

**The University of New Mexico Faculty Senate
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2021
3:00-5:15 P.M.
ONLINE**

(Awaiting approval at the September 28, 2021, Faculty Senate Meeting)

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the April 27, 2021, Meeting Minutes

The April 27, 2021, minutes were approved.

3. Posthumous Degree for Michael Sanchez

The Posthumous Degree for Michael Sanchez was approved.

4. President's Report

President Garnett Stokes presented the following.



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VIRTUAL LAUNCH
MAY 7, FROM 10AM - 11AM

VIRTUAL STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS
MAY 6 - MAY 17

VIRTUAL FACULTY/STAFF
FOCUS GROUPS
MAY 3 - MAY 24

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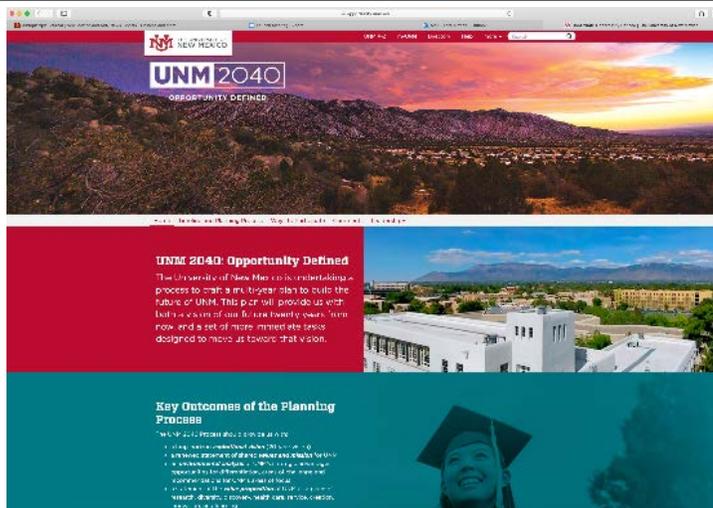
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Thank You!



5. Provost's Report

Provost James Holloway presented the following.



PROVOST'S REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

AUGUST 23, 2021

Leadership Changes

Dean, College of Libraries and Learning Sciences

- Leo Lo

Chancellor, UNM-Taos

- Mary Gutierrez

Dean of Honors College & Dean of University College (single individual)

- Eric Lau

Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences

- Arash Mafi

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

- Tim Gutierrez



Leadership Searches

Dean of Law

- Search committee formed and working
- Chaired by Dean Mitzi Montoya

Chancellor, UNM-Valencia

- Committee being formed

Vice President for Student Affairs

- Committee being formed



Fall Term Classes and COVID

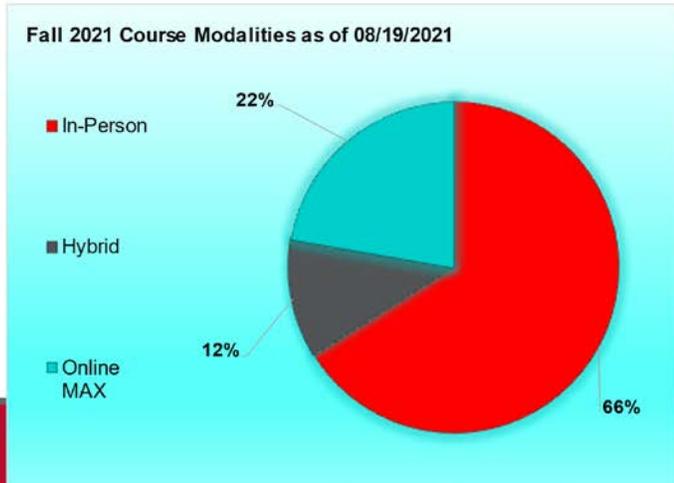
We have reduced room occupancy

Average room occupancy: 50%

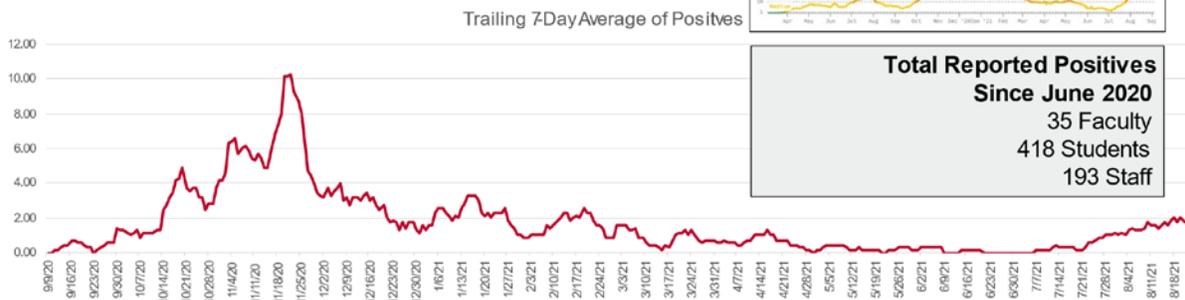
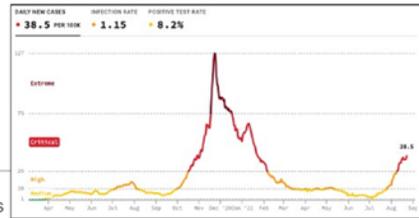
70% of classes are in rooms at less than 60% occupancy

48% of classes are at room occupancy below 45%

Note that we are not changing course modalities at this time



COVID positives on campus



Over 65% of main campus students are vaccinated
 Over 68% of main/branch campus staff are vaccinated
 Over 83% of main/branch campus faculty are vaccinated

Still waiting on updated DOH data



This fall is not last fall

Cases are up right now

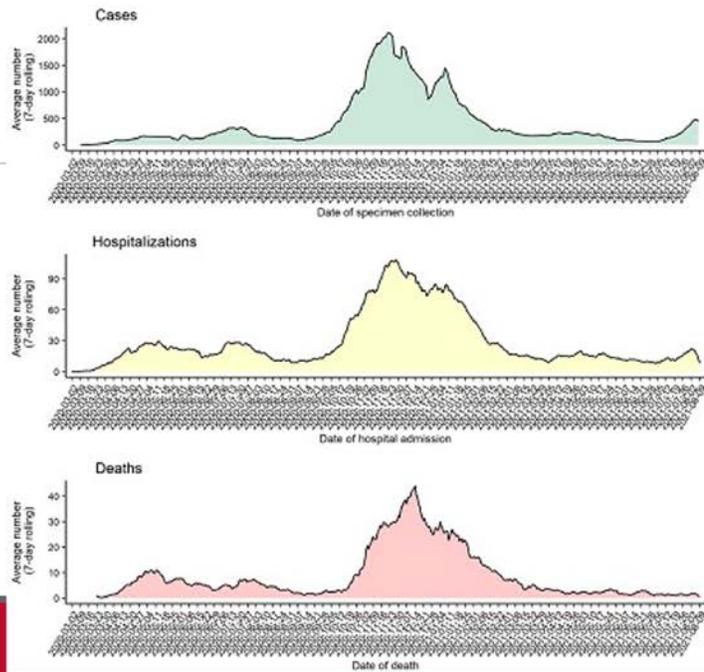
But better therapeutics and impact of vaccines result in fewer deaths than at the start of the pandemic

Vaccinated:

- Main/branch campus students: over 65%
- Main/branch campus staff: over 68%
- Main/branch campus faculty: over 83%

This is much better than the state overall.

It is unlikely we would move to full remote operations again (but it's conceivable)



6. CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was approved.

Summer 2021 Degree Candidates

7. A68: Branch Community Colleges Council Charge

The Branch Community College Council Charge was approved.

8. New Form D-Indigenous Planning Certificate

The new certificate was approved.

9. Faculty Senate President's Report

Faculty Senate President Finnie Coleman reported the following.

- As representatives of the faculty, it is necessary to meet with those faculty. A caucus system might prove productive. Finnie asks Senators to reach out to their constituents and consider caucuses. The caucus groups would need to be discussed and formed. He asks senators to send in suggestions of logical groupings.
- The first Faculty Senate meeting of the fall semester being held in the first week of classes is difficult. Moving the meeting to the second week of classes might make it easier for faculty. The same issue occurs during the Thanksgiving Break week. The Senate meeting is two days before the holiday. In the spring semester, the first meeting is not until the end of January. Perhaps meeting earlier in January is an option. He asks for senators' opinions.
- During the summer, the Operations Committee (Ops) continued to meet and did some of the business of the Faculty Senate. A couple of curricular things had to be taken care of, outside the normal meeting schedule of the Curricula Committee.

- The committee selection process continues. Senators get first choice on committees. Please email President Coleman if there is a committee on which a faculty senator wishes to serve.
- The Shared Governance Retreat was held on August 9. The retreat was a success. The meeting was in-person with the President, the Provost, and the EVP of Health Sciences. Board of Regents President Doug Brown also attended. Leadership from UA-UNM was there. It was good to have people from that unit sitting at the table. There is a lot of work to do. The group will meet again in mid-October. There is a new normal and much to learn.
- A motion was made to continue remote Senate meetings via Zoom for the Fall semester. It was seconded. The motion was approved to extend online meetings for the remainder of the semester. The first meeting of the Spring semester would be in-person.

10. COVID Update

There was not an update. The person providing the report had to leave the meeting early.

11. Public Comment

There was no public comment

12. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.