

NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting

December 7, 2023; 4:00 p.m.

Zoom and Hadley Hall 127

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 4:04 p.m.

2. **Recognition of Guests**

Dr. James McAteer, Sr. Associate Provost

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Moved and seconded to approve agenda.

Agenda approved.

4. **Approval of Minutes of November 2, 2023 meeting**

Moved and seconded to approve minutes.

Minutes approved.

5. **New Business**

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

Assigned to University Planning.

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

Assigned to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

6. **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)

Student Success Committee asked for more time, they will be taking another month to answer some questions.

Proposition 03-23/24: Memorial Calling on the NMSU Administration Financially to Support Programming for Indigenous People's Day and Comply with Promises Made in 2018-9. Bronstein (A&S), Bond (NTT-Alamogordo)

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion:

- Senator Thomas Manz commented: He doesn't hold class that day for students to be able to go to programs but would like clarity in terms of what is expected of faculty since it is not a holiday.
- Senator Kim Lopez Gallagher offered a friendly amendment to the proposition. So that therefore sentence would read: The Faculty Senate of the New Mexico State University call on the University administration to advocate for system wide funding:

 - Las Cruces Campus DACC
 - NMSU A
 - NMSU G

VOTE:

YES: 37
NO: -0-
ABSTAIN: -0-

- Moved and seconded to approved Amendment.

VOTE:

YES: 43
NO: -0-
ABSTAIN: -0-

- Motion passes: Proposition 03-23/24 is approved as amended.

Proposition 04-23/24: Memorial Urging the NMSU Administration to Respect Faculty Rights Under the Public Employees Bargaining Act (Jamie Bronstein (A&S), William Boecklen (A&S), Christopher Brown (A&S), Avis James (A&S), Daniel Vega-Albela (A&S), Will Walker (A&S) Jessica Schultz (HEST), Amy Garcia (DACC), Hiranya Roychowdhury (DACC), Susan Beck (Library)

Moved and seconded to approve.

Discussion: None

VOTE:

YES: 45
NO: -0-
ABSTAIN: -0-

Motion passes: Proposition 04-23/24 is approved.

7. Other Business

- Senate Chair Nominations

Floor open for nominations for 2023/2024 FS Chair

- Senator Susan Beck nominated Vimal Chaitanya. Nomination seconded by Senator Erickson. Vimal Chaitanya accepted the nominations.
- Senator Chris Erickson nominated Senator Duff. Glenn Duff accepted the nomination.
Senator Schultz nominated Senator Bronstein. Susan Bronstein declined the nomination.

Nominations closed.

Vimal Chaitanya and Glenn Duff were selected as FS Chair nominees (2024-2025) without objections.

8. Reports of Officers

FS Chair, Gaylene Fassenko

Updates on ongoing searches:

University General Counsel – had several interviews but two candidates withdrew their applications so the deadline to apply was extended. Two candidates were interviewed the first week of December. It is expected that an announcement will be made before the holiday break.

University Controller- had interviewed at least 3 people. Some concerns raised regarding the qualifications of the candidates in the pool. Interviews to be held early in January.

Director, Procurement Services - a preferred candidate has been selected and the paperwork is being approved through HR.

NMSU President - application deadline for full consideration was Wednesday, December 6th. Thus far 31 candidates have applied. Semifinalist interviews will take place via Zoom early in January.

[See full Chair Report on FS website](#)

FS Vice-Chair, Vimal Chaitanya

FSLC Meeting: James McAteer, Senior Associate Provost was present at the Faculty Senate Leadership Committee meeting Dr. McAteer is seeking a minimum of three faculty members to serve on a task force to address courses with high wait lists. One issue identified that may be contributing to high course wait lists is that certain academic time blocks have a heavy concentration of classes. An example of this is Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 11 a.m.

ADAC Meeting: Marcella (PSL) and VPR Cifuentes announced "Taking the Pentagon to the People" event. DOD will host this event at NMSU from March 26-28. Further information will be coming along.

UPAC Meeting: Bachelor of Arts degree was approved, which was presented jointly by Son Tran from Computer Science Department and Tracy from College of Education. This program can prepare future school educators to offer secondary computer science education in schools.

[See full Vice-Chair Report on FS website](#)

9. Reports of Standing Committees

Budget and Resources - V. Chaitanya, Chair

The committee met on November 14. Laura Madsen and Susanne Berger attended as guests. A briefing on the recent analysis of NMSU faculty salary was given by Laura Madsen. The rest of the meeting time was used to finalize the document to be sent to Clayton Abbey, who will share it with the legislators to request faculty compensation increases.

[See full BR Committee Report on FS website](#)

Faculty Success - G. Duff, Chair

The committee met on November 8. Discussed Propositions 06-23/24 and 04-23/24 and the Promotion and Tenure guidelines.

[See full FS Committee Report on FS website](#)

Curriculum and Programming - G. Pina, Chair

The committee met on November 9. No new discussion due to no new material.

[See full CP Committee Report on FS website](#)

Research and Creative Activity - T. Price, Chair

Committee Chair Price unavailable to present report.

The committee met on November 28. Senator Beck commented that the committee is working on a proposition to request funding from indirect cost going to admin to start a fund for article processing charges to offset the costs of publishing in a open access journals.

[See full RCA Committee Report on FS website](#)

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - J. Bronstein, Chair

The committee met on November 15. Committee talked about and gave Proposition 03/23 a do-pass. The system wide diversity council has been reconstituted. This is a 30 person council that has representation from a large breadth of groups on campus. See full DEI Committee Report on FS website

Student Success - T. Aguirre, Chair

Committee Chair Aguirre unavailable to present report.

The committee met on November 16. Senator Finlator commented that the committee discussed Proposition 02/23. There were 2 concerns about the proposition. One concern was the number of contact hours in FLiP classes – some classes have more hours than others. Because of this it was not clear that the FLiP classes would satisfy the requirements of Viewing a Wider World courses. The committee decided to ask for an extra month and discuss with some other stakeholders. Committee talked about student preparation. Guest Dr. Rebecca Campbell had proposed a number of research questions to look into.

See full SS Committee Report on FS website

10. Remarks and Announcements

a. FS Chair, Gaylene Fassenko –

No remarks or comments- just would like to wish everyone well deserve rest over the holidays.

b. FS Vice-Chair, Vimal Chaitanya

Just a remark – The Faculty Senate Leadership Committee has an opportunity to meet with the NMSU Leadership every month. This is a good opportunity to bring to the NMSU leadership's attention any issues of concern to faculty. If you have any topics, please feel free to reach out to your senior senator representing your group and we will try to put it on the agenda to discuss with the NMSU Leadership. With that being said, would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and well-deserved rest.

11. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Present: FS Chair Fassenko, FS Vice-Chair Chaitanya, H. Baek, S. Beck, C. Bond, F. Boutsen, J. Bronstein, W. Walker, T. Allred, G. Duff, D. Edgar, S. Elliss, M. Elshinawy, C. Erickson, K. Finlator, J. Flora, E. Gamboa, R. Gioannini, S. Gordon, I. Hansen, T. Hearn, L. Hermanson, R. Lavoie, E. Lehnhoff, K. Lopez Gallagher, S. Lynch, T. Manz, L. Olivas, G. Pina, S. Ramos, J. Rice, A. Romero, L. Saiki, J. Sandstrom, J. Schulz, T. Cleveland, J. P. Mullen, R. Lavoie, P. Skelton, P. Smoak, M. Valadez, M. Furuhashi, S. Rahman, F. Arslan, S. Walker, RecSec. Cisneros, Parliamentarian LaPlue.

Absent: R. Scott, F. Arakawa.

Ex – Officio Members: Dean of HEST Yoshi Iwasaki, Provost Alan Shoho, Dean of Business Bryan Ashenbaum, VP of Student of Success Renay Scott, VP of Research Luis Sifuentes, VP of EID Teresa Maria Linda Scholz, Dean of Engineering Lakshmi Reddi.