

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2026
3-5 P.M.**

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(Approved at the March 31, 2026, Faculty Senate Meeting)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 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 January 27, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The January 27 minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

3. Faculty Senate President Report

President Roberta Lavin reported on the following items:

- President Lavin spoke with President Stokes regarding the resolution passed at the January 27 meeting- [Joint Resolution of The Central New Mexico Community College Faculty Senate and The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate Opposing the "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education."](#) She provided context for the resolution and emphasized the reason that it was passed. President Stokes had no issues of concern in New Mexico at this time.
- A working group is being formed to review the Dean's Evaluation survey that is sent to all faculty and staff, to assess the clarity of the survey, to assess the relevance of questions, and to align it with what is needed for adequate feedback for the deans. This will improve what the Deans are hearing from their faculty about their performance and to adequately address areas for improvement. If faculty have recommendations for members for the committee or would like to volunteer, please reach out to the University Secretary's office at univsec@unm.edu or to President Lavin.
- The Faculty Senate Preference Survey will be released soon. This survey allows senators to select committees that they are interested in serving on in 2026-2027. Please be on the lookout for this in your inbox.
- Breakout sessions at the end of the meeting will be used to set priorities for next year. Please join a group and be prepared to report out in March.

- President Lavin updated the senate on her attendance at the Board of Regents and [Budget Leadership team](#) regarding the increase of insurance premiums.

4. Consent Agenda

- Committee Appointment of Azizi Ray to the HSE Council Policy Committee

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

5. Posthumous Degree Request

Lisa Lindquist, Director, LoboRESPECT Advocacy Center, presented a request for a posthumous degree in recognition of student Isaias Alvidrez. The request was approved as presented by a unanimous vote of the faculty senate. The request will move on to the Board of Regents for approval.

6. Faculty and Shared Governance at UNM: An Overview

Faculty Senator Liz Hutchison provided an overview of the structure of UNM and how shared governance happens at our university. See attached slides for the presentation.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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 will report to the full faculty senate at the March meeting.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.