

**Faculty Senate**  
Health Sciences Center (HSC) Council  
Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2020  
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Members Present:** Carla Wilhite (Chair), Brandi Fink, Victoria Sanchez, Jacob Ormsby, Heather Jarrell, Stephen Hernandez, Paul Afek, Nadja Falk, Mark Langsfeld, Abinash Achrekar, Brian Nees, Jennifer Jernigan, Jennifer Saline, Jerome, Yatskowitz, Larissa Myaskovsky, Rebecca Blankley, Diane Rimple, Christos Argyropoulos, and Melissa Ivers
- Members Absent:** Elizabeth Baker, Gregory Borah, Robert Valdez, V. Ann Waldorf, and Pramod Panikkath,
- Ex-Officio:** Michael Richards, Interim Executive Vice President, Office of the Chancellor for Health Sciences Center, Amy Levi, Vice Chancellor, Office of the Chancellor for Health Sciences Center
- Ex-Officio Absent:** James Holloway, Provost, Provost & Executive Vice President Academic Affairs, and Finnie Coleman, Faculty Senate President
- At Large:** Stephen Van Roper, Benoît Blondeau, Lee Brown, Linda Felton, and Sharon Ruyak,
- At Large Absent:**
- Staff Present:** Candyce Torres, Office of the Secretary, Administrative Coordinator
- Guest Present:** David Pitcher, Assistant Dean, UNM School of Medicine, Chamiza Pacheco de Alas, Chief of Staff, Vice President Health Sciences Office, and Davin Quinn, Associate Professor

- The meeting of the Faculty Senate (FS) HSC Council was called to order at 3:00PM by Chair Dr.

Carla Wilhite.

1. **Approval of Agenda.** Approved
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Approved with corrections.
3. **Medical Staff Bylaws Impact on Faculty.** This topic was discussed to present an opportunity for faculty to be heard and receive information on this matter. Particularly, the changes to the bylaws in how faculty who are passed the age of 70 are viewed, and how it will affect their career. Also, the change in designation of titles. Drs. David Pitcher and Davin Quinn were invited guests at this meeting to discuss how this evolved at UNMH. It is the council's understanding that there were frontline medical staff as well as leadership, and recommendations from consultants that played into the crafting of these Bylaws. Interim Executive Vice President for Health Sciences, Michael Richards shared some presentation slides with the council to set the stage on this subject. Dr. Davin Quinn was also present today in his role as the elected Chief of Staff of the UNM Hospital organized medical staff. In depth discussion occurred about proposed revisions to the Medical Staff Bylaws and the upcoming process that will follow.

Dr. Richards also informed council members that there is still no announcement on the Executive Vice President of Health Sciences search. President Stokes has already started discussions with him on how they are going to handle the legislative session this upcoming year and what role he will play. The entire conversation was centered around Dr. Richards being back in his other role and there being a new Executive Vice President. That is a good indicator that the process is on track and moving along. The stage is already being set for handing over the interim role to a permanent Executive Vice President. For the next meeting Dr. Richards would like to come and provide an update on the upcoming legislative session and a few other items. He would also like to propose another meeting to address clinical medical staff issues. These issues are on the radar screen and Dr. Richards would like to work with the council to address them.

4. **Chair Report.** Regarding these issues Chair Wilhite has been having ongoing discussions with Drs. Richards, McGrew, Pitcher and with members of the HSC Council. There was an email sent this week that was pulled together and disseminated to the faculty from members of the council to ensure the voting process is communicated. Faculty Senate President, Finnie Coleman was able to disseminate to all faculty. Chair Wilhite expressed gratitude to those who assisted with creating that document.

A run-off election will be conducted for HSC Council Vice Chair. The Faculty Senate Operations committee informed Chair Wilhite that Co-Chairs are not possible. Candidates Drs. Jacob Ormsby and Benoît Blondeau will be sending in their bio and statement of interest to the University Secretary's Office. Members will be receiving an electronic ballot. It was clarified

that the Faculty Senate HSC Council meetings are considered closed as determined by University Counsel and council precedent. Chair Wilhite asked members to think about this and bring forward any considerations for the next meeting.

Chair Wilhite provided some time for HSC Council member Dr. Lee Brown to give an update in his active role on the Campus Safety Committee. His role is to find out to what extent the schools and colleges on north campus (other than the Law School) feel there is a safety concern. This is his second year representing the Faculty Senate. The committee includes the UNM Police Chief, Dean of Students, and student associations. The charge comes from President Garnett Stokes, which is to look at safety on the campus, and make recommendations on how that can be improved. The scope of that includes both main and north campus. Since COVID, south campus has seen a large rise in crime. Security and police have had trouble policing this. There have been discussions about fencing off areas. Dr. Brown requested that members send him feedback regarding any security concerns they are observing so that he can transmit that back to the committee.

- 5. LEO Report.** The Learning Environment fourth quarter report was recently released to all faculty via email. This was discussed at the Faculty Senate HSC Council Executive Committee meeting. The report is dated August 2020. Some of the achievements reflected in the report provided highlights in their first year of operation that entailed launching a newly confidential, and if deserved anonymous reporting system. They created a consistent process for responding to incidents of mistreatment. Learning Environment questions are on every course. They have expanded to serve learners in the biomed sciences graduate programs and more to come. They also have an advisory committee with stakeholder representation. Also addressing culture issues in the clinical environment. More medical students are coming to this office with their concerns. Both good and bad behavior are being reported.

## **6. Adjourn**