

## NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting

May 2, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.

via Zoom - [Link](#)

### Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. **Recognition of Guests** – None

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved and seconded to approve agenda.

Agenda approved.

4. **Interim Provost Lakshmi Reddi**

- Interim Provost Reddi provided a brief statement on how it is important to be a part of these meetings even if there is no seemingly important thing happening. It is good practice.
- Updates on a couple of things.
  1. The demographic cliff discussion that was started by Provost Shoho is very important for us to address. There is a demographic cliff predicted on 26/27 and everyone needs to be prepared for it in several ways. We need to continue with the meetings, discuss it from a budget angle and perhaps change strategies on enrollment, recruitment, and/or retention.
  2. Provost Shoho started a Task Force that came up with some recommendations on student retention and Phillip Post, chair provided a 3/4-page recommendation. Top 3 specific ideas they anchored: Faculty development support, institutional infrastructure, student support and engagement. These include for example, hiring of a specialist data scientist, incorporation of formalized faculty mentoring program, culturally relevant pedagogy, enhanced advisement model etc.
  3. Data variation is another thing that has been brought to attention. There seems to be different answers coming from different offices for the same question. Clarifying, that it doesn't mean that anyone is doing anything wrong, rather it only means that everyone probably has different contexts in which data was being identified and interpreted and analyzed. We need to make sure that everyone works in a coordinated manner, and we get the best useful answer from data analysis.
  4. There are comments from colleges as to why Provost office is not taking the lead on faculty affairs. The issue of faculty development was mentioned outside of what the teaching academy is offering. There were quite a few good ideas discussed and kudos to the Senate Committee for giving some additional pointers on this subject. Interim Provost would like to get some faculty fellows into the provost office and develop a plan after the summer.

5. **Caucusing**

- **2024-2025 Standing Committees caucusing- Election of committee chairs.**  
Each incoming Standing Committee caucused and elected its committee chair.

2024-2025 Standing Committee Chairs:

Budget & Resources:	<b>Stephen Hanson</b>
University Planning:	<b>Erik Lehnhoff</b>
Curriculum and Programing:	<b>Gus Piña</b>
Research and Creative Activity:	<b>Paul Tian</b>
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:	<b>Karen Kopera-Frye</b>
Student Success:	<b>Tawny Aguirre</b>

- **Senate Leadership Committee (2024-2025)**

Each senate election group caucused and elected their lead senator. Elected lead senators from each voting group and standing committee chairs made up the Senate Leadership

Committee for the next academic year (2024-25).

### 2024-2025 Senate Leadership Committee

Voting Group	SLC senator Allocation	2024-2025 Senate Leadership Committee
A&S	3	Jonathan Cook Christopher Brown Kristian Finlator
Library	1	Dylan McDonald
ACES CES	2	Omar Holguin Sid Gordon
Business	1	Chris Erickson
Engineering	1	Hameed Badawy
HEST	2	Jim Rice Lori Saiki
Alamogordo DACC Grants	2	Kim Lopez Gallagher Lisanne Grant
Non-Tenure Track	2	Michaela Burkardt John Sandstrom

*The 6 standing committee chairs will also serve as members of FSLC.*

- **Senate Leadership Committee Chair / FS Vice-Chair (2024-2025)**

Newly elected members of the 2024-2025 Senate Leadership Committee caucused to elect its chair.

Christopher Brown was elected chair of the Senate Leadership Committee and as a result will also serve as Vice-Chair of the senate.

#### 6. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2024, meeting

Moved and seconded to approved minutes.

Minutes approved as submitted by the current 2023-24 senators.

#### 7. Consent Agenda

Proposition 13-23/24 – Memorial of Gratitude for Susan Beck’s Contributions to Share Governance. Allred (Alamogordo), Bronstein (A&S), Brown (A&S), Cuellar (DACC), Erickson (Bus), Osanloo (HEST), D. Roychowdhury (DACC), H. Roychowdhury (DACC), Sharp-Hopskins (A&S), Pratt (ACES), MacDonald (Library), James (A&S), Boecklen (A&S), Parra (HEST), Garcia-Bryce (A&S), Sandstrom (Library), Chaitanya (Engineering), Fassenko (ACES), Aguirre (DACC), Lanasa (A&S), VanLeeuwen (Bus), Burkardt (NTT,A&S)

Proposition 14-23/24 – A Memorial in Appreciation of the Service of Faculty Senate Chair Gaylene Fassenko to NMSU Faculty Senate and the Faculty. Badawy (Engineering), Chaitanya (Engineering), Price (DACC), Duff (ACES), Aguirre (DACC), Lanasa (A&S), VanLeeuwen (Bus), Sandstrom (Library)

Moved and seconded to adopt consent agenda.

A few words of gratitude from a few senators.

**VOTE: YES: 37 NO: -0-**

## 8. Reports of Officers

**FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko** – Will be posted on FS website soon.

Sharing a remark there is big news, there is a new interim President and a new interim Provost.

**FS Vice-Chair, Vimal Chaitanya** – Will be posted on FS website soon.

The President search committee will be meeting for the first time tomorrow (May 3, 2024) it will be a 5-hour meeting. As of now there are no applicants yet, but the committee will meet to establish protocols for the search and that sort of things.

## 9. Reports of Standing Committees

### **Budget and Resources**

Chair Chaitanya reported that their committee passed Proposition 11-23/24 with or without amendments.

Moved and seconded to reject committee recommendation.

**VOTE: YES: 24 NO: 6 ABSTAIN: 4**

### **University Planning**

See UP committee report on FS website.

### **Curriculum and Programming**

Chair Piña reported that their committee passed Proposition 12-23/24 with or without amendments. Most of the changes were just grammatical in nature, there were only 2 substantive changes that have been submitted to vice-Chair.

Moved and seconded to accept committee recommendation.

**VOTE: YES: 32 NO: -0- ABSTAIN: -0-**

### **Research and Creative Activity**

Committee had nothing to report.

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**

Chair Bronstein reported that the committee recommended a unanimous do pass to Proposition 10-23/24.

Moved and seconded to accept the committee recommendation/report.

**VOTE: YES: 30 NO: -0- ABSTAIN: 1**

### **Student Success**

See SS committee report on FS website.

## 10. New Business – None

## 11. Unfinished Business –

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

Moved and seconded to approve.

No discussion followed.

**VOTE: YES: 25 NO: -0- ABSTAIN: -0-**

Motion passes: Proposition 10-23/24 is approved.

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

Proposition dies after it was rejected under Budget and Resources committee report.

Proposition 12-23/24 – Revision to the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of New Mexico State University:

Gaylene Fasenko (ACES)  
Moved and seconded to approve.  
No discussion followed.

**VOTE: YES: 32 NO: -0- ABSTAIN: -0-**

Motion passes: Proposition 12-23/24 is approved.

**12. Other Business- None**

**13. Remarks and Announcements**

- a.** FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko
  - Chair Fasenko said a few words before ending her term as FS Chair. It's been a privilege to work with all of you. Wishing everyone all the success moving forward in the next academic year and throughout the summer. Thanking everyone for the opportunity to serve as Faculty Senate Chair.
- b.** FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Vimal Chaitanya
  - Would like to add that for the upcoming year we will be working together to accomplish as many good goals as possible and am looking forward to any suggestions, and comments.

**14. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 6:22 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. DeBlieck, 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. Koper-Frye, R. Gioannini, K. Grover, L. Hermanson, L. Saiki, J. Mullen, R. Li, S. Walker, T. Allred, T. Cleveland, G. Piña, P. Avilucea, M. Rodriguez, K.T. Manis, S. Smyth, S. Ramos, I. Hansen, C. Bond, S. Angadi, A. Holguin, R. Rice, M. Burkardt, P. Tian, S. Hanson, R. Figueroa, K. Comerford, J. Tomaka, C. Brown, J. White, O. Bello, M. Buenemann, D. McDonald, E. Hetrick, C. Anaya, L. Grant, H. Baek, C. Wise, B. Hampton, J. Mullen, A. Lanasa, Parliamentarian L. LaPlue, Rec. Sec. Cisneros.

**Guest:** Interim Provost Reddi, R. Scott, T. Scholz, J. McAteer, A. Cavotta.