

NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting

October 3, 2024; 4:00 p.m.

DOM 109 and [Zoom](#)

AGENDA

- **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.
- **Approval of Agenda**
Moved and seconded to approve agenda.
Agenda approved.
- **Recognition of Guests**
 - Michael Ray, American Indian Program, Indigenous Peoples Day Events 10 Minutes
 - Michael Ray, Director of the American Indian program at NMSU for about 14 years, gave a presentation on the upcoming programming for the Indigenous People's Day.
 - In the past year Memorial 03-23/24 was approved and able to provide funding through the President's office for Indigenous People's Days activity.
 - In the last couple of weeks, they presented before the DEI subcommittee of requesting possible programming that would likely be done.
 - Details of the week-long programs were given with some PPT slides.
 - Monday, October 14, 2024, the opening ceremony will start at 10 a.m. There will be conversations about the importance of Indigenous Peoples Day. How Indigenous Peoples Day became and going into kind of the history behind Indigenous Peoples Day what its meaning is. Lunch will be provided by Alma's kitchen, also a great way to bring the community together when it comes to food being involved. At noon starting on the hour, Northern Southern dance group from Hemis Pueblo will be performing.
 - Tuesday, October 15, 2024, a special lunch & aguas frescas will be served at the American Indian Student Center to bring people together and share that sense of community and that knowledge.
 - Wednesday, October 16, 2024, a meeting with Native American Faculty and staff luncheon to mingle and engage, it is a great way for students to meet the faculty and staff who are Native Americans. Also, if they are looking to collaborate and keep things going when it comes to some of the projects and workshops.
 - Thursday, October 17, 2024, that evening they will be showing the movie The Eagle Huntress. This movie is not necessarily placed in America, but they wanted to look at the sense of Indigenous in a global perspective. The Eagle Huntress is about a Kazakh nomad girl Aisholpan, a 13-year-old is fighting to become the first female eagle hunter in twelve generations of her Kazakh family. There will be a community member from the Pueblo of Laguna coming down and creating a meal that would have been kind of similar to what you would have experienced during their feast days.
 - Questions and answers followed.
 - Raghu Raghavan, Facilities and Services, Deferred Maintenance Issues 10 Minutes
Raghu Raghavan Associate Vice President for Facilities and Services and chief

facilities officer talked about deferred maintenance.

- First slide: NMSU Current Portfolio – Campus is 6.4 million square feet, over 50 miles of infrastructure. 2.8 miles of utility tunnels, most which are connected to the central plant, and they maintain a total of about 5 million square feet of facilities. The average building age is 56 years, the bulk of our buildings are very old.
- Second slide: Why is Deferred Maintenance so important? –
 - Degrading Conditions on Campus
 - University redirecting Dollars
- Third slide: Deferred Maintenance: Graph of Normal Maintenance and Deferred Maintenance.
- Fourth slide: Graph of Cumulative Life Cycle Costs Example.
- Fifth slide: Graph of Smaller Buildings More Cost: NMSU’s Buildings are Smaller on Average than Peers.
- Sixth slide: High Risk Space Carriers Majority if Reinvestment Needed: Graph showing Campus Age by Category.
- Seventh slide: NMSU Total Identified Need for I&G: Graph showing Total Identified Need – I&G Buildings.
- Eighth slide: NMSU I&G Total Identified 10-Year Need by Timeframe. Graph showing NMSU Identified 10-Year Need.
- Ninth slide: NMSU I&G Need by System > \$5M – Level 2 Summary: Graph showing NMSU I&G Total 10-Year Need by Level 2 Detail > \$5M. Air Handlers, rooftop package units, and building HVAC piping hold a majority of the mechanical need.
- Tenth slide: NMSU I&G Need by System > 5M – Level 5 Detail: Graph showing NMSU Total 10-Year Need by Level 5 Detail. Carpet has a higher percentage of 1-10 year need from recent partial replacements, but shorter lifecycles.
- Eleventh slide: NMSU I&G Need by Building – Top 20 in Total \$: Graph showing NMSU Normalized 10-Year Need by Building (Top 20). Reflects building need only; does not include infrastructure.
- Twelfth slide: The FCI is Always Changing.
- Thirteenth slide: NMSU Facilities Reality

Questions, answers and discussion followed. [Full Power Point on FS website.](#)

- **Approval of Minutes of September 5, 2024, meeting**

Moved and seconded to approve minutes.

Senator Cook proposes a friendly amendment to add senators that attended the meeting to the attendance list.

Moved and seconded to approve agenda with the friendly amendment.

Minutes approved and submitted.

- **Emergency Legislation**

05 Minutes

04-24/25 – Bill Clarifying data points on Senate Bill 07-23/24, “Call for NMSU leadership to establish a fund for open access article publishing/processing charges for tenured, tenure-eligible, and non-tenure-track faculty, research scientists, research scholars, research center directors, and librarians.” Sponsors – J. Sandstrom (NTT), K Finlator (A&S), and F Arslan (CoB).

Moved and seconded to consider Proposition 04-24/25 as emergency legislation.

Senate Vote

YES: 46

NO: - 0 - ABSTAIN: - 0 –

Senate voted in favor; proposition moved to Unfinished Business.

- **Reports of Officers**

FS Chair, Vimal Chaitanya

03 Minutes

Chair Chaitanya was involved in activities related to the selection of the new President on campus, including having lunch with Presidential candidates and participating in the Deputy Provost search. Dr. James McAteer was selected as the new Deputy Provost. There were also frequent meetings with NMSU Provost and President to discuss topics such as administrator increases compared to faculty, promotion and tenure outcomes, and faculty grievances. A detailed report will be uploaded on the FS website. Chair Chaitanya also attended Board of Regents meeting, which mostly focused on selecting the new President. Chair Chaitanya suggested aligning the Student Success Committee with the Regents Student Success Committee, additionally Chair Chaitanya serves on the President's Cabinet and Policy Steering Committee, where relevant issues are discussed.

Discussion followed.

FS Vice-Chair, Christopher Brown

03 Minutes

Vice-Chair Brown mentioned that Faculty Senate Leadership committee meets with leadership every Monday morning once a month. Full report on [FS website](#).

- **Reports of Standing Committees**

15 Minutes

- Budget and Resources

Chair Hanson gave a brief report. The committee met in September and the full report is on the [FS website](#).

- University Planning

Chair Lehnhoff communicated that the report was on the [FS website](#).

- Curriculum and Planning

Chair Piña was not available to give a report, but Senator Sandstrom spoke for the committee and communicated that the report was on the [FS website](#).

- Research and Creative Activity

Chair Tian communicated the report was on the [FS website](#).

- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Chair Kopera-Frye gave a brief report. The committee met on the 25th of September instead of the 18th. Director of Native American Center at NMSU, Micheal Ray was their guest. Full report is on the [FS website](#).

- Student Success

Chair Aguirre reported that the committee met twice including September 19th that report is on the [FS website](#). The committee also met right before the Faculty Senate meeting. They met with Tony Marin, Marissa Fowler and Melissa Magnusson for 2 reasons. The first was to find out more about the current policy of NMSU students taking classes at DACC and the other to find out more information about the new policy that financial aid will only be paying for classes going towards a major. Their next meeting will be October 17th and have invited Sherry Kollmann and Robbie Grant.

- **New Business- NONE**

- **Unfinished Business-**

05 Minutes

03-24/25 - Clarifying Exceptions to Final Exam Requirements in ARP 4.50. Sponsors – K. Finlator (A&S); J. Burchett (A&S), M. Burkardt (A&S); and M. Prescott (A&S).

Assigned to Curriculum and Programming Standing Committee and the committee will be looking through the proposition on their next meeting.

04-24/25 – Bill Clarify and correct Proposition 07-23/24 “Call for NMSU leadership to establish a fund for open access article publishing/processing charges for tenured, tenure-eligible, and non-tenure-track faculty, research scientists, research scholars, research center directors, and librarians.” Sponsors – J. Sandstrom (NTT), K. Finlator (A&S), and F. Arslan (CoB).

No discussion.

Senate Vote

YES: 60 **NO:** - 0 - **ABSTAIN:** - 0 -

- **Other Business - NONE**

- **Remarks and Announcements**

- a. FS Chair, Vimal Chaitanya 02 Minutes

- Chair Chaitanya gave a brief announcement. He said as Senator Chris Erickson mentioned and most other faculty feel and believe that the incoming NMSU President is an outstanding selection. Chair requests faculty to pledge support to the incoming new President to take NMSU to new heights.

- b. FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Christopher Brown 02 Minutes

- Vice-Chair Brown started by thanking everyone for their service to the Faculty Senate. We have had difficult years, but now have a candidate joining NMSU that brings support. Interim leadership listens and provides requested data. It's an exciting time to be a Senator and have an opportunity to really make some things happen.

- **Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.**

Present: Chair V. Chaitanya, Vice-Chair C. Brown, J. Cook, E. Lehnhoff, I. Hansen, K. Lopez-Gallagher, R. Jayaraman, J. Hunter, J. White, K. Finlator, L. Hermanson, S. Lynch, R. Gioannini, T. Conner, S. Walker, T. Manz, M. Burkardt, K. Kopera-Frye, S. Gordon, S. Hanson, K. Knight, J. Rice, J. Tomaka, L. Saiki, O. Holguin, I. Pedraza, F. Arslan, E. Oskey, P. Tian, T. Stolte, M. Elshinawy, A. Ashley, T. Aguirre, D. Magoc, C. Anaya, D. McDonald, T. Allred, A. Romero, G. Duff, C. Erickson, L. Grant, J. Sandstrom, R. Li, F. Boutsen, N. Brooks, E. Gamboa, H. Baek, M. Furuhashi, C. DeBlieck, W. Walker, T. Cleveland, O. Bello, M. Darapuneni, Parliamentarian L. LaPlue, RecSec. Cisneros.

Guests: Deputy Provost Dr. James McAteer, Michael Ray, Raghu Raghavan, Brian Hampton, Nicolas Romero.