

Minutes

Meeting of the Faculty Senate Library Advisory Committee (FSLAC) April 7, 2026

1:30 pm

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

Meeting ID 553 605 3453

Attending: Kim Lopez Gallagher (Chair), Christopher Brown, Saul Hernandez, Kevin Comerford, Emily Anderson, Faruk Aslan, Rich Pratt, Jason Bengtson, Sofia Ugarte, Soyoun Jeon, Susana Ibarra Johnson, Ellen Bosman

- Call to order
 - The meeting was called to order at 1:32 pm by Chair Kim Lopez Gallagher.
- Approval of the minutes of February 9, 2026 meeting.
 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Faruk Aslan and seconded by Jason Bengtson.
- Updates from Dean Comerford on Library Activities
 - Dean Kevin Comerford provided updates on library operations, including HVAC issues at Branson Library affecting elevators and the successful signing of a landscaping revitalization project. The technology loan program has issued 67 loans since February, with video and still cameras being the most popular items, though late returns are becoming a concern. Several recent events were highlighted, including Branch Libraries Day, exhibitions, and an upcoming faculty lecture series.
- Update from Community College Directors Representative, Emily Anderson, Director, Alamogordo Branch Townsend Library on activities at the community college libraries
 - Emily Anderson reported on community college library updates, noting staffing changes at Grants and DACC libraries, and mentioned upcoming events at Alamogordo including a gaming tournament and writing workshop.
- Ideas on getting people back into the libraries – Share successes and challenges
 - Kevin Comerford noted improvements in event promotion but highlighted the ongoing challenge of finding the right balance between over-advertising and under-advertising. Emily Anderson shared that offering free food at events has been effective in attracting students to the Alamogordo library. The group discussed using data from new gate counters and the library website dashboard to track engagement trends. Faruk Aslan offered to connect the library with

marketing students for potential class projects on library promotion. The committee also explored ideas like scavenger hunts, author events, and book-related activities to increase student participation.

- Other topics
 - There were none.
- Next meeting date
 - Potential meeting dates: 2nd, 3rd week in September. A When2Meet poll will be sent in late August or early September.
- Adjournment
 - The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Minutes taken with AI assistance in Zoom.