

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate  
Draft Meeting Minutes**

**April 27, 2021**

**3:00-5:15 P.M.**

**ONLINE**

*(Awaiting approval at the August 24, 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting)*

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**2. Approval of the March 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The March 23, 2021 minutes were approved.

**3. Posthumous Degree for Glenda Lewis**

The Posthumous Degree was approved.

**4. Provost's Report**

Provost James Holloway presented the following.

- New Mexico has been doing well with COVID infections. There are nine new infections per day per 100,000 people. Forty one percent of people in New Mexico are fully vaccinated and fifty-seven percent are partially vaccinated. At UNM, there about two and a half cases per day, which is basically flat.
- Students, faculty, and staff have been asked to self-report their vaccination status. Of those who replied, 90% reported being vaccinated. Among students it is about 50%.
- The fall term schedule is currently in place with 80 percent in person and 20 percent remote. Good state vaccination will help prevent UNM needing to pivot.
- Compared to the same twelfth day registration as last year, UNM is down about 17 percent, a significant shortfall. There were many fall students that stepped out for spring. Faculty are asked to reach out to students that they know and encourage them to register.
- Enrollment levels are down for every school and college.
- Graduate-level registration is up a little.
- There are several active dean searches going on. The candidates for the Library Dean will be visiting campus. Visitors for the joint dean of Honors College and University College. Announcement for the dean of the Taos branch should be soon.
- Graduation will be in-person in University Stadium with no guests and social distancing. Students will get to walk across the stage. There will be no hoodings going on. There will be a livestream.
- UNM 2040, the multi-year planning process, was delayed a year due to COVID. Open forum on May 7, 10-11:00 am. It will be virtual events with about 500 participants-faculty and staff. Smaller group gatherings will be occurring, and faculty are encouraged to participate.
- Most students that stepped out were because of financial needs, family-care needs, etc., not to go to other institutions. They need to be encouraged to return.
- They are still not sure what fall will look like. Most classes are scheduled to be in-person.

- Communication will be going out notifying the availability of more financial assistance. For example, the lottery scholarship has been increased. Opportunity Scholarship money is available to some of the students. There may be funds from the next stimulus package, the America Rescues Act.
- There is state law surrounding vaccinations. Meningitis is an example.

## 7. Faculty Senate President's Report

Faculty Senate President Finnie Coleman reported the following

- An RPSP committee will be formed from members of the Budget Committee and the Governmental Relations Committee.
- The resolutions on climate will be presented to the BoR SSTAR subcommittee this week. Then hopefully on to the full Board of Regents for their final meeting of the year.
- Policy C07 will be a vote on rescinding later on the agenda.
- Committee selection process is in process.
- AF&T, CoG, and at-large members of the faculty senate election results will be out this week.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved.

Spring 2021 Degree Candidates

Forms C from the Curricula Committee

## 9. Rescinding of Policy C07 approval

- The rescinding for Policy C07 is to pull the policy back to the senate and AF&T for further work.
- It had been recently pulled off the SSTAR agenda.
- It will be revised and will be voted upon at a future senate meeting.
- The rescinding of approval of Policy C07 was approved.
- Finnie will keep the senate updated on the progress.

## 10. New Form D-PhD in Health Equity Sciences, College of Population Health (COPH)

The new PhD was approved.

## 11. New General Education Core Course INTS 1101

The new general education core course was approved.

## 12. UA-UNM

Billy Brown and John Wheeler, representatives of UA-UNM, reported the following.

- For the most recent information visit:
  - <https://uaunm.org/>
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iDN-N\\_Jry9I2hqdTVI4tCOSzLJXQc-Tj/edit#gid=1523075880](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1iDN-N_Jry9I2hqdTVI4tCOSzLJXQc-Tj/edit#gid=1523075880)
- Priorities:

- Unit 2 Support-job security and living wage
- Branch Campus Equity- Workload and living wage
- BIPOC Faculty needs
- Social Justice needs
- Rectifying missing past compensations increases
- Faculty voice in University Governance
- Academic Freedom
- Transparency and accountability
- Tentative Agreements and MOUs
  - Purpose (Units 1&2)
  - Union recognition (Units 1&2)
  - Union Rights (Units 1&2)
  - Management Rights (Units 1&2)
  - Faculty Voice and Rights (Units 1&2)
  - Research Leave (Unit 1)
  - Labor Management Committee (Units 1&2)
  - Office Space, Professional Resources and Support (Unit2)
  - Dues Deductions (Units 1&2) [Dues % TBA-to be voted upon by membership]
  - Savings Clause (Units 1&2)
  - Complete and Entire Agreements (Units 1&2)
  - MOU on COVID Workplace Safety- Fall 2020, including Joint Communication
  - MOU on COVID Workplace Safety- Spring 2021, including Joint Communication.
- Articles still being negotiated
  - Reduction in force
    - Administration has proposed 30-day notice for layoffs
  - Faculty Personnel Files
  - Faculty Workload
  - Faculty Compensation

### 13. COVID Update

Dr. Michael Richard presented the following:

- The state is reducing the number of modeling meetings from once per week to once every two weeks.
- The disease burden of COVID has reduced dramatically.
- The data is as of April 19, 2021.
- There are about 9.5 cases per hundred thousand. We had been as high as 200.
- Disease spread is hovering around 1.0 and 1.1.
- Case have plateaued, hospitalizations have plateaued, and deaths are down.
- New Mexico's vaccination program is working well, often leading the nation.
- As variants enter the community, they are modeled after a higher infectivity rate.
- Mass vaccination sites are reducing. The vaccines we have now are very effective.

### 14. Public Comment

There was no public comment

### 15. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.