

NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting

February 2, 2023; 4:00 p.m.

Milton 85 and Zoom

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Recognition of Guests

Derek Dictson, President, NMSU Foundation - *Changes to NMSU Foundation*

Mr. Dictson provided an update on the recent changes made to the Foundation and a summary of their mission.

- The Foundation and Alumni Association has been in existence since 1959.
- Recently, the Foundation went through a transition and they began hiring their own staff. They were extremely short-staffed and they have since hired 30 people.
- Their communications and marketing staff put together [a booklet](#) that details the purpose and activities of the Foundation and they are hopeful that this will help facilitate a conversation with their partners across the University about how they can best serve their needs.
- The Foundation is currently renegotiating their Collaboration Agreement with the University and will then put together a 3-year Strategic Plan, in collaboration with University partners, that will go to the Foundation Board for approval.
- The Foundation has four primary services:
 - Development (Fundraising)
 - External Relations (Communication, Marketing, Donor Relations, Alumni Relations)
 - Finance & Operations (Finance & Accounting, Endowment Management, Gift Administration, Compliance, Information Systems & Data Analytics)
 - Administration & Governance (Foundation & Alumni Boards, Legal, Talent & Culture, Strategic Leadership)

A Question & Answer session followed.

Carlos Lobato, Chief Information Security Officer - *Cybersecurity*

Mr. Lobato's gave a presentation on the importance of Cybersecurity in Academia. One of his missions is to focus on enabling the NMSU business in a very secure manner.

- Several Cyber Risk tips were provided and examples of vulnerabilities were discussed.
- There are risks associated with having a public facing server or Network Attached Storage (NAS). Think about the value of the research data that you'll have on that server.
- Only use NMSU email for communications, for example when communicating with students, e.g. grades and assignments.
- Seek guidance from MarComm for websites, especially the ones that are publicly exposed. Hackers are constantly scanning those websites for web vulnerability.
- Don't use personal computing devices for NMSU business. For your protection bring personal usage to his attention.

A Question & Answer session followed.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made and seconded to approve agenda.

Agenda approved.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2023 meeting

Moved and seconded to approve minutes.
Minutes unanimously approved as submitted.

5. Reports of Officers

FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko

Chair Fasenko recently learned that the faculty senate has the right to review Promotion & Tenure every 3 or 4 years.

The Provost search committee met today for their final meeting and discussed at length the candidates and they put forth input for each candidate. The Chancellor has the authority to make the selection.

Chair Fasenko attended the special Board of Regents (BOR) meeting in Santa Fe. Some presentations were made at this meeting including the proposed new LEADS 2025 Goals, but there was no vote by the BORs on this.

FS Chair report will be posted to FS website soon.

FS Vice-Chair, Jamie Bronstein

Vice Chair Bronstein noted that her report includes information about the process to become FS Vice-Chair and what that entails.

She had a meeting with Ermelinda Quintela, VP of Policy Operations and with University General Counsel associate regarding ARP 10.50, the faculty alleged misconduct and discipline policy. They agreed that the policy is vague and noted that NMSU doesn't have a compliance officer to ensure policy is complied with.

Vice-Chair Bronstein commented that she is disappointed at the low number of propositions and memorials put forth by the faculty senate.

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

6. Reports of Standing Committees

Budget and Resources - Vimal Chaitanya, Chair

Committee met on January 24. Abbey Clayton, Interim Asst. VP for Government and Community Relations gave them an update on the legislative request. For faculty compensation, the Executive Branch is recommending 4% and the Legislative Finance Committee is recommending 5%; additional details are in the committee report.

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

University Planning - Gus Pina, Chair

Committee met on January 23 and they did not have quorum for voting on Proposition 04-22/23. They had a brief discussion and their recommendations have been modified on the current document. The committee will address Proposition 04-22/23 at their next meeting on February 8.

Curriculum and Programming - Megan Papesh, Chair

Committee met on January 19 to continue their work on the Viewing a Wider World waiver language. They also started revisions of Chapter 4 ARP ambiguities and they are halfway through and plan to continue their revisions at their next meeting.

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

Research and Creative Activity - Erik Lehnhoff, Chair

Committee met on January 17 and VPR Cifuentes was their guest. They continued their discussion about the need to update ARP 11.01, which deals with the evaluation of Research Centers and Institutes. Their next meeting is on February 7 at 4:00 p.m. and anyone who has interest in Research Centers and Institutes are invited to provide input.

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

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Taryn Price, Chair

Chair Price was no present to provide verbal report.

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

Student Success - Tauna Cole-Dorn, Chair

Committee met on January 19 and they did not have a quorum. FS Chair Fasenko, Dr. Tony Marin, and Aaron Salas joined the meeting as guests to help them discuss the NMSU authorized absences policy. Through their discussion they concluded that it would be beneficial to the students to have a flowchart to help them know which office to direct their issues to and provide clarity. The committee is also working on Aggie Pathway.

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

7. New Business

Senator Lehnhoff remarked that it has come to his attention that there is a potential concern with Article 10 in the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Student Union. Article 10 states that .5 FTD means 20 hours per week that students can work and there are some questions in that interpretation. An information session (email from CBA) is scheduled for Faculty on Friday, February 3rd and we might be able to get our questions answered.

8. Unfinished Business

Proposition 04-22/23: Proposed Policy on Academic Freedom (Bronstein (A&S), Beck (Library)) University Planning Committee did not have a quorum at their meeting. The committee will meet again on February 8 to address Proposition 04-22/23.

9. Other Business

- a. 2023-2024 Faculty Senate Allocation and senate election timeline – Vice Chair Bronstein
Vice Chair Bronstein communicated that the senate allocation is included in her report. She contacted senior senators to begin working on getting nominations and running senate election in March.
- b. Update – Faculty Senate Letter to NM Legislators
Chair Fasenko was in Santa Fe and she took 100 copies of the letter. In consultation with Clayton Abbey she gave copies to the Board of Regents, the Chancellor, and Clayton; they are advocating on behalf of faculty senate.

10. Remarks and Announcements

a. FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko

Election results (2023-2024 FS Chair)

Total Votes: 286

Gaylene Fasenko 190 (66%)

Jamie Bronstein 96 (34%)

Gaylene Fasenko was elected to serve a second term as 2023-2024 FS Chair.

b. FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Jamie Bronstein

No additional remarks.

11. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Present: Chair G. Fasenko, Vice-Chair J. Bronstein, A. Abdelkefi, T. Aguirre, F. Arslan, A. Ashley, H. Badawy, L. Bittner, M. Burkardt, V. Chaitanya, T. Conner, T. Cleveland, T. Cole-Dorn, M. Darapuneni, C. DeBlieck, G. Duff, D. Edgar, M. Elshinawy, C. Erickson, M. Fahrenbruck, W. Fedio, R. Figueroa, J. Flora, E. Gamboa, N. Hamilton, I. Hansen, J. Hoffman, D. Irvin, A. Lanasa, S-R. Lee, E. Lehnhoff, T. Manz, M. Niculescu, S. Noe, L. Olivas, M. Papesh, G. Pina, T. Price, S. Ramos, A. Romero, L. Saiki, R. Schultz Chiovitti, J. Schulz, T. Schumacher, K. Sharp-Hoskins, P. Skelton, J. Tomaka, P. Toups Dugas, H. Wang, RecSec. Podruchny

Absent: T. Allred, S. Angadi, F. Arakawa, F. Boutsen, M. Buenemann, S. Gordon, B. Hampton, D. Keys, K. Kopera-Frye, W. Lyra, M. Mapp, J. Mullen, S. Rahman, A. Severson-Lopez

Guests: D. Dictson, C. Lobato, C. Wise, J. McAteer, S. Beck, S. Berger, A. Cavotta