

# NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Workman 101

## Minutes

### 1. Call to order

Dr. Brian Borchers called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm with a call for approval of the October 4, 2022 minutes.

### 2. Approval of minutes

Dr. Hossain moved to approved seconded by Dr. Todd Wolford. Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. President Wells Update (5 minutes)

President Wells discussed upcoming events and important items as noted in his presentation. The Vice President for Academic Affairs search will start in December.

President Wells discussed the 2023 priorities for the legislative session. The CUP priorities are student success non-recurring funding priorities for dual credit, wraparound services, campus safety, and support for student enrollment. Other non-recurring funding priorities for infrastructure renewal and replacement and funding for expanded Cybersecurity requirements. Financial aid and HEI COE funding priorities lottery scholarship, opportunity scholarship, and HEI COEs.

NMT priorities are to address NMT's base funding, RPSPs requests, and NMT capital outlay. NMT Capital Projects priorities were discussed in further detail.

### 4. Reports of Senate Standing Committees

#### a. Academic Standards and Admissions Committee (15 minutes)

**Action**

##### i. Proposal for test-optional admissions

Dr. Wes Cook discussed adding an alternative to admitting new incoming first time freshman simply based on the student's GPA, with a minimum of 3.3 high school GPA and not looking at test scores. Data and other institutions that follow similar processes were provided.

Friendly amendment was made to add ACT to SAT in the last sentence of the proposed change.

*Motion was moved and approved unanimously.*

#### b. Budget and Research Committee- Mark Person (5 minutes)

Dr. Person reported on the committee's recent activities. The committee has met with Dr. McDaniel, VPAF on the budget. The Regents report was also shared with the committee. They also met with Dr. Doug Wells. Dr. McDaniel has indicated that he will provide the committee with additional, detailed financial information such as spreadsheets to make an independent analysis of the NMT budget this upcoming Friday.

**c. Curriculum Committee – Linda DeVeaux (20 minutes) Action**

Heather Juarez discussed Coursedog and stated that it will be user friendly and help NMT become ADA friendly. Going forward from the spring, curriculum changes will be done through Coursedog. We are on track to have the catalog ready the middle of February with training to follow. Curriculum is set to be released in March. Other information items as noted in the committee report were reported by Dr. DeVeaux.

**i. Rules for repeating classes**

Dr. DeVeaux discussed the suggested language for repeating classes.

*Motion was moved and approved unanimously.*

**ii. Cross-Listed courses**

Dr. DeVeaux discussed cross-listed across departments and by level.

*Motion to accept the suggested language was moved and approved unanimously.*

Dr. DeVeaux discussed program level requirements would allow departments to add the sentence to their program descriptions.

*Motion was moved and approved unanimously.*

**iii. Curriculum change proposals.**

Dr. DeVeaux discussed five curriculum change proposals.

**1. 0035 AY 2023-2024:**

Biology minor program adjustment and new courses.

*Motion was moved and approved unanimously.*

**2. 0036 AY 2023-2024:**

EES course additions

*Motion was moved and approved unanimously.*

**3. 0037 AY 2023-2024:**

CEE Accelerated Masters description and credit counts.

*Motion was moved and approved unanimously.*

4. 0040 AY 2023-2024:

Adding MATH 541 as a core course in the industrial Math MS and the PhD in Mathematics.

*Motion was moved and approved unanimously.*

5. 0044 AY 2023-2024:

EES PhD program description.

*Motion was moved and approved unanimously.*

**5. Council of Chairs Report – Mike Jackson (5 minutes)**

Dr. Jackson announced that he has received about 30% of assessment reports, ABET 2022 site visit will be Sunday through Tuesday, Exploration Day is this Saturday with about 200 students coming, advising sessions should be going on around during this time with some students having holds for Title IX training or missing high school transcripts, and some slight modifications have been made to the faculty hiring procedures that will be implemented next year.

**a. Challenge Exam Procedures**

**Action**

Dr. Jackson discussed the proposed challenge exam procedures. Dr. Jackson noted that there is no grading and it would come in as equivalent to transferring credit.

*Motion was moved to table until the correct document has been sent out for review.*

**6. Graduate Council Report – Aly El-Osery (5 minutes)**

Dr. Aly El-Osery discussed the graduate student academic integrity report. There were three plagiarism cases for 2022.

**7. Old Business**

**8. New Business**

**a. Hybrid Faculty Senate Meetings – Snezna Rogelj (10 minutes)**

**Action**

**A secret ballot has been requested for this motion.**

This request would change the Faculty Senate standing bylaws and requires a 2/3 vote. Dr. Rogelj discussed the proposal as stated that faculty senate meetings would continue to be hybrid, as was done recently, for ADA purposes as well as convenience for practical challenges and distance constraints.

Dr. Snezna Rogelj moved to accept these changes, seconded by Dr. Anders Jorgenson.

Discussion was held regarding if faculty senate members should not have voting rights if attending online unless there is an ADA accommodation.

*Dr. DeVeaux moved to table to time certain at the next meeting, seconded by Dr. Taylor Dotson. Motion passed with two no's.*

- b. Draft Strategic Plan (20 minutes) Discussion**  
**It is expected that a final draft of the plan will be presented at the December meeting for the senate's endorsement.**  
This will be moved to the next meeting.

- c. Standing Committee on Student Mental Health-- Yulia Mikhailova (10 minutes) Action**  
This will be moved to the next meeting.

## **9. Announcements**

- a. Implicit Bias Workshop – Isabel Morris**  
Dr. Morris announced that the next workshop will be held on Thursday.
- b. Teaching Tea Time – Bill Stone**  
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday.

## **10. Adjournment**

By unanimous decision, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 pm.