

Faculty & Staff Benefits Committee Minutes

Meeting Date and Place: Tuesday, 2/9/16, 3:30 pm,
Zimmerman Library, Herzstein Latin American Reading Room

Members Present: Dorothy Anderson, Emily Arzate, Shawn Berman, Lee Brown, Glen Effertz, Marc Maddaleni, Elaine Phelps, and Fran Wilkinson.

Members Excused: Carol Bernhard, Marcia Sletten, Codruta Soneru, Doleswar Bhandari and Jason Wilby.

Members Absent: Josie Ruybal Abeyta, Theresa Ramos, and Cenissa Martinez.

Guests: Crystal Davis, Pamina Deutsch, David Schade, and Phil Eaton.

Minutes: Fran Wilkinson, Faculty & Staff Benefits Committee (present) and Dennis Dunn, Office of the University Secretary (via audio tape).

	Subject	Notes	Follow-Up
1	The Meeting (Fran Wilkinson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fran Wilkinson called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Since quorum was not met the agenda and minutes could not be approved. • Fran welcomed a new member (who was to be officially appointed by Staff Council within the week): Emily Arzate. • Fran thanked a long term member (who recently retired from UNM) for her excellent service: Karen Mann. <p>Faculty & Staff Benefits Committee Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee is currently monitoring the health insurance inflation at UNM which will represent an increase on July 1, 2016 (the beginning of FY17); • The Retiree Association will be having its Health Fair on March 12, 2016. Additional information about the Health Fair will be provided at a later date. • Marcia Sletten provided a report on work of the Johnson Gym Center Remodel Committee. A PowerPoint on the history of the project planning dating back to 2008 was helpful to the committee members as they move forward with planning. \$35 million has been set aside for the project: much work is needed on infrastructure for the facility, the students and other groups presented President Frank with a wish list, a phased approach will be used. UNM Planning Department has hired a consultant and an RFP for architectural services will be issued in summer 2016. <p>Guest Presentation on “Coronary Artery Calcium Screening” by Dr. Schade and Dr. Eaton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Schade and Dr. Phil Eaton gave a presentation on the benefits of the “coronary artery calcium screening test.” The test is currently not covered by UNM health insurance, but is more cost effective than other tests that are currently covered for coronary disease. Specifically, the test currently costs about \$150, takes about 10 minutes, is non-invasive, and can diagnose conditions that can then be totally reversed in many cases through atherosclerosis therapy. The members of the FSBC present unanimously recommended that Elaine Phelps, HR Benefits, investigate why this radiological procedure is not currently covered by UNM health plans. Drs. Schade and Eaton are going to give a presentation to the NM Legislature about this low cost, life-saving diagnostic test. <p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time did not permit other agenda items to be discussed. 	<p>ACTION: Elaine will look into how to add this test to UNM health insurance without having to wait for the next RFP cycle.</p>
3	Next Meeting	March 8, 2016. 3:30pm – 4:30pm. Zimmerman Library, Herzstein Latin American Reading Room.	None needed
4	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.	