

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2020
3:00-5:00 P.M.
Online Via Zoom**

(Draft-Awaiting approval at the April 28, 2020 Faculty Senate meeting.)

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approval of the February 25, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. Memorial Minute for Professor Eleni Bastea

Dean Mark Childs, School of Architecture and Planning, presented a memorial for Professor Eleni Bastea. The Faculty Senate observed a moment of silence.

5. University President's Report

President Garnett Stokes reported the following.

- We are living in unprecedented times.
- The first COVID 19 diagnosis in NM was last week.
- This is an intense time for everyone. Our goal is to protect the safety of everyone.
- UNM has been in constant contact with the Governor's Office.
- There is a great deal of activity at the Health Sciences Center (HSC).
- UNM is staying in close contact with New Mexico's congressional delegation.
- UNM will communicate as much as possible with faculty, staff, and students.
- UNM is working with students whose only place to live is UNM. Keeping them in residence halls and providing them meal service. About 440 students will be remaining in the residence halls.
- UNM is trying to prop up support for faculty-aiding to continue scholarship.
- Education will be delivered in a manner that is completely different.
- What is done in the next few weeks will define UNM and its future. UNM will do this well.

6. Provost's Report

Provost Holloway reported the following:

- Protecting students' futures is very important, as well as their health.
- Many students are in vulnerable populations. Many may leave and never come back if they are unable to complete the semester and/or graduate.
- UNM is in a transient period.
- All dean searches are continuing. College of Education candidates have been made.
- The School of Architecture and Planning candidates are here being interviewed this week.
- Anderson School of Management candidates will visit next week.
- College of Fine Arts dean search will begin April 16, 2020.
- The video interviews have been very successful.

- The search for the Executive Vice President of the HSC is continuing. Communication about the search will be coming soon.
- Applications are up 16 percent compared to this time last year.
- Admissions are up 11 percent.
- Transfer applications are up two percent.
- Admissions for transfer students is up three percent.
- Housing applications will be monitored next as well as sign-ups for new student orientation.
- The University is quickly moving to remote instructional pedagogies. Most schools and colleges have reported that they are managing the transition.
- There is now a formal tracking system for tracking which courses intended to be taught in-person, that are now using some sort of online instructional format. There will be hard data on how many courses have moved within the next week.
- Faculty are encouraged to connect with the Center for Learning and Teaching, the Center for Digital Learning, and the Academic Technologies websites.
- There is a program for loaning laptops to students in need.
- The University is planning to aid students with internet access needs.
- Research activities can continue within state and federal protocols and social distancing.
- Dane Smith Hall is open until 5:00 p.m., daily, to allow students computer and internet access. More computer pod capacity will be added if needed.

7. Faculty Senate President's Report

- Operations Committee member Robert Valdez encouraged faculty senator participation in University Commencement.
- Past President Pamela Pyle is on the Instructional Continuity Task Force representing the Senate. She will send the website for laptop checkout to senators.

CONSENT AGENDA TOPICS

8. Faculty Senate Committee Appointments

The following faculty were appointed to the respective Faculty Senate Committee.

Admissions and Registration		Research Allocations Committee		Governmental Relations Committee	
2023	Jason Wilby	2022	Shannon K Withycombe	2023	Josh Kastenberg
2022	Cash A Clifton			2023	Douglas Thomas
2022	Brent A Kalar	University Press Committee		2023	Carolyn Hushman
		2023	Kristopher M Goodrich	2023	Cassiano Oliveira
Curricula Committee		2023	Jami L Huntsinger		
2022	Burcu Tan Erciyas	2023	Margaret A Jackson	Faculty Staff Benefits Committee	
2022	Allen Butt			2023	Fran Wilkinson
2022	Carlos A Lopez Leiva	Library Committee		2023	Elizabeth Elia
2023	John Russell	2022	Feroza Jusawalla		
		2022	Caroline E Scruggs	Information Technology Use Committee	
Teaching Enhancement		2022	Guoyi Zhang	2023	Gary Iwamoto
2023	Cheryl Bryan	2023	Stephanie J Beene	2023	Han Li
				2023	Jennifer Laws
		Research Policy Committee		2023	Trenia Walker
		2023	Terefe Habteyes		
		2023	Andrea Polli		

9. Forms C from the Curricula Committee

The following Forms C were approved.

C2652	Honors College Designation	Revision Department
C2610	CERT Digital Media Arts (VA)	Name Change Major
C2608	AAS Digital Media Arts (VA)	Name Change Degree
C2532	PHARMD Doctor of Pharmacy (HSC)	Revision Degree
C2494	Subject Code: ATED Athletic Training Education (new) [Form D]	New Subject Code
C2472	MPH concentration: Health Systems, Services & Policy (HSC)	Revision Concentration
C2371	BA Women Studies	Revision Major
C2077	BA Criminology	Revision Major

AGENDA TOPICS

10. Food and Housing Security and Homelessness among UNM Students

Associate Professor Sarita Jo Cargas, Honors College, and Associate Professor Amy Neel, Speech and Hearing Sciences presented the following.

- They are part of a group of eight faculty that are doing research on hunger and housing insecurity among college students for the past 18 months before the pandemic.
- A recent study of 86,000 students from 120 universities revealed 41% food insecurity and 48% housing insecurity. Similar rates are expected at UNM.
- Since 2000, cost of attendance is up 54%. State resources invested in higher education are about the same rate as 1966.
- Pell Grants used to cover 80% of the cost of tuition but now it is less than a third.

- A survey will be conducted of 12,000 UNM students with 20 questions on food and housing security. Another survey will be conducted in the next academic year for comparison.
- The Roadrunner Food Bank runs the Lobo Food Bank. There is no University support for food. UNM provides the space; Roadrunner supplies the food.
- The City of Albuquerque and the Roadrunner food bank run a bank on South Campus.
- Faculty are invited to participate in addressing the problems for UNM students. A flier will be sent to the all faculty listserv.

11. COVID-19

President Finnie Coleman presented the following resolution. The resolution was approved.

**UNM Faculty Senate Resolution
COVID-19 Emergency Measures for Student Academic Success**

The UNM Faculty recognizes that supporting instructional continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic will require unprecedented collaboration between UNM faculty, students, and staff and seconds the administration's efforts to ensure that students can continue their course work remotely in Spring 2020 and make progress to degree completion. We also understand that because of COVID-19, students may be experiencing unforeseeable challenges in accessing food, housing, health, family care, employment, and computers and the internet throughout the remainder of the semester. We implore the University to work diligently to meet these needs. Student financial aid is also at risk, and while we have supportive guidance from both the state and federal levels, there are still concerns in this area. For discretionary academic scholarships managed by UNM, we encourage the University to use Fall 2019 GPAs to determine scholarship eligibility for Fall 2020. We are especially concerned about students who are approaching graduation. We feel that the University has an obligation to support our students through this crisis which includes eliminating administrative obstacles that may prevent them from graduating on time. As a faculty, we encourage the administration to use wisdom and humanity in its decision-making and to trust in the UNM Faculty's judgment in academic matters. We anticipate that the University's administration will fully support the UNM Faculty as we work to keep our students engaged and focused on degree completion during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Whereas the University of New Mexico is taking extraordinary measures to address the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on our academic community

Whereas the UNM Faculty feels strongly that UNM students should not suffer from or be held accountable for circumstances produced by the COVID-19 pandemic

Whereas the UNM Faculty is unequivocally committed to student success; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the UNM Faculty is:

1. *committed to exercising flexibility with respect to deadlines and attendance. In order to facilitate communications during this time of crisis, Faculty commit to communicating due dates for graded assignments with a minimum of one week of advance notice.*
2. *committed to providing alternative and make-up assignments for students who have been sick or have cared for someone diagnosed with COVID-19 and will not require medical notes.*
3. *committed to providing students with information about electing the CR/NC grading option and will support a student's decision to choose that option throughout the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester.*
4. *committed to using incompletes as a last resort and only under extreme circumstances, given the undue burden that incompletes will place on both faculty and students in these uncertain times.*
5. *committed to working with colleagues in their degree programs to ensure that vital content is appropriately reviewed in the Fall 2020 semester to prevent penalty to students for partial gaps in prerequisite knowledge due to Spring 2020 instructional continuity challenges.*

Further, be it Resolved that the UNM Faculty Senate:

6. *authorizes faculty to record a grade of CR for a student who has elected a CR/NC grading option if the student has successfully completed 75% of the course.*
7. *authorizes a waiver of CR/NC requirements for Spring 2020 for undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. CR/NC courses taken in Spring 2020 will not count against the standard maximum of 24 credit hours for undergraduates and 6 credit hours for graduate and professional students.*
8. *authorizes that a grade of CR in a course completed in Spring 2020 may count as a pre-requisite within a degree program sequence, even if the degree program does not allow CR grades.*

authorizes that if an instructor of record cannot deliver coursework in a remote instructional form, they will be allowed to grade the entire roster of students as CR/NC based upon work performed prior to March 30, 2020.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.