

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
April 29, 2025  
3-5 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM**

*(Pending approval at the August 26, 2025, Faculty Senate Meeting)*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. Faculty Senate President Cris Elder presided. Attendance was recorded on the attendance sheet which can be found in the supporting documents.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

President Elder requested a motion to accept the agenda, and the agenda was approved as presented.

**2. Approval of March 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes**

The March 25 minutes were approved as presented.

**3. President's Report**

President Garnett Stokes reported on the following:

- The federal government terminated visas for some of our international students and then last Friday this action was reversed. Nationally, some lawsuits were filed regarding this action and leadership will continue to monitor this with concerns about the impact on recruitment and retention of international students.
- The federal government has also issued actions regarding indirect research cost reimbursement rates related to the Department of Energy. This is another directive being challenged.
- UNM is a member of the American Public and Land Grant Universities organization, and she serves as a member of the APU with a number of leaders. PLU and APU are monitoring many of these issues closely for public and land grant research universities. As leadership works to position the institution in the future, they look forward to more conversations and input from students and staff.
- Some University administrative policy changes have been posted. These were revised based on feedback from the UNM community and are policies related to equal opportunity and recruitment.
- The Clinical and Translational Science Center received a \$2,000,000 award from NIH to pilot a program that brings clinical research into rural and underserved communities across the state.

- UNM is leading a collaborative to address challenges facing Western states like wildfires and water scarcity and rapid urban growth as part of the Intermountain West Transformation Network.
- The Nurse Midwifery program continues to be ranked very highly in the country.
- The UNM PD headquarters construction has begun, partially funded by an institutional bond.
- Three students have been named for the prestigious Goldwater Scholars- Mia Baca, Victoria Nisoli, and Ariana Pritha.
- Two faculty members, Melissa Emery Thompson and Joan Bybee, were recognized as American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellows, an incredibly high honor for faculty.
- Nine physicians were named in the 2025 list of Top Docs.
- The President recognized at a celebration faculty and staff donors who contributed financially during the last year to the University, with more than 1,000 people giving nearly \$4 million as part of UNM's Big Give campaign.

President Stokes took questions from faculty.

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

- There are about 40 stop work orders on grants at this point and a number of others that have been rescinded. The Department of Energy announced moving to a 15% indirect cost rate and has given the University 30 days to comply. There is an appeals process for grants that are stopped, and the University is evaluating various grants to determine if appeals will be filed. It is a "heavy lift" and they are engaging outside counsel for help. There is a focus on pursuing appeals that are more likely to be successful.
- The Rainforest Innovation Awards recognized faculty at the institution who have received patents, trademarks, and copyrights over the last year and two faculty who received the Rainforest Innovation Fellow Award, Laura Hudson, and National Academy of Inventor Fellow, Angela Wandinger-Ness.

The Provost took questions from faculty.

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

- President Cris Elder made senators aware of and discussed the UNM Sanctuary Campus Working Group resolution that was presented to Faculty Senate over eight years ago, passed and adopted February 2017. The context of the resolution is remarkably similar to our current context.
- Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HAKU) is offering a webinar on May 1 on the status of Dreamers and DACA recipients.
- A 4% increase in compensation was approved at the last Board of Regents. There will be a 9% increase in employee contributions to health benefits. UA UN faculty union is still negotiating the new collective bargaining agreement.
- Faculty Senate Operations Committee is working with Provost Holloway about the current guidelines for remote work to improve the guidelines.

- Faculty Senate is currently accepting nominations for the Operations Committee and President-Elect. Senators are highly encouraged to nominate themselves and others.
- President Elder announced that this was her last Faculty Senate meeting as president and thanked the OUS staff and the Operations Committee members, and welcomed Roberta as the incoming president, beginning her service July 1.

## **6. Consent Agenda**

- Curricula Changes
- Spring 2025 Degree Candidates
- Policy Approvals
  - D75: Classroom Conduct
  - A61.2: Curriculum Committee
  - A61.5: Campus Development Advisory Committee

The consent agenda was approved as presented.

President Elder received unanimous consent to appoint Finnie Coleman, past president, as chair pro temporary and suspended three orders of the day to address the following item.

### **Item 10: Faculty Senate Social Justice Committee Resolution**

The resolution was approved as amended.

## **7. “A Framework for Teaching and Learning Success at UNM” Endorsement**

Dr. Lippitt and Dr. Spong presented updates to the framework and requested an endorsement by the Faculty Senate.

The endorsement was approved as presented.

## **8. Posthumous Degree Request**

President Elder presented on behalf of Lisa Lindquist, Dean of Students Program Manager, for a posthumous degree awarded to student Anthony Kanowitz. It was noted that Mr. Kanowitz passed with three credits short of the requirement for a posthumous degree, but both the college and Graduate Committee gave approval to award the degree.

The posthumous degree was approved as presented.

## **9. New Bachelor of Arts in Sustainability and Environmental Studies**

Department Associate Chair of Geography and Environmental Sciences presented on the new proposed program and the new program was approved as presented.

## **11. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

## **12. Faculty Senate Breakout Groups**

Due to time constraints, the faculty senate breakout groups were suspended.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 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	P	P	P	P	
Alles	Sascha	school of medicine	P	E	P	P	P				
Anderoglu	Osman	school of engineering	P	P	P	U	P	U	U	U	
Arndt	Christopher	school of medicine	P	U	U	P	P	E			
Avila	Melody	college of nursing	P	U	U						
Baca	Olivia	college of university libraries and learning sciences	P	U	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Balwan	Akshu	school of medicine	P	E	P	P	U	P	U	P	
Behrens	Brandon	school of medicine	P	U	U	U	U	P	U	P	
Bendell	Justin	unm-valencia	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Bordeianu	Sever	at-large	P	E	P	P	U	P	P	E	
Bunt	Stephanie	school of architecture and planning		P	P	P					
Burke	John	unm-gallup	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Chabi	Sakineh	at-large	P	U	P	U	P	P	U	U	
Clifton	Cash	university college	P	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Cook	Angela	school of medicine	P	U	U	P	U	U	U	U	
Corbin-Swalin	Paula	college of fine arts	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Davis	Michael	school of medicine	P	P	P	U	E	P	P	P	
de Oliveira	Cassiano	school of engineering	U	U	U	P	U	U	U	P	
Depperman	Ezra	college of arts and sciences						U	P	U	
Devetsikiotis	Michael	school of engineering	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	
Diller	Emily	school of medicine							U	P	
England	Scott	school of law	P	P	U	U	U	P	U	E	
Espey	Eve	school of medicine	P	P	E	P	U	P	P	P	
Gallego Umana	Daniel	school of medicine	U	U	U	U	U	P	U	U	
Garza Ayala	Armando	college of education and human sciences	P	U	P	E	P	P	U	P	
Gonzales-Pacheco	Diana	college of education and human sciences	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	
Goodwin	Matthew	college of arts and sciences	U	P	P	P	P	P	U	P	
Gopal	Ramesh	school of medicine	P	U	P	P	P	P	U	P	
Gordon	Amber	unm-taos	P	P	E	P	P	P			
Hertenstein	Eric	school of medicine							P	P	
Hutchison	Liz	college of arts and sciences	P	P	P	P	P	P	U	P	
Jackson	Margaret	college of fine arts							U	P	
Ketcham	Amaris	honors college	P	P	P	P	U	U	P	P	
Lavin	Roberta	college of nursing	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	
Lehan Mackin	Melissa	at-large	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	
Liotta	William	college of fine arts	P	U	U	P	U	U	U	U	
Lucas	Joan	unm-los alamos		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Matthews	John	college of arts and sciences	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Montgomery	Lee	college of fine arts	P	P	U	P	U	U			
Murphy	Grace	college of nursing					P	P	P	P	
Murphy	Megan	unm-taos							P	P	
Otano Gracia	Nahir	college of arts and sciences	U	U	P	P	P	P	U	P	
Panikkath	Pramod	school of medicine	P	P	P	P	U	P	P	P	
Polhemus	Mark	school of medicine	E	E	P	P	P	P	U	U	
Poroseva	Svetlana	school of engineering	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Reyes	Kathleen	school of medicine	P	P	P	U	P	P	U	P	
Rhue	Deborah	health sciences library and informatics center	P	U	U	P	U	P	P	P	
Ro	Min	unm-los alamos		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Romero	Steven	unm-valencia	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Salas	Christina	school of medicine	P	P	U	U					
Scariano	John	school of medicine							E	U	
Scruggs	Caroline	school of architecture and planning					P	P	P	P	
Siegel	Patricia	school of medicine	P	P	U	P	P	P	E	U	
Simcox	Kristian	unm-gallup	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Son	Hyunsang	anderson schools of management	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Soneru	Codruta	school of medicine	P	P	P	U	P	P	P	P	
Stark	Cortney	college of education and human sciences			U	P	P	P	P	P	
Sturgis	Meshell	college of arts and sciences					P	P	P	P	
Tarawneh	Rawan	school of medicine	P	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Thomas	Jack	college of arts and sciences	P	U	P	P	U	P	P	P	

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Thomson	Iain	at-large	P	P	P	P	U	P	P	U	
Tomedi	Laura	college of population health	P	U	E	U	U	U	P	P	
Torrazza Perez	Euriko	school of medicine	P	P	P	P	P	U	P	P	
Walker	Peter	unm-taos	P	U	E	P	U	P	P	P	
Walsh	Steven	anderson schools of management	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	P	
Ward	Krystal	college of pharmacy	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Watson	Erik	school of medicine	E	E	P	P	E	U	P	P	
Witt	Satya	college of arts and sciences	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Yang	MingAn	school of medicine	P	U	P	P	P	P	U	U	
Yang	Xuexian	school of medicine	P	U	P	U	U	U	U	U	
Yu	Peng	at-large	P	P	P	P	U	U	U	U	

*last updated: 5/1/25*