

## **NMSU Faculty Senate, Student Success, December 17, 2024**

**Present:** Chair Aguirre, D. Magoc, R. Gioannini, K. Knight, M. Burkardt

**Absent:** M. Elshinawy, J.Rice, K.Finlator, S.Lynch, R. Figueroa, E. Oskey

### **Agenda Item # 1 Approval of November Minutes**

There was not a quorum

### **Agenda Item # 2 Introduction of Guest**

No Guests

### **Agenda Item # 3 Updates**

An update of the progress of Proposition 7 and Proposition 8 was provided. Proposition 7 was heard by the Curriculum and Planning Committee last Thursday. Proposition 7 was approved with an amendment to change the word policy to practice throughout the document. Proposition 8 was approved with no amendments.

### **Agenda Item # 4 Goals**

There was a discussion related to scholarships. Senator Burkardt stated that she would like for us to write a proposition related to the matter of students receiving NMSU scholarships connected to GPA losing their scholarships if their G.P.A. falls below the required minimum G.P.A. For example, they do not fall into the next category, but lose the scholarship all together and are not able to have it re-instated. She also stated that many students are not aware that if they lose the scholarship, they don't get it back. Senator Magoc suggested that there may be a need for a document explaining this situation. Senator Burkardt found the current document, or webpage with the top scholarships at NMSU and shared the screen with the members present. Senator Magoc asked if there was a certain number of scholarships awarded. Senator Burkardt explained that it was a first come first serve process.

We decided that we will work on drafting something for our January, or February meeting and also ask that this topic be put on the first agenda for the new year at the Faculty Leadership meeting with the Administration.

Senator Magoc suggested working on helping students to obtain scholarships for study abroad programs. Senator Gioannini stated that she is also trying to obtain study abroad opportunities for her department. Senator Burkardt shared that she felt that it might be best to work with the NMSU Foundation since Study Abroad does not fall underneath a particular college. She also shared her experience visiting colleges with her son and explained that their choice of colleges was affected by the international opportunities presented. Another idea Senator Burkardt had was to reach out to parents, or past parents for funding. Chair Aguirre said that she would reach out the Study Abroad Coordinator and find out what type of funding that they had before the next meeting. The members present agreed that these are two things to work towards in the new year.

Chair Aguirre also said that she would reach out to Chair Chaitanya to put us in touch with the Chair of the Regent's Student Success Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 16 via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/89733125663>

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