

NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting

April 2, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom and Hadley Hall Rm 130

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Recognition of Guests
 - Will Waller, Asst VP Student Affairs
 - Robbie Grant, Exec Dir, Academic Technology
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2026, meeting
5. Emergency Legislation
 - 13-25/26 – Memorial in Appreciation of Vice Chair Brown. Sponsor (s): T. Aguirre, K. Finlator, D. Magoc.
 - 14-25/26 – Memorial in Appreciation of Chair Chaitanya. Sponsor (s): T. Aguirre, K. Finlator, D. Magoc.
 - 15-25/26 – Memorial in Appreciation of Provost Reddi. Sponsor (s): T. Aguirre, K. Finlator, D. Magoc.
 - 16-25/26 – Memorial Thanking President Valerio Ferme for his First Year. Sponsor (s): K. Finlator (Astronomy/A&S), M. Burkardt (Physics/A&S), T. Aguirre (DACC), D. Magoc (Public Health Sciences/HEST), C. Brown (Senate VC and A&S).
6. Reports of Officers
 - FS Chair, Vimal Chaitanya
 - FS Vice Chair/SLC Chair, Christopher Brown
7. Reports of Standing Committees
 - Budget and Resources Chair, Stephen Hanson
 - University Planning Chair, Stephanie Walker
 - Curriculum and Planning Chair, Oladayo Bello
 - Research and Creative Activity Chair, Omar Holguin
 - Access, Opportunity, and Outreach, Interim Chair, Kim Lopez-Gallagher
 - Student Success Chair, Kristian Finlator
8. New Business
 - 09-25/26 – Updating the Names and Functions of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees. Sponsor (s): K. Finlator (Astronomy), C. Brown (Geography), K. Lopez-Gallagher (NMSU-A). **Assigned to University Planning.**
 - 10-25/26 – Proposal to Place Academic Technology under the Provost. Sponsor (s): K. Sharp-Hoskins (A&S), C. Erickson (CoB), C. Brown (A&S), K. Finlator

(A&S). Assigned to Budget and Resources

- 11-25-26 – Request to Central Administration to provide resources to part time faculty. Sponsor (s): I. Villicana-Pedraza (DACC), Kim Lopez-Gallagher (Alamogordo), Jason Bengtson (NMSU Library), C. Brown (A&S, Senate Vice Chair), and other to follow. **Assigned to Budget and Resources.**
- 12-25/26 – Request for Faculty Senate to review DRAFT proposal for a Doctoral Accelerated Program submitted by the Graduate Faculty Council (GFC). Sponsor (s): C. Brown (A&S), O. Bello (ENG), D. Rutledge (HEST and GFC Chair), J. Tomaka (HEST), and others to follow. **Assigned to Curriculum and Planning.**

9. Unfinished Business

- 06-25/26 – Supporting CNM and UNM Joint Resolution Against the “Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education.” Sponsor (s): Karen Kopera-Frye (HEST), Christopher Brown (A&S), and others to follow. **Assigned to University Planning.**
- 07-25/26 – Bill sharing input to Policy Steering Committee on proposed changed to ARP 4.69 on Distance Education. Sponsor (s) – C. Erickson (CoB), C. Brown (A&S), and other to follow. **Assigned to Curriculum and Planning.**
- 08-25/26 – Amendment to Article VI of the Faculty Senate Constitution to change the requirements for Chair and Vice Chair. Sponsor (s) – C. Erickson (CoB), V. Chaitanya (ENG). **Assigned to University Planning.**

10. Other Business –

11. Remarks and Announcements

- FS Chair, Vimal Chaitanya
- FS Vice-Chair/SLC Chair, Christopher Brown

12. Adjournment

Revised and finalized by:
Chair Chaitanya and Vice Chair Brown on 4/1/2026