

NMSU Faculty Senate Meeting (Special + Regular)

Zoom ONLY

AGENDA for the Special Meeting

May 7, 2026, 3:00 p.m.

Note: only continuing and incoming senators are eligible to vote

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of special meeting Agenda
3. Caucusing by Continuing and Incoming Senators only
 - Chairs of Senate Standing Committees (2026-2027)
 - Representatives to Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (2026-2027)
 - Chair of Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (2026-2027)
4. Adjournment

AGENDA for the Regular Business Meeting

May 7, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Note: only currently serving senators are eligible to vote

1. Recognition of Guests
 - a. Karen Kopera Frye – Associate Dean, Graduate School
 - b. Marlene Chavez-Toivanen - Campus Executive & Academic Officer, Grants
2. Approval of regular meeting Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of April 2, 2026, meeting
4. Request to introduce emergency legislation (Vimal Chaitanya)
5. Reports of Officers
 - FS Chair, Vimal Chaitanya
 - FS Vice Chair/SLC Chair, Christopher Brown
6. Reports of Standing Committees
 - Budget and Resources Chair, Stephen Hanson
 - University Planning Chair, Stephanie Walker
 - Curriculum and Planning Chair, Oladayo Bello
 - Research and Creative Activity Chair, Omar Holguin
 - Access, Opportunity, and Outreach Chair, Kim Lopez-Gallagher
 - Student Success Chair, Kristian Finlator

7. New Business – NONE

8. Unfinished Business

- 09-25/26 – Updating the Names and Functions of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees. Sponsor (s): K. Finlator (Astronomy), C. Brown (Geography), K. Lopez-Gallagher (NMSU-A). Assigned to University Planning,
- 11-25-26 – Request to Central Administration to provide resources to part time faculty. Sponsor (s): I. Villicana-Pedraza (DACC), Kim Lopez-Gallagher (Alamogordo), Jason Bengtson (NMSU Library), C. Brown (A&S, Senate Vice Chair), and other to follow. Assigned to Budget and Resources.
- 12-25/26 – Request for Faculty Senate to review DRAFT proposal for a Doctoral Accelerated Program submitted by the Graduate Faculty Council (GFC). Sponsor (s): C. Brown (A&S), O. Bello (ENG), D. Rutledge (HEST and GFC Chair), J. Tomaka (HEST), and others to follow. Assigned to Curriculum and Planning.

9. Other Business – Reports of External Committees on Which Senators Sit

- Task force to Improve Evaluation of Deans– Chuck Creusere and Kellie Sharp-Hoskins
- Task Force in impacts of AI on Pedagogy – Chris Erickson and Kellie Sharp Hoskins
- Open Access Publication Fund Advisory Committee – John Sandstrom
- Task Force on International Graduate Students – Vimal Chaitanya and Kristian Finlator
- Faculty Senate Library Advisory Committee – Kim Lopez Gallagher
- Program Sustainability Plan Ad Hoc Committee – Oladayo Bellow and Jonathan Cook

10. Remarks and Announcements

- FS Chair, Vimal Chaitanya
- FS Vice-Chair/SLC Chair, Christopher Brown

11. Adjournment