

Minutes

Meeting of the Faculty Senate Library Advisory Committee (FSLAC)

February 9, 2026

11:00 am

Zoom: <https://nmsu.zoom.us/j/5536053453>

Meeting ID 553 605 3453

Attending: Kim Lopez Gallagher (chair), Karen Kopera-Fry (Secretary), Kevin Comerford, Ellen Bosman, Saul Hernandez, Soyounng Jeon, Faruk Arslan, Jason Bengston

- Call to order
 - Meeting called to order at 11:00 am
- Approval of the minutes of November 18, 2025 meeting
 - Ellen Bosman moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Faruk Aslan. Motion carried.
- Updates from Dean Comerford on Library Activities
 - Dean Comerford provided a comprehensive update on the library's current activities and upcoming events. He highlighted Love Data Week, Research Skills Boot Camp, and various exhibits celebrating Black History Month and International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists. Kevin also announced new resources, including electric height-adjustable tables and digital displays, as well as the launch of a loanable technology program. Upcoming facilities projects were discussed, including re-carpeting, repainting, and the installation of an access control system to enhance student safety. Saul Hernandez inquired about the student loan tech program, and Kevin promised to send promotional materials. Faruk Aslan asked if the tech loan program would be applicable to NMSU Global students, to which Kevin replied that it was not currently available but might be expanded in the future.
- Update from Community College Directors Representative, Emily Anderson, Director, Alamogordo Branch Townsend Library on activities at the community college libraries
 - Emily Anderson was not able to attend the meeting but provided the following written update on the activities at the community college libraries.
 - Grants: The 3D printers have been a big success with twenty-some uses a month, we are also getting around thirty visits to the music recording room a month and we are going to start a Manga club soon.

- DACC: Gwen, their Library Director's last day will be on Feb 17th. She has resigned due to personal reasons. She is trying to get everyone set up for success before she leaves.
- Alamo: We have started a newsletter for our campus, called the Book Nook, where we will update the campus on our new arrivals, feature librarian shoutouts, and advertise our spaces.
- Ideas on getting people back into the libraries
 - The group discussed several initiatives to increase library usage, including a combined newsletter for all campuses and a "Bookman" project where students would create a papier-mache sculptures with a QR code for a raffle promotion. They also discussed the status of the Books for Success program, which is currently on hold pending further review by Faculty Senate and other organizations. The conversation ended with a presentation about the library's new digital collections platform, which now includes 10-11 collections with enhanced search and mapping capabilities.
- Other topics
 - The status of the Books for Success program was discussed. The Books4Success program for the Las Cruces campus is on indefinite hold, placed by Central administration.
- Next meeting date
 - The committee agreed to meet in April, 2026
- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.