

Faculty Senate University Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm, adjourned at 1:58pm

Guests included: Karen Kopera-Frye

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Walker, K.T. Manis, Brian Hampton, Rajan Ghimire, Tanya Allred, Joe Tomaka, Raja Jayaraman

A quorum was in place.

Old Business:

The committee did not meet in January 2026. Susann Mickelson reported to the full Faculty Senate's January 2026 meeting to convey the successful completion of the UP committee assignment of tracking progress by departments in reviewing their P&T guidelines and initiating revisions if needed per Bill 12-24/25. All 59 departments reviewed their documents and provided their assessments prior to the end of 2025.

New Business:

The UP committee was assigned Bill 06-25/26 for deliberation. Committee guest, Karen Kopera-Frye, provided the background information for 'Supporting CNM and UNM Joint Resolution Against the "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education".' The purpose of the Bill was to add NMSU support to the resolution that has been approved at CNM and UNM that opposes the "Compact for Academic Excellence in Higher Education" document" sent to US Institutions of higher learning in 2025. Following discussion, the UP committee voted unanimously to pass Bill 06-25/26 so it will be sent to the full Faculty Senate for consideration.

Next Meeting:

Scheduled for March 13, 2026, at 1:00pm

Minutes submitted by S. Walker, University Planning Committee Chair