

The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes March 27, 2018 3:00 P.M. Scholes Hall Roberts Room

(Draft minutes awaiting approval at the March 27, 2018 Faculty Senate meeting.)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as written.

2. Acceptance of the February 27, 2018 Summarized Minutes

The February 27, 2018 minutes were approved as written.

3. Faculty Senate President's Report

- Faculty Senate President Pamela Pyle presented an update on the UNM Budget and the Budget Leadership Team (BLT):
 - Tuition increase has been approved and the students support it.
 - Raises are coming for faculty who received a satisfactory review. HSC is not included in this raise.
 - A 1% compensation raise has also been approved.
 - Monies have been approved to upgrade campus security. To emphasize this, Pamela reported that one of her colleagues in the Music Department had his office broken into and 3 tubas and his computer were stolen.
 - UNM Press has been funded, but it will never be self-sustaining.
- Pamela also reported on the Budget Summit meeting that was held in the SUB on March 22, 2018, with the Board of Regents.
 - She reported that the controversial issue of forgiving the Athletic Department's debt was tabled.
 - Pamela reported that she, and additional faculty members, have suggested to the Regents that they would like to form a committee to look at the debts of all of UNM's colleges and departments to get a better perspective on how serious UNM's budget crisis actually is.
 - The issue of creating an Institute at UNM was also brought up at the Budget Summit.
 - The issue of re-engineering UNM was brought up to the Regents so that they will be aware that this is an ongoing process.
 - The monies needed for a new football locker room was passed by the Regents.
 - She reported that President Stokes is working closely with Athletic Director Eddie Nunez to resolve the \$7.5 million debt Athletics owes UNM and to work out next year's Athletic Department budget and future budget issues for Athletics.
- The Redesigning of UNM-Phase 1-Appointing of six taskforces with membership and leadership.
 1. "Changing Demographics and Needs of Future Learners and Advances in the Science of Learning: A Pedagogy Designed to Meet those Needs and Enhance Learning".

2. "Potential New Populations and Markets of Student Learners and Innovative Programs to Meet Their Needs".
 3. "New Funding Scenarios, Models, Potential Partners, and Internal Budgeting Models and Processes".
 4. "Trends in Higher Education and Best Practices in Peer Institutions with Respect to Student Services in Line with UNM's Strength Initiative."
 5. "New and Better Ways of Engaging UNM with the Lobo Community."
 6. "Academic Structure and Organization."
- Indigenous Peoples Day – A new name for this was passed by the Board of Regents two weeks ago. This was one of the Native American students eleven lists of demands. This would replace "Columbus Day".
 - Long Leaf Publishers – A contract is being negotiated with Long Leaf to assist the UNM Press. It would take effect in August.
 - UNM Severance Tax Fund – Used by Governmental Relations. The Poison & Drug Information Center received \$88,800.

4. President's Report

- UNM's 23rd President, Garnett S. Stokes addressed the Faculty Senate for the first time. Points covered:
 - President Stokes began her presentation by thanking the senate for allowing her to speak and then gave an overview of her first four weeks as president of UNM.
 - She reported on her first Budget Summit meeting and working with the Regents. She was very impressed with the work done by the Budget Leadership Team (BLT).
 - For the next few weeks President Stokes will continue attending meetings, meeting faculty and visiting the branch campuses. She is also planning on touring the state of New Mexico in order to visit the other universities and junior colleges as the president of New Mexico's Flagship University.
 - One of her major goals is to continue working on the Strategic Plan for UNM and the overall re-engineering of the university.
 - She is very concerned about safety on campus and has been meeting with faculty, staff and students in order to get their feedback.
 - One of her primary concerns of the moment is figuring out how to approach the financial deficit in UNM's Athletic Department.
 - The issues of the future of UNM's Journalism Department were presented to President Stokes, and how journalism is changing throughout the world.

5. Provost's Report

Provost Chaouki Abdallah addressed the Faculty Senate for the first time since returning to the position of Provost:

- Provost Abdallah outlined how pleased he is with how the Budget Summit turned out with the help of faculty, staff and students.
- Re-Designing UNM:
 - This process has been in the works for two years but is only now truly being addressed. Unfortunately, the current process of addressing UNM's budget issues is not working and it is difficult to plan for 5 to 10 years.
 - Other institutions of higher learning are being looked at to see how they are addressing the same financial issues UNM is facing.

- Experts on these issues will be invited to UNM to give lectures on how to approach these issues. This includes members of the local Albuquerque community.
- The first piece of this effort needs to be completed by June 1, 2018. The second phase will be to begin implementing these ideas. President Stokes supports this process. New ideas on how to generate new revenues for the university is a very important part of this process as opposed to cutting.
- 2019 will see the accreditation process for the Health Sciences Center, and Provost Abdallah see it as a challenge for the university.
- A search is being done to fill the positions of Senior Vice Provost and two of the Associate Vice Provosts. The Senior Vice Provost position will be filled in the next two weeks. The plan is to no longer have interims in any of these position by the end of the semester.
- There are no searches currently for Deans or other administrators. The position of Vice Provost for Extended Learning has been eliminated. Terry Babbitt is doing the business side of this position and the Provost's Office is addressing the academic side.
- In answer to a question Provost Abdallah explained the process of finding members to serve on the task forces. It is through a nominating process and then discussions with Deans and other in order to reach a decision. This process has been going on for the last six months.
- Provost Abdallah addressed the issue of faculty at the Health Sciences Center (HSC) and how this affects the HSC budget. There are now research projects in place between HSC and Engineering which helps their budgets.

6. Honorary Degree Candidates

Pamela asked for a motion for the senate to enter into a closed session in order for a discussion and vote on the Honorary Degree Candidates. The motion was seconded, and unanimously approved. All non-senators were asked to leave the meeting. The Senate discussed and voted on the candidates. The meeting was reopened to all. The Senate unanimously voted that only the Honorary Degree business was discussed.

7. Forms C from the Curricula Committee:

Following forms C were unanimously approved by the Faculty Senate.

Form	Name of New or Existing Program	Action and Category
C2109	BS Population Health (HSC)	Revision of Degree
C2108	MPH Public Health (HSC)	Revision of Degree
C2063	DPT Physical Therapy (HSC)	Revision of Degree
C2035	DPT Physical Therapy (HSC)	Revision of Major

8. 10-Year Academic Calendar Approval:

- Pamela explained that it is the senate's duty to approve academic calendars, especially the first year.
- Sheila Jurnak, Associate Registrar, explained the calendar. The current academic calendar runs through 2024.
- The vote needs to be taken to approve the 2018 and 2019 academic years. Sheila checked and for 2018 and 2019 UNM's academic calendars are in alignment with Albuquerque Public School's Spring Break.

- A motion was made to approve the first year of the calendar. It was approved, no opposition and no abstentions.

9. Faculty Athletics Representative (FAR) Report.

- Amy Neel gave her report on UNM's Athletic Department. She is responsible for overseeing the academic welfare of over 470 student-athletes involved in 22 teams. She also makes sure that the student-athletes remain eligible for their NCAA scholarships. Her report:
 - The Fall 2017 GPA for student-athletes was 3.254. The women's ski team has a GPA of 3.953. Volleyball has a GPA of 3.842. Women's soccer's GPA is 3.746. Football's GPA was 2.528.
 - Athletics had 66 Mountain West Conference All Americans this year including 23 members of the football team, with a GPA of 3.0, or higher.
 - There were 3 Academic All Americans, including women's basketball player Cherise Beynon, who is the Women's All American Academic. She is UNM's first woman to be so honored. She has a GPA of 4.1 in Business Administration.
 - Women's Cross Country Team is the 2017 NCAA National Champions.
 - Graduation Rates – 2010 and 2011 had an 80% graduation rate. 90% for women athletes and 71% for male athletes.
 - The NCAA has changed its rules on academic reporting. Amy stated that if any faculty members have a problem with a student-athlete to contact her. When a student-athlete needs to be proctored for an exam Amy will do this as opposed to a member of the Athletic Department. Amy is also available to intercede with faculty if they are having any problems with student-athletes.
 - Amy does not report to Athletics, but rather to the UNM President.

10. Research and Creative Works Council and Research Policy Committee Reports:

David Hanson reported:

- David, and his committee, are in the process of collecting reports from research centers around the state. These reports contain highlights, and concerns, for the research centers.
- They are compiling a list of all faculty awards for both research and teaching. At this time there are more teaching awards than research awards. They are also looking at creating early, and mid-career, awards.
- They are also looking at creating Team Awards and a Creative Works Award.
- All new awards proposals will be presented to President Stokes for approval.

11. New Business and Open Discussion:

No new business was raised. No old business was discussed.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.