

## FACULTY SENATE BUDGET AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Meeting Notes, January 16, 2024

Report prepared by Vimal Chaitanya, Chair FSBRC.

Guests Present: Kim Rumford, Susan Beck.

Members Present: Amy Lanasa, Erik Lehnhoff, Peter Skelton, Motoko Furuhashi, Sidney Gordon, Zixing Shen, and Vimal Chaitanya

Vimal invited Kim Rumford to give an informative update regarding NMSU budget situation and updates.

Kim reported a deficit in utilities budget of about \$3M, which will need to be covered. At present, 4% carry forward is allowed for units from year to year, the available balance pays for deficits. The NMSU-Global enrollment is increasing. Among the legislative priorities for the Regents are Capital outlay, Deferred maintenance, Graduate Assistance (currently 4.5 credits per semester tuition is paid but health insurance is not paid), compensation for faculty and staff (currently 3-4% increase is being discussed), and Cyber Security.

The second agenda item for this meeting was discussion of proposition 07-23/24 "NMSU leadership to establish a fund for open access article publishing/processing charges for tenured, tenure-eligible, and non-tenure-track faculty, research scientist, research scholars, research center directors, and librarians". The proposition was discussed and passed with some edits. Senator Susan Beck was present to discuss and answer questions related to this proposition.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.