

**NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting**  
February 1, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.  
Domenici Hall Rm. 109 and Zoom

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m.

2. **Recognition of Guests**

Ex-Officio, Sr. Provost James McAteer.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved and seconded to approve agenda.

Agenda approved.

4. **Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2024 meeting**

Motion made and seconded to approve minutes.

Minutes approved as submitted.

5. **Reports of Officers**

FS Chair, Gaylene Fasenko

FS Vice-Chair, Vimal Chaitanya

6. **Reports of Standing Committees**

**Budget and Resources** – Vimal Chaitanya, Chair

Committee met on January 16.

The committee discussed Proposition 07-23/24, it was passed with some edits. Kim Rumford was a guest speaker and gave an update on the NMSU budget. [See full BR report on website.](#)

\*Moved and seconded to accept report and Proposition 07-23/24.

**VOTE:**

YES: 43

NO: -0-

ABSTAIN: 1

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

Committee met on January 17.

The committee discussed Proposition 05-23/24. Chris Ericson was guest speaker and presented information on the proposition. There was some minor changes including more representation from community colleges and some editorial changes. Proposition is approved and passed with the friendly amendments. [See full FS report on website.](#)

\*Moved and seconded to accept report and Proposition 05-23/24.

**VOTE:**

YES: 45

NO: -0-

ABSTAIN: -0-

**Curriculum and Programming** - G. Piña, Chair

Committee met on January 18.

The committee had no new business to discuss. [See full CP report on website.](#)

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

Committee did not meet this month, therefore there was nothing to report.

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

Committee met on January 17.

The committee discussed Proposition 06-23/24 and made a few non-substantive amendments and passed unanimously. [See full DEI report on website.](#)

\*Moved and seconded to accept report and Proposition 06-23/24

**VOTE:**

YES: 46

NO: -0-

ABSTAIN: -0-

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

Committee met on January 18.

The committee had two guest speakers, Dr. Scott, and Dr. Campbell. Dr. Scott discussed a new platform for students called Timely Health where they can call 24/7 if they are having mental health issues. Dr. Campbell shared the work she has done on ARP 4.46 Authorized Absences from Class. [See full report on website.](#)

- Approval/Acceptance of all standing committee reports presented\*  
Moved and seconded to accept all FS standing committee reports.  
Senate votes in the affirmative to accept all standing committee reports.

**7. New Business - None**

**8. Unfinished Business –**

**Proposition 05-23/24** – Senate Bill to Create the Online Learning Council to advise the Chancellor of NMSU-Global. Erickson (CoB), Beck (Library), Sandstrom (Library)

Moved and seconded to approve.

Open for discussion: Senator Bronstein commented they would like answers from Global about sold courses and the copy rights.

**VOTE:**

YES: 46

NO: -0-

ABSTAIN: 1

Motion passes: Proposition 05-23/24 is approved.

**Proposition 06-23/24** – Resolution to Formalize New Senator Onboarding/Orientation. Kellie Sharp-Hopskins (A&S), Gaylene Fassenko (ACES), Kim Lopez-Gallagher (Alamogordo)

Moved and seconded to approve.

Open for discussion:

**VOTE:**

YES: 46

NO: -0-

ABSTAIN: -0-

Motion passes: Proposition 06-23/24 is approved.

**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)

Moved and seconded to approve.

Open for discussion: None

**VOTE:**

YES: 45

NO: -0-

ABSTAIN: 1

Motion passes: Proposition 07-23/24 is approved.

**9. Other Business -**

- a. Government Relations-Faculty Involvement  
Looking for a group of Senators to work year-round.
- b. Legislative Discussion  
A 4% increase across the board is being discussed. 10% increase in health care premiums effective Jan 2024 and it is anticipated that another 10% increase will be implemented early summer 2024.
- c. NMSU President search finalists  
Check out the special meeting Friday, Feb. 2, 2024, where the board will reveal the names of the 5 finalists.
- d. Faculty Senate Representative for Athletics Council  
The request is made to the Faculty Senate to find a representative who will be willing to serve on that committee.
- e. Faculty Senate Representatives for Associate Provost, Accreditation and Assessment  
There is going to be an administrative position created that is going to be the Associate Provost for Accreditation and Assessment.

**10. Remarks and Announcements**

- a. FS Chair, Gaylene Fassenko  
Thank you all.
- b. FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Vimal Chaitanya  
Thank you all for being here.

**11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

**Present:** FS Chair Gaylene Fassenko, 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. Comerford, K. Grover, M. Valadez, R. Lavoie, F. Arslan, RecSec. Cisneros, Parliamentarian LaPlue.

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