

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate  
Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2019  
Scholes Hall Roberts Room (204)**

*(Draft minutes awaiting approval at the November 26, 2019 Faculty Senate meeting.)*

**NOTICE:** The November 26, 2019 Faculty Senate Meeting will be held at the Health Sciences Center (HSC) Domenici Center Auditorium.

Faculty Senate President Finnie Coleman called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**2. Approval of the September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved.

**3. University President's Report**

President Garnett Stokes reported the following.

- President Stokes hosted the first smores party at University House for the 'kick-off' to homecoming week.
- Union elections have completed. There was a lot of involvement with many of the faculty participating. President Stokes has worked in a unionized environment; she spent three and a half years as provost and then interim president at Florida State University. There was one bargaining unit as opposed to the two at UNM. There are ways to draft a collective bargaining agreement with different groups in it. It will most likely be a long process. More information will be forthcoming. Within the agreement will be all the details. From her experience, this could go very well.
- President Stokes will be bringing former HED Secretary Barbara Dameron aboard to assist with the Governmental and Community Relations. She knows a lot about higher education. The Council of University Presidents had a good working relationship with Secretary Dameron. She is a faculty member from the College of Nursing.
- There will be a lot going on during the next legislative session which is the shorter 30-day budget session. Issues include the free tuition proposal, many capital projects, and faculty compensation. UNM has many 'asks' this year. General obligation bonds will go before the legislature for approval. There is a lot of money available and there will be a lot of competition. It could be a very good year for higher education. The search for a chief governmental relations director has been suspended. There are many important Federal relationships that provide the university with quite a bit of funding that affect the everyday lives of students and faculty.
- Vice President for the Alumni Association Dana Allen has accepted a position at UC Davis. She will be leaving at the end of the Fall 2019 semester. President Stokes will make an interim appointment.
- A state-mandated raise only provides UNM with approximately 50% of the required funding. UNM will make a request for funding to provide the

additional one percent compensation increase to bring the total to four percent. UNM is the only university that did not provide the four percent increase. The other two research universities raised their tuition six percent to cover the cost. UNM raised tuition three percent. All the four-year universities are submitting supplemental funding requests for funding building replacement and renewal (BR&R). UNM is requesting \$14 million for main campus and \$2 million for the branches.

- President Stokes is working with the Board of Regents (BoR) on her goals for the next year. She will share with the senate once the goals are set.
- There will begin work on a new strategic plan. The current strategic plan ends in 2020.

#### **4. Provost's Report**

Provost James Holloway reported the following.

- The fiscal 2020 and fiscal 2021 budgets are being reviewed by the Budget Leadership Team (BLT). There is about a \$4 million mid-year budget shortfall. The budget built last year was short by \$7.5 million. For the last five years there has been a mid-year rescission of about \$5 million a year. The current plan is to free up other pools of funds by negotiating some legal obligations on funds to free money to avoid a mid-year budget rescission.
- The 2021 budget will be built much more conservatively with the goal of avoiding mid-year rescissions. There is about a \$12 million shortfall that needs to be addressed.
- Associate Vice Provost Pamela Cheek is working with a group of faculty regarding undergraduate research. There are many programs on-going, but they are not necessarily connected.

#### **5. Faculty Senate Operations Committee Report**

The Operations Committee reported the following.

- There is an initiative to help mitigate an undercount in the coming census through the Institute of Social Justice. A presentation and information can be found at their website. There will be another press conference March 4 at 11:00 a.m., in Smith Plaza.
- Senators were encouraged to participate in University Commencement.
- The Governmental Relations Committee (GRC) is about to launch its third year of the capital outlay project. The first year got \$88,000 for the College of Pharmacy to update a 911 recording capability. The second year got funds for the Art Department for safety issues with their building. It is incumbent on the senators to inform their colleagues and constituents.
- The unionization leadership was congratulated and commended on the collective bargaining effort.
- Out of 500 adjunct faculty, 288 (59%) cast ballots for unionization; 259 (90%) voted for a union; only nine percent voted against. There were 32 challenged ballots.
- Of the over 1,000 continuing faculty, 811 (79%), ballots were cast; 62% in favor of unionization and 304 (38%) voting against. There were 43 challenged ballots.
- Council Chairs have been working to fill vacancies on their respective committees.
- The Policy Committee has been asked to come up with a standard operating procedure for the formation of task forces.

- All committees have been presented with suggestions to their charges. All committees are reviewing their charges for improvements. Each committee will make its recommendations to Ops. The charges will eventually come before the Senate for consideration and approval.
- Senators are given precedence on serving on FS committees.
- The Campus Development Advisory Committee needs a chair. Senators that are interested are asked to step forward. There is membership on the committee, but no senators, and no chair.
- Research Allocation Committee (RAC) has 35 proposals.
- IPRA and OMA discussions are continuing.
- Standard Operating Procedures will be developed for Policy E40 Research Misconduct.
- Work is continuing the AF&T Section B Task Force. Recommendations will be coming soon.
- The Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee (AF&T) and the Committee on Governance (CoG) are busy. Look for items from them.

## 6. CONSENT AGENDA TOPICS

### A. Faculty Senate Committee Appointments

The following faculty were appointed to the listed committee.

Name	Committee	Term
Rebecca Sanchez	Honorary Degree	2019-2021
Clarence Cruz	Honorary Degree	2019-2021
Meggan Gould	Research Allocation	2019-2021

### B. Forms C from the FS Curricula Committee

The following Forms C were approved.

C2417	MSN Nursing concentration: Nursing Education (HSC)	Revision of Concentration
C2402	CERT Race & Social Justice (NEW)	New Certificate
C2154	UG Admission: BSCE Computer Engineering; BSEE Electrical Engineering	Revision of Department
C2113	BSNE Nuclear Engineering	Revision of Major
C2444	BS Dental Hygiene	Revision of Major

**7. Closed Session**

The Faculty Senate moved into closed session at 3:53 p.m. The Senate met in closed session for discussion and confidential vote. Non-senators were asked to leave. No other items were discussed during the closed session.

**A. Honorary Degree Candidate(s) Consideration**

Honorary Degree Committee member Rebecca Sanchez presented the confidential 2020 Honorary Degree Candidate(s). The senate voted by confidential secret ballot.

**B. Faculty Resolution – Faculty Governance**

President Coleman presented a draft governance resolution. The Faculty Senate edited the resolution. The resolution was adopted with one opposed. President Coleman will make any necessary grammatical changes.

The Faculty Senate voted to reopen the meeting at 4:59 p.m. Guests were invited to return.

**8. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**9. Senator Comment**

A motion was made and seconded to move the November 26 Faculty Senate meeting date a week earlier due to Thanksgiving. The motion failed.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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