

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**January 30, 2024**  
**3:00-5:00 P.M.**  
**Zoom**

*(Pending approval at the February 27, 2024, Faculty Senate Meeting)*

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m., by Operations Committee member John Burke. He ran the meeting.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved.

**3. Approval of the November 28, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

The November 28, 2023, minutes were approved.

**4. Consent Agenda**

Curricula Changes

The consent agenda was approved.

**5. Faculty Senate President's Report**

Faculty Senate President Cris Elder was unable to attend the meeting. There was not a president's report given.

**6. New Pre-Health Scholars Certificate**

Associate Director Laura Burton, Health Sciences, Rio Rancho Campus, presented the following request for a New Pre-Health Scholars Certificate.

# HSC Pre-Health Scholars Certificate Rationale

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## **Need:**

- Professional health programs are utilizing holistic reviews in admissions - seeking candidates strong in STEM and humanities
- Unique curricula designed to address areas of weakness in candidates as identified by HSC professional health programs
- Cultural humility, critical thinking, and communication skills are critically necessary for our health professionals

# HSC Pre-Health Scholars Certificate

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## **Program Description:**

- Curricular foci (15 credit hours):
  - Culture, communication, critical thinking, and integrating psychology in medicine
  - Skill development in critical thinking, communication, and writing
  - Interprofessional observational learning to build cultural humility and enhance future team-based respect and understanding
  - Provide a foundation for compassionate and inclusive healthcare practice

## **Potential Students:**

- Post-baccalaureate students – including new graduates, unsuccessful candidates, and degree/career changers
- At 400-level approved for advanced undergraduates

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## Workforce Outcomes:

- Increased competitive and quality applications to professional health programs
- increased tools for successful completion of professional health programs
- Improved cultural humility and communication skills among future health professionals

**Budget:** Current cohort (under 400 -level) FY24 is 6 students

| Fiscal Year | Number of Students | Total net Tuition and Fees Revenue | Total Expenses | Net Margin |
|-------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| FY24        | 13                 | \$42,854                           | \$41,331       | \$1,523    |
| FY25        | 20                 | \$65,931                           | \$42,360       | \$23,571   |
| FY26        | 30                 | \$98,902                           | \$43,830       | \$55,071   |

Program will utilize TPT faculty and revenue is anticipated to offset faculty expenses



# HSC Pre-Health Scholars Certificate

Quote from pilot -year student (undergraduate certificate)

“The PHSC Program has been an experience filled with purpose and enrichment. The program sought to uncover every facet of compassionate and effective healthcare delivery. I have gained invaluable critical thinking and interpersonal communication skills that have positively altered the way I interact with others and the way I approach my studies. The material encouraged the pursuit of deep reflection that ultimately enhanced my overall sense of belonging and allowed me to gain meaningful perspective, which I will carry with me throughout the course of my personal and professional life. I feel deeply honored to have been part of the pilot cohort and would recommend this program to any student considering a career in healthcare”.



The new certificate was approved.

## 7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## 8. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.