

# NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting

January 11, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.

Zoom

## Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. **Recognition of Guests**

FS Vice-Chair Chaitanya recognized and welcomed Sr. Associate Provost James McAteer, Dean of the Library Kevin Comerford, and Provost Alan Shoho.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda made and seconded.

Agenda approved.

4. **Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2023 meeting**

Moved and seconded to approve minutes.

Minutes approved.

5. **Reports of Officers**

**FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko** –

FS Chair Fasenko was not available to provide report as she was driving to Santa Fe.

FS Vice-Chair Chaitanya reported on behalf of FS Chair Fasenko, there are 12 semi-finalists for the NMSU President position, who were interviewed via Zoom. The search advisory committee will be recommending to the Board of Regents no less than 5 candidates to invite to campus – on campus interviews are expected to take place in early February.

**FS Vice-Chair, Vimal Chaitanya** – [Report posted on FS website.](#)

6. **Reports of Standing Committees**

**Budget and Resources** – V. Chaitanya, Chair

The committee met on December 12, and they discussed and almost finalized the letter going to Clayton for circulation among the New Mexico Legislators.

**University Planning** – G. Duff, Chair

Senator Duff was not available to present the report.

Senator Amanda Ashley reported the committee made some changes to proposition 05-23/24 suggesting that they amend in order to add a faculty member from NMSU Grants and NMSU Alamogordo campus because they teach a high percentage of the classes on the web. There is also a discussion about the changes to the P & T guidelines. The committee is going to ask for some clarification on that and hopefully have more information during their next meeting.

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

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

Senator Pina was not available to present the report.

Senator John Sandstrom reported that they canceled their meeting in December since they did not have any pending agenda item to discuss.

**Research and Creative Activity** – Taryn Price, Chair

Senator Price reported that they cancelled their December meeting, and their last order of business was a submitted bill or consideration.

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

Senator Bronstein reported that they did not have quorum, but there was just a briefing about the introductory meeting of the re-formed Systemwide Diversity Council. This is a 30-person committee that is going to be engaging through subcommittees with various initiatives related to DEI. There is going to be another climate survey. There is some thought that faculty should be evaluated on their contributions to equity, inclusion, and diversity. Proposition 6 had to be postponed due to not having a quorum.

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

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

The committee met on December 12, and they looked at proposition 02-2324 which is asking for waiver of flip courses and military experience for viewing the wider world courses. This was voted Do Not Pass based on ARP 4.68 as all all the courses are not the same, and the committee thought that each course should be looked at individually.

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

## 7. New Business

- a. **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. Taryn Price-Lopez (DACC), Susan Beck (Library), Sangu Angadi (PES-ACES)  
Proposition was assigned to Budget and Resources Committee.

## 8. Unfinished Business –

**Proposition 02-23/24** Senate Bill Proposing Modification to the Viewing a Wider World Requirement: M. Buenemann (A&S), T. Aguirre (DACC), H. Badawy (Eng), J. Flora (A&S), D. Edgar (ACES), L. Saiki (HEST), R. Figueroa (A&S)  
Got a unanimous Do No Pass by Student Success Committee.

**Proposition 05-23/24** Senate Bill to Create the Online Learning Council to advise the Chancellor of NMSU-Global. Erickson (CoB); Beck (Library)  
The University Planning Committee needs more time to discuss the proposition, also the committee had no quorum.

**Proposition 06-23/24** Resolution to Formalize New Senator Onboarding/Orientation. Kellie Sharp-Hoskins (A&S), Gaylene Fasenko (ACES), Kim Lopez-Gallagher (Alamogordo)  
The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee did not have a quorum therefore there was only discussion, but no vote could be taken.

## 9. Other Business

- a. Speech from each FS Chair Nominee  
Nominees for 2024-2025 Faculty Senate Chair, Vimal Chaitanya and Glenn Duff, presented their respective speeches highlighting their experiences and goals for faculty senate.
- b. High wait list Task Force – Faculty Representation needed.  
Sr. Associate Provost James McAteer sent out an email to ask for volunteers and is still looking for 3 faculty total.

## 10. Remarks and Announcements

- a. FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko
  - None
- b. FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Vimal Chaitanya
  - None

**11. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

**Present:** FS Vice-Chair Vimal Chaitanya, S. Beck, J. Sandstrom, K. Sharp-Hoskins, R. Aguirre, J. Bronstein, T. Manz, W. Walker, T. Cleveland, T. Price, T. Conner, T.R.J McAteer, L. Hermanson, L. Saiki, L. Olivas, P. Skelton, R. Gionnini, R. Figueroa, S. Angadi, S. Ramos, T. Allred, M. Elshinawy, A. Romero, A. Ashley, A. Lanasa, DeBlieck, E. Gamboa, E. Lehnoff, H. Baek, J. Rice, J. White, K.L. Gallagher, K. Comeford, K. Grover, M. Valadez, R. Lavoie, F. Arslan, RecSec. Cisneros, Parliamentarian LaPlue.

**Absent:** FS Chair Gaylene Fassenko, R. Scott, F. Arakawa.

**Ex – Officio Members:** Provost Alan Shoho, Dean of Library K. Comerford.