



Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2020
3:00-5:00 P.M.
Online

(Awaiting approval at the March 23, 2021 Faculty Senate Meeting)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the January 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The January 26, 2021 minutes were approved.

3. Posthumous Degree for Brandon Ray

The Posthumous Degree for Brandon Ray was unanimously approved.

3. University President's Report

President Garnett Stokes reported the following:

- The Board of Regents meeting was last week. During Executive Session the Board approved some goals for President Stokes to achieve as president. These will be two-year goals.
 - Drive a long, fiscally-strong budget for UNM. Develop UNM 2040 vision. The regents hope to have 5 and 7-year goals as well.
 - Completing a 5-year and a ten-year business plan
 - Enrolling people in the strategic planning process
 - Developing a good plan for athletics and its strategic and fiscal future
 - Increase graduating and first-year enrollment rates
 - Educational outcomes and student achievement
 - Align offerings with post-graduation outcomes.
 - Expanding programming that addressed workforce needs (i.e. Teachers, nurses and other healthcare workers. etc.)
 - Improving alignment, inclusion, productivity, and quality.
 - Develop plan for nationally competitive salaries for faculty.
 - Implementing equity and inclusion practices that address faculty diversity
 - Improve our rankings and quality in clinical and healthcare providing systems
 - Increase research
 - Best teaching methods in both modalities (remote and in-person)
 - Expanding strategic connections and key relationships with stakeholders
 - Enhance the quality of life in New Mexico
 - Improve Campus Safety
 - Development of telehealth



- The Pit has been transformed into a location to get COVID-19 vaccinations. Cases are dropping and hospitalizations are dropping. The Health System is finally feeling a little relief.
- Questions are coming in about an in-person commencement, what is going to happen to the summer and fall semesters. UNM remains in a period of uncertainty of where things are going. Science must drive the decisions we make. A decision about Commencement should be made by spring break. She is aware that everyone wants to know what UNM is going to do.
- Revenue estimates are better than they were in December 2020.
- Opportunity Scholarship will be increased.
- Lottery funding may be increased.
- There will be a 1.5% increase in compensation for faculty and staff.
- RPSPs are looking at a three percent cut. It is smaller than the original plan.
- There are other opportunities with the junior budget bill and capital outlay.

4. Provost's Report

Provost James Holloway reported the following.

- The new Vice President for Research Ellen Fischer started yesterday.
- Edl Schamiloglu has been working on building our relationships with the National Labs.
- All the counties that UNM has campuses are either yellow or green on the state's COVID-19 map. Groups of up to ten are allowed.
- Please follow all the health guidelines: social distance, wear masks, work remotely when you can, wash hands etc. It is not time to relax.
- Eighteen percent of New Mexicans have had at least one dose of the vaccine. Sign up on the state's portal. It is not the time to relax. There are about two positive cases per day on campus. It has been steady for the entirety of 2021.
- Some facilities may need to be temporarily shut down, but campus will be notified.
- Summer will be a transition time with some courses in-person but largely remote.
- Fall is planned to be much more in-person and higher density. Time will dictate.

5. Faculty Senate President's Report

Faculty Senate President Finnie Coleman did not report.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved.

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7. Revision of FHB A67: Ethics Committee Charge

The revision to FHB A67: Ethics Committee Charge was approved.

8. Revision of FHB C230: Military and Related Service

The Revision of FHB C230: Military and Related Service was tabled until a future meeting.



9. Resolutions on Campus Climate

The following two resolutions were approved by the Faculty Senate.

**Resolution on Divestment
University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Resolution for Divestiture from Fossil Fuel Investments
February 10, 2021**

WHEREAS the 4th National Climate Assessment Volume II (NCA4), mandated by the US Congress and completed in November 2018, a comprehensive and authoritative report on climate change and its impacts in the United States <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>, finds that “climate change creates new risks and exacerbates existing vulnerabilities in communities across the United States, presenting growing challenges to human health and safety, quality of life, and the rate of economic growth”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “Without substantial and sustained global mitigation and regional adaptation efforts, climate change is expected to cause growing losses to American infrastructure and property and impede the rate of economic growth over this century”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “Climate change affects the natural, built, and social systems we rely on individually and through their connections to one another. These interconnected systems are increasingly vulnerable to cascading impacts that are often difficult to predict, threatening essential services within and beyond the Nation’s borders”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “The quality and quantity of water available for use by people and ecosystems across the country are being affected by climate change, increasing risks and costs to agriculture, energy production, industry, recreation, and the environment”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “Climate change increasingly threatens Indigenous communities’ livelihoods, economies, health, and cultural identities by disrupting interconnected social, physical, and ecological systems”; and

WHEREAS the NCA4 finds that “Ecosystems and the benefits they provide to society are being altered by climate change, and these impacts are projected to continue. Without substantial and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions, transformative impacts on some ecosystems will occur; some coral reef and sea ice ecosystems are already experiencing such transformational changes”; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the University of New Mexico President and Board of Regents request that the University of New Mexico Foundation divest as early as possible from companies that invest in or are involved in fossil fuel extraction and production; and further that the University of New Mexico Foundation release a date by which divestment will occur and give annual updates to the Board of



Regents detailing progress made toward full divestment from investments in fossil fuels; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the University of New Mexico President and Board of Regents request that the University of New Mexico Foundation make no new investments in companies that invest in fossil fuel extraction and companies that facilitate fossil fuel production and use; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the President and the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico partner with other institutions of higher education across the state to request that the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board divest from companies that invest in or are involved in fossil fuel extraction and production; and further that the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board releases annual updates to the Board of Regents detailing progress made toward full divestment from investments in fossil fuels; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests the President and the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico partner with other institutions of higher education across the state to request that the New Mexico Educational Retirement Board make no new investments in companies that invest in fossil fuel extraction and companies that facilitate fossil fuel production and use; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the President and the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico partner with other institutions of higher education across the state to directly support companies involved in fossil fuel extraction and production that seek to transition to alternate business models; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests the President and the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico support New Mexico communities economically disadvantaged by divestment through a suitable funding mechanism that supports innovation (e.g., UNM's Grand Challenges) that includes community based participatory research to develop innovative and sustainable community economic development, entrepreneurship, and improvement in quality of life, among other social and technological initiatives and innovations related to climate change.

**Resolution on Green Initiatives
University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Resolution to Invest in Green Initiatives
February 10, 2021**

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RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the President and the Board of Regents at the University of New Mexico partner with other institutions of higher education across the state to directly support companies involved in fossil fuel extraction and production that seek to transition to alternate business models; and further be it²

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the VP for Finance and Administration head a taskforce to develop a comprehensive clean energy plan for the University of New Mexico. The taskforce will develop a plan as soon as possible but complete it no later than the end of 2022 to reduce the university’s carbon footprint¹; and further be it

RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico discontinue burning fossil fuel, by 2035, for the purpose of the production of utility electrical power, district heating, and district cooling; and further be it

RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico establish a plan for all campuses to reach carbon neutrality² by 2030 and zero carbon³ by 2040; and further be it

RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico commit immediately to discontinue the purchase of vehicles (including buses and shuttles) that emit greenhouse gases; and further be it



RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico commit to invest in additional charging stations for electric vehicles in public parking lots by end of 2022; and further be it

RESOLVED that the faculty senate requests that the VP for Finance and Administration head a taskforce (including faculty members and at least one staff member and one student) to develop a comprehensive campus sustainability plan for the University of New Mexico. The taskforce will begin to develop a plan as soon as possible but no later than 2022 to reduce the university's environmental impact; and further be it

RESOLVED that the University of New Mexico request that UNM vendors and catering commit to zero waste⁴ operations by 2025. 1 In this context the carbon footprint is defined as the total amount of carbon dioxide and methane emitted by the University, considering all relevant sources, sinks and storage on its landed property, calculated as carbon dioxide equivalent using the relevant 100-year global warming potential (GWP100). 2 Zero-net carbon emissions; carbon offset mechanisms can be used to achieve neutrality. 3 Zero carbon in this context is referring to an elimination of carbon released from fossil fuels from power, heating, and cooling. 4 Zero waste is defined by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) as "efforts to reduce Solid Waste generation waste to nothing, or as close to nothing as possible, by minimizing excess consumption and maximizing the recovery of Solid Wastes through Recycling and Composting"

11. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Michael Richards provided an update of the current state of COVID-19 in the State of New Mexico.

12. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.