

Faculty Senate
Health Sciences Center (HSC) Council
Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2019
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Brandi Fink (Chair), Coffee Brown, Jodi Schilz, Robert A Orlando, Rebecca Blankley, Lee Brown, Matthew Elvin Borrego, Stephen Hernandez, Jennifer Jernigan, Ingrid Hendrix, Jan Martin, Alexander Rankin, V. Ann Waldorf, Mark Langsfeld, Carla Wilhite and Victoria Sanchez

Members Absent: Stefan Posse, Kalyan Parashette, Elizabeth Baker, Tara Brennan, John Grassham, Duncan Meiklejohn, Pramod Panikkath, Suguna Pappu, Andrew Rowland, Yiliang Zhu and Codruta Soneru

Ex-Officio: Amy Levi, Vice Chancellor for HSC

Ex-Officio Absent: Pamela Pyle, Faculty Senate President, Richard Wood, Interim Provost and Paul B Roth, Chancellor for HSC

At Large: Sharon Ruyak, Bernadette Jakeman, Jason McConville and Stephen Van Roper

At Large Absent:

Staff Present: Candyce Torres, Office of the Secretary, Administrative Coordinator

Guest Present:

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

1. Approval of Agenda.

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2. Approval of Minutes.

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- 3. Chair Report.** Update on Legislative Visit. FS HSC Council Chair, Dr. Brandi Fink provided an update regarding this trip. Chair Fink indicated that it went fine. The reception was fine but interesting and the opportunity to interact and network was not robust. Next year the faculty could be utilized much better by the UNM Governmental Relations Office. Next year the planning should start earlier. It would be helpful if the UNM Governmental Relations Office could possibly schedule meetings with different legislators so there can be more opportunity for discussion. This would be a more effective approach. Also, possibly have the UNM Governmental Relations Office draft the agenda with HSC needs in mind. It is important that legislators get consistent messages. One member that attended felt that the time spent was very valuable and overall a good experience.
- 4. ADA Resolution.** FS HSC Council member Ingrid Hendrix and Vice Chair Carla Wilhite collaborated on this draft resolution, modeling off the Staff Council's resolution related to employees with disabilities. They broadened it and focused on certain aspects relating to the physical space of HSC, and universal design in relation to learning environments. It was expressed that there is a desire to understand the historical framework. Vice Chancellor Amy Levi will have some discussion with HSC Executive Officer of Finance, Ava Lovell. Moving forward some process improvement and communication enhancement will be targeted when engaging in construction design projects for HSC. A member inquired about what the impact has been of the Staff Council resolution. One member responded that it is really about money meaning who is financially responsible. The funding mechanisms are very intricate. Different academic units have different funding mechanisms. When it comes to capital projects there must be some agreement from the Dean's Council and core group. There needs to be an educational opportunity from the ground-up. Chair Fink will reach out to the relevant individual(s) to have further dialogue. The thought is to get full support on this issue from the FS HSC Council while collaborating with key stakeholders. One member stated that the council should be formally solicited for input when discussing future construction projects. Consultation and engagement with the Accessibility/Facilities Access Committee will be critical going forward. To support the ask, Staff Council Executive Committee member, Scott Sanchez requested they be notified once the HSC Council resolution is finalized. This is so it can help trigger and coordinate their own resolution. Also, engaging with HSC Student Council. Vice Chancellor Amy Levi will bring this back to the HSC Student Council. Essentially, coordinating an effort from all three governance bodies at the same time. Moving forward Chair Fink will take the steps that were recommended. At the same time, the HSC Council will be working on the resolution that addresses the physical concerns of Domenici. In addition, making a second recommendation to ensure there is appropriate representation on the Accessibility/Facilities Access Committee for future projects. It would be good for each resolution to echo one another. The Staff Council resolution will be circulated to FS HSC Council. A draft will be worked on and brought forward to vote at the next FS HSC Council meeting.

- 5. Search Process for Administrative Positions on HSC Campus.** The item was considered to determine whether this group wants to suggest policy language to the Faculty Senate Policy Committee regarding the selection of Deans and how the search process is constructed. There have been concerns brought forward from HSC units regarding the current handling. For example, communication, access, committee representation, timelines, and coordination of candidates were topics of concern. The faculty from the College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy and College of Population Health have all experienced some level of confusion and concern regarding the processes for their Dean searches. One member indicated that this needs to be a matter of policy to ensure that the process does not vary. Possibly work in some timelines to a proposed or current policy. HSC Council member Dr. Stephen Hernandez will draft some guidelines and circulate to the council via email.
- 6. HSC Council Budget.** An inquiry was put forward about what the council has in their operating budget for initiatives. Vice Chancellor Amy Levi indicated that the council should identify what the needs are and then a meeting can be arranged with her office, Chair Fink, and former Council Chair, Dr. Coffee Brown. One member suggested the need to engage with the county. This may be one initiative to pursue. Another initiative could be to host unstructured mixers open to all faculty. A member suggested doing something like the main campus, Lightning Lounge.
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