by April 11 we will know what our budget is.

#### **5. Council Reports:**

**HSC Council:** Senator Roberta Lavin reported out for the HSC Council. The council has reinitiated the HSC Policy Subcommittee with a new set of members. They are looking at a substance use policy, as there is inconsistency across departments regarding drug testing policies.

**Branch Community Colleges Council:** Senator John Burke reported on the council’s continued work in monitoring workload guidelines for the branch campuses to ensure they are being followed. They are also continuing to support faculty at branch campuses who are on a tenure track who need mentors in this area.

#### **6. Consent Agenda**

- Fall 2024 Degree Candidates
- Curricula Changes
- Faculty Senate Committee Appointments

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

#### **7. Faculty Handbook Policy Approvals**

Policy A53: Development and Approval of Faculty Policies and Policy E120: Effort Reporting Policy were presented by Senator Eve Espey, chair of the Faculty Senate Policy Committee.

Policy A53 and Policy E120 were approved as presented.

#### **8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **9. Social Justice Committee Introduction**

Senator Justin Bendell presented about the new ad hoc committee, including the draft charge and invited any interested senators to join the committee.

#### **10. Closed Session**

At 3:56 p.m. a motion was made by Senator Sever Bordeianu to enter a closed session to discuss Honorary Degree nominations for the spring 2025 commencement. Following the closed session, a motion to return to the open session was made and approved. Key decisions were made during the closed session that will be communicated to relevant parties as necessary.

#### **10. Discussion of Faculty Priorities Survey**

Faculty separated into breakrooms to discuss faculty senate priorities. Each group was asked to select on representative to report back to President Elder for next steps.

11. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

**FACULTY SENATE ATTENDANCE ROSTER**  
**2024-2025**

Last Name	First Name	Representing	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Adolphi	Natalie	school of medicine	P	P	P	P					
Alles	Sascha	school of medicine	P	E	P	P					
Anderoglu	Osman	school of engineering	P	P	P	U					
Arndt	Christopher	school of medicine	P	U	U	P					
Avila	Melody	college of nursing	P	U	U						
Baca	Olivia	college of university libraries and learning sciences	P	U	P	P					
Balwan	Akshu	school of medicine	P	E	P	P					
Behrens	Brandon	school of medicine	P	U	U	U					
Bendell	Justin	unm-valencia	P	P	P	P					
Bordeianu	Sever	at-large	P	E	P	P					
Bunt	Stephanie	school of architecture and planning		P	P	P					
Burke	John	unm-gallup	P	P	P	P					
Chabi	Sakineh	at-large	P	U	P	U					
Clifton	Cash	university college	P	U	U	U					
Cook	Angela	school of medicine	P	U	U	P					
Corbin-Swalin	Paula	college of fine arts	P	P	P	P					
Davis	Michael	school of medicine	P	P	P	U					
de Oliveira	Cassiano	school of engineering	U	U	U	P					
Devetsikiotis	Michael	school of engineering	P	P	P	E					
England	Scott	school of law	P	P	U	U					
Espey	Eve	school of medicine	P	P	E	P					
Gallego Umana	Daniel	school of medicine	U	U	U	U					
Garza Ayala	Armando	college of education and human sciences	P	U	P	E					
Gonzales-Pacheco	Diana	college of education and human sciences	P	P	P	E					
Goodwin	Matthew	college of arts and sciences	U	P	P	P					
Gopal	Ramesh	school of medicine	P	U	P	P					
Gordon	Amber	unm-taos	P	P	E	P					
Hutchison	Liz	college of arts and sciences	P	P	P	P					
Ketcham	Amaris	honors college	P	P	P	P					
Lavin	Roberta	college of nursing	P	P	E	P					
Lehan Mackin	Melissa	at-large	P	P	P	P					
Liotta	William	college of fine arts	P	U	U	P					
Lucas	Joan	unm-los alamos		P	P	P					
Matthews	John	college of arts and sciences	P	P	P	P					
Montgomery	Lee	college of fine arts	P	P	U	P					
Otano Gracia	Nahir	college of arts and sciences	U	U	P	P					
Panikkath	Pramod	school of medicine	P	P	P	P					
Polhemus	Mark	school of medicine	E	E	P	P					
Poroseva	Svetlana	school of engineering	P	P	P	P					
Reyes	Kathleen	school of medicine	P	P	P	U					
Rhue	Deborah	health sciences library and informatics center	P	U	U	P					
Ro	Min	unm-los alamos		P	P	P					
Romero	Steven	unm-valencia	P	P	P	P					
Salas	Christina	school of medicine	P	P	U	U					
Siegel	Patricia	school of medicine	P	P	U	P					
Simcox	Kristian	unm-gallup	P	P	P	P					
Son	Hyunsang	anderson schools of management	P	P	P	P					
Soneru	Codruta	school of medicine	P	P	P	U					
Stark	Cortney	college of education and human sciences			U	P					
Tarawneh	Rawan	school of medicine	P	U	U	U					
Thomas	Jack	college of arts and sciences	P	U	P	P					
Thomson	Iain	at-large	P	P	P	P					
Tomedi	Laura	college of population health	P	U	E	U					
Torrazza Perez	Euriko	school of medicine	P	P	P	P					
Walker	Peter	unm-taos	P	U	E	P					
Walsh	Steven	anderson schools of management	U	U	U	U					
Ward	Krystal	college of pharmacy	P	P	P	P					
Watson	Erik	school of medicine	E	E	P	P					
Witt	Satya	college of arts and sciences	P	P	P	P					
Yang	MingAn	school of medicine	P	U	P	P					
Yang	Xuexian	school of medicine	P	U	P	U					
Yu	Peng	at-large	P	P	P	P					