

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

3:30 p.m. Workman 101

Minutes

1. Call to order

Dr. Brian Borchers called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm with a call for approval of the March 7, 2023 minutes.

2. Approval of minutes

Dr. Ryan Norris moved to approve seconded Dr. Iain Crump.

Motion was moved and approved unanimously.

3. Special Meeting, May 2nd Budget Committee Report (Dr. Brian Borchers)

A special meeting will be held May, 2nd. Faculty Senate Meeting with the Budget Committee to discuss the budget.

4. Report on the NM Legislative Session. (Dr. Cleve McDaniel)

Presented a presentation on the NM Legislative Session. The Governor has not signed any of AA Bills. The Governor has till Friday.

Discussion was held.

5. Report of Standing Committees

A. Sabbatical Leave Committee. (Dr. Daniel Cadol)

For the fall of 2022 there were 10 applications that were received. Recommended 9 proposals. Administration granted 8 proposals. Spring 2023 there are 3 proposals that have been received as of yet. Committee recommendations are due to the VPAA by April 15th.

B. Campus Computing Committee. (Dr. John Naliboff)

The committee recommends that faculty, staff and administrators work together to adequately support HPC and data related computing infrastructure to enable more external funding for basic and applied research. Recommending a survey to be done to assess current computational and IT needs, challenges, suggestion and existing resources across campus. Students, faculty, staff and researches should be included to do the survey. Two grants have been submitted should know by July if awarded.

C. Education and Research Committee. (Dr. Gilberto Gonzalez Parra)

The committee would like faculty to send an email to the committee on ways to improve education and research efficiency. Privacy will be kept.

D. Undergraduate Academic Advising Committee. (Dr. Taffeta Elliot)

Training faculty to use Canvas as to input on Dropout Detective. Elaine will monitor needs from faculty. Use Canvas Gradebook. There is however a bug in the system as to entering all material from previous shells of same course. System is not ready for Pre-Registering students for the fall. Pilot Program in place for some departments. Discussion was held.

E. Regents Faculty Committee. (Dr. Sharon Sessions)

Fifty-seven members of the Faculty Senate participated in the Regents-Faculty Conference Committee Survey. The purpose of survey was to gauge faculty perception regarding the present status of NMT regarding goals related to each of the strategic themes. A graph was presented as to the most important priorities. There was discussion as to the comments as not being provided verbatim if biased or being unbiased. Sharon pointed out if they were commented on but not given a solution to fix the problem. Discussion was held.

Motion was moved to adopt the Report. It was moved and approved unanimously.

F. Space Utilization and Campus Planning Committee. (Dr. Doug Wells)

Lengthy Discussion was held as to identify and advise the Faculty Senate on academic space and allocation. This will go back to the Committee.

Motion was made by Michelle Creech-Eakman to refer back to the Committee. 2nd by Ken Minschwaner. Motion carries and approved unanimously.

6. Council of Chairs Report- Michael Jackson

- Orientation dates are July 17-18 and, 20-21. Two day orientation will begin this year. First day will include advising while on the second day students will register for classes., Students will have the opportunity totake the Math placement test on the first day of Orientation or prior to coming to Orientation. Fall Registration for incoming students begins April 24th. Block schedules have been received for most degree programs, this information will be used this year as a pilot for several programs. Lessons learned will be reported back to Faculty Senate.

- Projected enrollments of incoming student was presented. To dates, paid deposits trail the prior two years. Discussion was held as to the reasons why this has occurred. *Discussion was held on the following policies:*

- a. **Degrees, Majors and Minors: Double majors Policy was presented.** Wording was added “Exceptions may be granted by receiving permission from the student’s academic advisor department chairperson, and academic dean. If granted, these degrees may not be awarded simultaneously.

Motion was moved and approved unanimously.

- b. **Final Exam Policy: Final Exam policy was presented.**

Motion was moved and approved unanimously

- c. **Student Identity Verification Policy.**

Motion was made by Dr. Michael Jackson, 2nd by Dr. Michelle Creech-Eakman to adopt the Student Identity Verification Policy.

Motion was moved and approved unanimously.

- d. **Annual Assessment Report:**

- o Interim VPAA presented the annual assessment report. The report is available in the Assessment [Folder](#) 04-2023that includes all reports submitted by departments and programs, with their respective reviews. The report highlights key findings and recommendations for next year’s assessment cycle (e.g., addressing feedback/concerns raised in prior reviews, eliminating in appropriate student learning outcomes).

- o HLC’s Criterion 4.A, that contains program review, is cited by reviewers with either “Met with Concerns” or “Not Met” approximately 20% of the time. Expectation from Year 4 Report that NMT devote time and resources to establish regular program review was highlighted with the proposed schedule

for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. The need for all individuals to participate, and for departments to submit their reports in a timely manner, was highlighted.

- o HLC's Criterion 4.B, that covers assessment, is cited by reviewers with either "Met with Concerns" or "Not Met" approximately 40% of the time – the most cited in peer reviewer reports. Prior reports were highlighted (e.g., 2015 'Met with Concerns' and 2019 outline of what could be improved and necessary intervention by the Task Force or Senior-level administration). IVPAA outlined the need for all individuals to participate, and for departments to submit their reports in a timely manner. Otherwise intervention by senior-level administration will occur. Program Review and Assessment are important faculty responsibilities in the Shared Governance process.

7. Old Business.-

There was no old business.

8. New Business.-

There was no new business.

9. Announcements

The announcement list was presented.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Van Romero and seconded by Dr. Iain Crump. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.