



Meeting Minutes
November 24, 2020
3:00-4:45 P.M.
Online

(Awaiting approval at the January 26, 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the September 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The September 22, 2020 minutes were approved.

3. Posthumous Degree for Felix Rael

The Posthumous Degree for Felix Rael was unanimously approved.

4. University President's Report

President Garnett Stokes reported the following:

- President Stokes thanked the faculty for their hard work this semester. It is a remarkable time for universities. Faculty have been instrumental.
- New Mexico COVID-19 numbers are really tough right now and UNM has been fortunate to keep the numbers low on-campus; however it has been a challenge.
- The Healthcare System is under tremendous pressure.
- Doug Ziedonis has been named the EVP of the Health Sciences Center.
- The passage of the General Obligation (GO) Bonds was positive for UNM. They will help pay for projects at the branches and main campus.
- UNM has been meeting with the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) prior to the special legislative session. The special session is today.
- The legislative session coming in January will be a very interesting. UNM continues to focus on compensation as one of the major priorities.
- The three Grand Challenges launched in 2019 are progressing nicely.
- President Stokes serves on the Homeless Coordinating Council created by the City of Albuquerque. President Stokes and Dr. Michael Richards represent UNM. There are also representatives from the city and county. No final decision has been made.
- She has been doing panels with students and has visited a few classes. She hopes to continue in the spring semester.
- There have been a lot of remote events. She just finished filming a virtual Hanging of the Greens. Commencement will have a series of things filmed in advance and things that will be live.

5. Provost's Report

Provost James Holloway presented the following.



6. Faculty Senate President's Report

Faculty Senate President Finnie Coleman reported the following:

- President Coleman introduced the new University Secretary, Nancy Middlebrook.
- The Policy C07 vote will have two votes: one for revisions and one for moving it to section B of the Faculty Handbook.
- The Operations Committee will put forward the divestment resolution and put forward, from the Faculty Senate, a suggested platform that includes not only divestment but investment in renewables and green energy. The addendum will be added stating a time frame for all campuses regarding carbon neutrality; commit to only purchasing hybrid vehicles, including buses; blackout buildings during the holiday season; charging stations in all parking structures and lots; and charge the EVP for Finance to develop a comprehensive plan for UNM. UNM could host an energy summit for leaders of colleges and universities across New Mexico. UNM could take the lead. Work with the oil and gas companies as they transition away from fossil fuel production. The vote on the resolution and addendum should occur in January.
- The Operations Committee discussed about this being a semester to heal. No new initiatives will be undertaken but will revisit in the near future.
- Governance elections are coming up. Senators are urged to consider serving on Ops or as Faculty Senate President Elect.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved.

Fall 2020 Degree Candidates

Faculty Senate Committee Appointments

8. Closed Session for Honorary Degree Consideration

The Faculty Senate met in closed session for discussion and confidential vote. No other items were discussed during the closed session. Guests were invited to return after the closed session ended.

9. Approval of Resolution on CTE review

The Faculty Senate approved the following resolution.

Branch Deans of Instruction CTE Curriculum Review Proposal

It is hereby proposed that a Career, Technical Education (CTE) Branch Curriculum Advisory Board be created. The four branch Deans of Instruction will make up this board and will provide advice and counsel to the Associate Provost for Student Success on CTE programs and courses. Whereas currently in the curriculum workflow CTE programs and courses move from branch submission directly to the Associate Provost, with the creation of the new Advisory Board, an additional level of approval will be added in between branch submission and the Associate Provost, to allow the branch academic leadership to provide additional information and review specific to the CTE nature of these courses and programs.



The goal of review is to ensure general alignment between programs sharing the same name and Higher Education Department codes for administrative purposes and, more importantly, to assure the quality of UNM programs generally. At the same time, this review process will be responsive to workforce needs in the immediate communities of each branch.

10. Form D PhD program in Communication Sciences and Disorders

The Form D PhD program in Communication Sciences and Disorders was approved.

11. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Michael Richards, Vice Chancellor of Clinical Affairs: UNM Health System, provided an update on COVID-19, and also its impact on the healthcare delivery system.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.