

**NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting**  
October 5, 2023; 4:00 p.m.  
Domenici Hall Rm. 109 and Zoom

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Recognition of Guests**
  - Newly elected senators  
Chair Fasenko welcomed the newly elected and returning senators.
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
Moved and seconded to approve agenda.  
Agenda approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes of September 7, 2023 meeting**  
Moved and seconded to approve minutes.  
Minutes approved.
5. **Consent Agenda**  
**Proposition 01-23/24** A Memorial in Appreciation of Gloria Podruchny's Service to the NMSU Faculty Senate (Beck (Library); Parra (HEST); Bronstein (A&S); Corran (DACC); McAteer (A&S, Provost Office); Kopera-Frye (HEST); Brown (A&S); Fasenko (ACES))  
Motion made and seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, Proposition 01-23/24.  
Senate voted in favor to approve Consent Agenda; Proposition 01-23/24 approved.
6. **Reports of Officers**  
**FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko** - Report posted on FS website  
Last week Karen Kopera-Frye resigned her position as FS Vice-Chair, but she will stay on as Senator and as part of the Senate Leadership Committee, representing HEST.  
A special election was called to elect a new Vice-Chair, and the Senate Leadership Committee elected Dr. Vimal Chaitanya by acclamation.  
  
**FS Vice-Chair, Vimal Chaitanya** -  
Vice-Chair Chaitanya commented that he looks forward to working with the Faculty Senate and all the standing committee chairs.  
*Dr. Chaitanya will remain as the chair of the Budget and Resources Committee for the time being.*
7. **Reports of Standing Committees**  
**Budget and Resources** - *V. Chaitanya, Chair*  
Committee met on September 12.  
D'Anne Stuart and Kim Rumford attended as their guests. It was a successful meeting and they learned about a number of budget issues and they had a Question & Answer session.  
*BR Report will be posted soon on the FS website.*

**Faculty Success** - *G. Duff, Chair*

Committee met on September 13.

The Committee started evaluating the proposal for the new draft of the promotion and tenure timeframe that the Provost's office is working on. Senior Associate Provost, Dr. James McAteer, attended the meeting and answered questions that came up. Several things were discussed including the need for more than 3 weeks, at the college level, to evaluate the packets as well as potential problems with Watermark.

[See full Faculty Success report on FS website.](#)

**Curriculum and Programming** - *G. Pina, Chair*

Committee Chair Pina unavailable to present report.

[See full C&P report on FS website.](#)

**Research and Creative Activity** - *T. Price, Chair*

R&C Chair Price unavailable to present report.

Committee met on September 19.

Senator Beck reported that the committee discussed working on a proposition that seeks to ask for funding to fund article processing charges, which go to support open access publishing in journals where journals require the author to pay for processing charges to get published.

[See full RCA report on FS website.](#)

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** - *J. Bronstein, Chair*

Senator Bronstein commented that there is an update with regard to the consultant who was hired in the Spring of 2023 to do a study of how DEI was working out at the University, and she submitted an IPRA request for that report and it was denied.

[See full DEI report on FS website.](#)

**Student Success** - *T. Aguirre, Chair*

Committee met on September 21.

The committee is continuing their work on ARP 4.46, Authorized Absences from Class and they also set their goals. Rebecca Campbell, Student Success Fellow, attended the meeting as their guest.

[See full SS report on FS website.](#)

**8. New Business** - None

**9. Unfinished Business** - None

**10. Other Business**

- Senate meeting rules of engagement

Chair Fasenko opened the floor to anybody who wants to comment on how the senators would like to have senate communicate both online and offline and via email in the future.

There was a lengthy discussion with senators providing input. Discussion included comments related to Roberts Rules of Order and communication within Faculty

Senate. Some of the comments and recommendations include:

- A comment was made that if there is dissent, whether it's a Senate Leadership Committee meeting or full senate meeting, as adults we might agree not to file grievances or ethics points or complaints against each other.
- As a faculty senator from a community college in a non-tenure track, I suspect that I'm going to things that people are uncomfortable with or don't want to hear; we need to be careful about silencing or intimidation when we try to have civil discourse as senators.
- All the bullet points need to be discussed and approved before we accept any of them individually.
- Preparation for meetings, like reading reports and knowing what's going on is important to an efficient meeting. This is a recommendation for folks to get in on the issues that they want, by going to standing committee meetings and making sure they read ahead of time.
- It was noted that all pertinent documents, previous agendas and minutes and propositions are posted on the FS website prior to the meeting.
- We should all have a good understanding of Roberts Rules and that way we can conduct ourselves accordingly.
- Onboarding of new senators and standing committee chairs
  - A recommendation was made to look into having a swearing in ceremony for new senators and also a face-to-face onboarding session.
- Invitation of guests to senate meetings?
  - If any of the senators are having a meeting as a college, Chair Fasenko and Vice-Chair Chaitanya are happy to attend the meeting in person if invited to do so.
- Faculty representation at NM Legislative session?
  - Chair Fasenko asked for feedback from senators regarding having faculty representation at some of the legislative sessions. Discussion followed regarding having faculty advocates that could go to the legislative sessions and speak on behalf of faculty and promote some of the initiatives that are important to faculty. The consensus was to assign this topic to a standing committee to start drafting some ideas.
- NMSU cultural norms and expectations
  - Chair Fasenko commented that one of the things that has been put forward recently was the cultural norms and expectations that the Provost and Deans drafted, developed, and agreed on.

## **11. Remarks and Announcements**

- a. FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko
- b. FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Karen Kopera-Frye

## **12. Adjournment** - Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Present: FS Chair Fassenko, FS Vice-Chair Chaitanya, T. Aguirre, T. Allred, F. Arslan, A. Ashley, H. Baek, S. Beck, C. Bond, F. Boutsen, J. Bronstein, M. Buenemann, T. Cleveland, T. Conner, M. Darapuneni, C. DeBlieck, G. Duff, D. Edgar, S. Elliss, M. Elshinawy, C. Erickson, K. Finlator, J. Flora, E. Gamboa, R. Gioannini, S. Gordon, I. Hansen, T. Hearn, L. Hermanson, R. Lavoie, E. Lehnhoff, K. Lopez Gallagher, S. Lynch, T. Manz, L. Olivas, G. Pina, S. Ramos, J. Rice, A. Romero, L. Saiki, J. Sandstrom, J. Schulz, P. Skelton, P. Smoak, M. Valadez, S. Walker, W. Walker, RecSec. Podruchny, Parliamentarian LaPlue

Absent: S. Angadi, A. Lanasa, E. Lehnhoff, M. Mapp, B. Hampton, K. Sharp-Hoskins, R. Figueroa, S. Zixing, S. Rahman, J. Mullen, R. Li, O. Bello, H. Badawy, J. Tomaka, K. Kopera-Frye, T. Price, J. White

Guest: Cynthia Wise, Dr. J. McAteer, Adam Cavotta, Dr. C. Brown