The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2026
3-5 P.M.

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(Approved at the February 24, 2026, Faculty Senate Meeting)

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 3:03 p.m. Faculty Senate President Roberta Lavin presided. Attendance was recorded on the attendance sheet which can be found in the supporting documents.

1. Approval of the Agenda

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

2. Approval of November 25, 2025, Meeting Minutes

The November 25 minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

3. Faculty Senate President Report

President Roberta Lavin reported on the following items:

- Jonathan Davis-Secord has agreed to serve as the chair of the Faculty Senate Library Committee for the remainder of the academic year. We are grateful for his willingness to provide continuity of leadership.
- Listening sessions for the Provost search are being planned via zoom for the faculty senators as well as a joint session involving the Operations Committee, Academic Freedom and Tenure, and the Council of Governance, tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3.
- Osbourne Pearson has agreed to serve on the Faculty Senate operations committee, replacing a vacant position left by Codruta Soneru, who has left the University. We appreciate his willingness to contribute to the Senate leadership.
- The University is seeking a representative from the Faculty Senate to be a part of the Parking and Transportation Committee. This committee meets four times per year (Jan. 29, April 30, July 30, and Oct. 29). If you are willing to search please reach out to the president or the University Secretary's office.
- The president spoke on the national climate in the wake of events in Minneapolis and recognized UNM leadership for approaching the national landscape with care and deliberation, upholding academic and ethical commitments while maintaining our stability. As a governing body, Faculty Senate must approach policy with care and humility and awareness of the impact of speaking for faculty across all ranks and

appointments and for the student's futures that we shape. We need to remain attentive without being reactive, and to focus our governance energies on matters that directly affect the University and those we represent, and that includes being prepared for future possibilities, while also recognizing when restraint services best.

4. Policy Approval

Faculty Senate Handbook E50 "Export Control" was approved by majority as presented.

5.Social Justice Ad Hoc Committee

Melissa Lehan Mackin, chair, and Nahir Otano Gracia, Social Justice committee member, presented the joint resolution opposing the "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education." The resolution was approved by majority as presented.

6. Consent Agenda

- Curricula Changes

The consent agenda was approved as presented by a majority vote.

7. New Undergraduate Certificate Approval

The newly proposed "Curanderismo: Hispanic Concepts of Traditional Healing" certificate was presented by Professor Mario del Angel Guevara, Chicano and Chicana Studies.

The certificate program was approved by majority vote.

8. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9. Closed Session

At 3:51 p.m., it was moved by FS Liz Hutchison and seconded by FS Ezra Depperman to enter closed session to discuss the review and approval of the 2026 Honorary Degree nominations and was approved by majority vote. Only listed agenda items were discussed in the closed session and in attendance were Faculty Senators, along with support staff Theresa Sherman, University Secretary Nancy Middlebook, and Matthew Borrego, chair of the Honorary Degree Committee and presenter. The nominations were approved by majority vote to be forwarded to the UNM Board of Regents for approval. The closed session adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

10. Breakout Sessions

Faculty Senators broke into working groups to discuss various priorities of Faculty Senate for future initiatives, actions and strategies. No actions were taken during this time and each working group reported out to the full faculty senate.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

FACULTY SENATE ATTENDANCE ROSTER
2025-2026

Last Name	First Name	Representing	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Adolphi	Natalie	School of Medicine	P	P	P	P	P				
Anderoglu	Osman	School of Engineering	U	U	U	U	U				
Angeli	Eva	School of Medicine	P	P	P	U	P				
Baca	Olivia	At-Large	P	P	P	U	P				
Balwan	Akshu	School of Medicine	U	P	U	U	P				
Behrens	Brandon	School of Medicine	U	U	U	U	U				
Bendell	Justin	UNM-Valencia (Sabbatical Spr 26)	U	U	P	P	P				
Blankenship	James	School of Medicine	P	U	U	U	U				
Budhwar	Nitin	School of Medicine	P	P	P	P	P				
Caparoso	Deirdre	Health Sciences Library & Informatics Center	P	U	U	P	P				
Cook	Angela	School of Medicine	U	P	U	U	P				
Corbin-Swalin	Paula	College of Fine Arts	P	P	U	U	U				
Cradock	Kenwyn	University College	P	P	P	P	P				
Davis	Michael	School of Medicine	U	P	P	U	P				
Depperman	Ezra	College of Arts and Sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Devetsikiotis	Michael	School of Engineering	P	P	P	P	P				
Diller	Emily	School of Medicine	E	P	P	U	P				
Dutra	Paulo	At-Large	U	U	U	U	U				
Endres Oliveira	Cassiano	School of Engineering	U	U	U	U	U				
England	Scott	School of Law									
Espey	Eve	School of Medicine	P	P	U	U	E				
Garza Ayala	Armando	College of Education and Human Sciences	U	P	U	P	P				
Gonzales-Pacheco	Diana	College of Education and Human Sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Head	Michele	At-Large	P	P	P	P	P				
Hutchison	Liz	College of Arts and Sciences	U	P	U	P	P				
Islam	Mohammad	At-Large	P	P	P	P	P				
Izquierdo	Luis	School of Medicine	P	P	P	P	P				
Jackson	Margaret	College of Fine Arts	U	U	U	U	U				
Ketcham	Amaris	Honors College	P	P	P	P	U				
Lassiter	Tracy	UNM-Gallup	P	P	P	P	P				
Lavin	Roberta	College of Nursing	P	P	P	P	P				
Liotta	William	College of Fine Arts (on sabbatical Sp26)	U	U	U	U					
Lippitt	Cait	College of Arts and Sciences	P	U	P	P	P				
Lu	Yan	College of Arts and Sciences	U	P	U	U	P				
Lucas	Joan	UNM-Los Alamos	P	P	P	P	P				
Mackin	Melissa Lehan	At-Large	P	P	P	P	P				
Matthews	John	College of Arts and Sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Murphy	Grace	College of Nursing	P	P	E	P	U				
Murphy	Megan	UNM-Taos	P	P	P	U	P				
Otaño Gracia	Nahir	College of Arts and Sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Panikkath	Pramod	School of Medicine	U	P	U	U	P				
Pearson	Osbjorn	College of Arts and Sciences	P	P	P	U	P				
Perez	Euriko G. Torrazza	School of Medicine	U	U	U	U	P				
Polhemus	Mark	School of Medicine	U	U	P	U	U				
Poroseva	Svetlana	School of Engineering	P	E	E	P	P				
Ro	Min	UNM-Los Alamos	P	P	P	P	P				
Romero	Steven	UNM-Valencia (Resigned 1/22/26)	P	P	P	P					
Scariano	John	School of Medicine	U	P	U	U	U				
Scruggs	Caroline	School of Architecture + Planning	P	U	P	P	P				
Siegel	Patricia	School of Medicine	P	U	P	U	P				
Simcox	Kristian	UNM-Gallup	P	P	P	P	P				
Singh	Gurdeep	School of Medicine	P	P	P	U	P				
Son	Hyunsang	Anderson School of Management	P	P	P	P	P				
Soneru	Codruta	School of Medicine (Resigned 1/23/26)	P	P	U	U					
Stark	Cortny	College of Education and Human Sciences	P	P	P	P	U				
Sturgis	Meshell	College of Arts and Sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Taylor	Andy	UNM-Valencia (Replacing Justin Bendell)					P				
Tarawneh	Rawan	School of Medicine (resigned 8/25/25)									
Tomedi	Laura	College of Population Health	U	E	P	U	P				
Torrazza Perez	Euriko G.	School of Medicine	U	P	U	P	P				
Umana	Daniel F. Gallego	School of Medicine	P	U	U	U	U				
Walker	Peter	UNM-Taos	P	U	U	U	U				

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Warner	Adrienne	College of Univ Libraries & Learning Sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Watson	Erik	School of Medicine	P	P	P	U	P				
Wilson	Eli	College of Arts and Sciences	P	P	P	P	P				
Winder	Samuel	School of Law	P	P	P	P	P				
Witt	Satya	College of Arts and Sciences	P	U	P	U	P				
Yang	MingAn	School of Medicine	U	P	P	P	P				

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