

**NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting**  
April 4, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.  
Domenici Hall Rm. 109 and Zoom

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 4:07 p.m.
2. **Recognition of Guests**  
Beth Apodaca and Seth Miner from NMSU Global, ASNMSU representative Persephanie, ASNMSU President Citlalli Benitez and interim, Provost Dr. Lakshmi Reddi.
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
Moved and seconded to approve agenda.  
Senate Leadership approved the agenda.
4. **Approval of Minutes of March 7, 2024 meeting**  
Senator VanLeeuwen proposes a friendly amendment on a few grammar errors.  
Moved and seconded to approve agenda as amended.  
Minutes approved and submitted.
5. **Reports of Officers**
  - FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko**  
Report is up online, will reserve comments under remarks and announcements. [See full Chair Report on FS website.](#)
  
  - FS Vice-Chair, Vimal Chaitanya  
Report not up on website yet but did report that he is serving on the Policy Steering Committee, the Associate Academic Deans Committee, and Programs Approval Committee. We also meet with the NMSU Leadership (President and Provost) in our regular once a month meeting. I will go on to report the most faculty relevant discussions that they had.
6. **Reports of Standing Committees**
  - Budget and Resources** – Vimal Chaitanya, Chair  
Chair Chaitanya reported that the committee had time to do some retrospect, some analysis of what the committee has been able to do over the year and they are looking for new leadership. The committee discussed the need to perhaps understand where the overhead that is recovered from the research dollar was going and of course there's a recognition that the overhead amount is less than what's anticipated because much of their funding comes from education or Ag programs with overhead cap or no overhead. The committee thought there would be some transparency and ask for accounting with the idea is that much of it should be reinvested back into research portfolio so they can become bigger and better in their ability to bring more dollars into the University.
  
  - University Planning** – Glenn Duff, Chair,  
Chair Duff reported that the committee had their regular meeting in March, they did not have any propositions to discuss, but they did have discussion on the failed Presidential search and The Provost retiring. Also, they discussed on Ethics Point and the committee might put a proposition next year to look into exactly what happens with Ethics Point.  
[Full report on FS website.](#)
  
  - Curriculum and Programming** – Gus Piña, Chair  
Committee met on March 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Chair Piña reported that the committee didn't have any propositions to evaluate or work on it was a short meeting. [Full report on FS website.](#)

**Research and Creative Activity** – Taryn Price, Chair

Chair Price reported that the committee had VP Cifuentes and they were able to talk to them about how open they would be to more incentives for faculty to conduct research because of the R1 status that is in the works. They are trying to come up with just a way to kind of propose better, greater incentives for faculty to do their work.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** – Jamie Bronstein, Chair

Chair Bronstein reported that the committee worked on Proposition 10-23/24 which is 2-year contracts for temporary part-time faculty which will allow them to be PIs for grants. Diversity Council met and talked about leadership changes. [Full report on FS website.](#)

**Student Success** – Tawny Aguirre, Chair

Committee met on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Aguirre reported that they had Marissa Fowler, Tony Marin, Ryan Goss and Rebecca Campbell as guests at their meeting, they discussed the process for waiving flip courses and had a discussion how to ensure that those are waived on a consistent basis. They have also been working on ARP. 4.46 authorize absences and Chair Aguirre reached out to the committee to see if they could complete a survey for the anti-hazing working group. [Full report on FS website.](#)

**7. New Business –**

Proposition 10-23/24 – Resolution Two-year contracts for temporary part-time faculty and allow and support them to be PIs for grants. Jaime Bronstein (A&S), Ilhuitilitzin Villicana Pedraza (DACC)

Senator Pedraza gave a brief comment on the proposition that as a Co-PI for this grant she is able to pay for medical bills with the little extra money because the part time faculty don't have any health insurance. If they are part of PI grants, then they can probably get a cheaper health care insurance.

**Proposition was assigned to the DEI Committee.**

Proposition 11-23/24 - Revision to the Constitution of the Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University: Gaylene Fasnko (ACES)

**Proposition was assigned to the Budget and Resources Committee.**

Proposition 12-23/24 - Revision to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University: Gaylene Fasnko (ACES)

**Proposition was assigned to the Curriculum and Programming Committee.**

Chair Fasnko commented on the propositions.

- She tried to wordsmith for clarification.
- Changing University Planning to Faculty Success.
- Add a seventh committee called Government and Community Relations.
- Changes to titles example; we use to have a Chancellor and that name is now being changed to President.
- Encourage as many of you to have a look at it and provide input to the Budget and Resources Committee when they meet.

**8. Unfinished Business – None**

**9. Other Business –**

Senator Sandstrom wanted to bring forth and discuss a little bit of intellectual property. After looking into ARP 11.05.6 D1 and 2 stated that generally copyrightable materials developed with no more than limited permitted use of NMSU resources for courses offered by NMSU will be individual intellectual property, but the copyrightable materials created at the request of the University, under a

specific contract or for supplemental pay, IE Development of distance learning courses will be University intellectual property.

Senator Beck commented that Faculty Senate Leadership met with General Counsel, Scott Field and interim President Gouge and it seem to not be getting anywhere and they just need to keep pressing on and encourage to keep investigating that.

## 10. Remarks and Announcements

### a. FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko

Chair Fasenko made a brief statement with now interim Provost Reddi and the new appointed interim President Monica Torres we are going to be hopefully sailing through some smoother waters and prepare ourselves for the President search. Discussion followed about the Presidential search and the Board of Regents.

### b. FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Vimal Chaitanya

**None**

## 11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p. m.

**Present:** FS Chair G. Fasenko, FS Vice Chair V. Chaitanya, D. VanLeeuwen, S. Beck, J. Bronstein, G. Duff, S. Ramos, S. Ellis, F. Arslan, H. Badawy, A. Ashley, C. De Blicck, E. Gamboa, J. Rice, J. Sandstrom, K. Finlator, E. Lehnhoff, I. Pedraza, S. Shabazz, M. Furuhashi, L. Olivas, S. Lynch, P. Smoak, R. Figueroa, S. Gordon, T. Aguirre, Z. Shen, K. Lopez-Gallagher, K. Kopera-Frye, R. Gioannini, K. Grover, L. Hermanson, L. Saiki, J. Mullen, R. Li, S. Walker, T. Allred, T. Cleveland, G. Piña, P. Avilucea, Rec. Sec. Cisneros.

**Guests:** Interim Provost Reddi, VP C. Benitez, S. Miner, B. Apodaca, D. Retzinger.