

NMSU Faculty Senate Access, Opportunity and Outreach Chair Report

Access, Opportunity and Outreach Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm with a quorum of members present.

Guest: Christopher Brown, Faculty Senate Vice Chair

1. New chair election.
 - a. Faculty Senate Vice Chair Christopher Brown ran the election for a new chair.
 - b. After a brief nomination period, Kim Lopez Gallagher ran unopposed and was unanimously elected chair.
2. The Zoom session was accidentally ended. The meeting resumed. For a brief time, there was not a quorum present. After 15 minutes, members returned to the meeting and a quorum was reestablished.
3. We then discussed several issues:
 - a. Should we reopen communication with the office of Land Grant Mission (formerly the DEI office)? Kim volunteered to reach out to the head of that office and report back at our next meeting.
 - b. Should we revisit our committee bylaws and charge document? Nobody thought it was a bad idea, and we agreed to review these documents and report back at our next meeting with any suggestions.
 - c. Yoli Pedraza sent us a draft proposal concerning facilities and resources for part time faculty. Proposes that part time faculty should have access to lockers and office space, and should have their names listed on departmental websites. Yoli, Kim, and Jason Bengston made plans to meet for the purpose of revising this proposal.
4. There was a brief discussion of how to report a faculty member for misconduct.
5. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.