

## **NMSU Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (SLC)**

Zoom Meeting

August 27, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Vice Chair Beck, M. Burkardt, T. Chappell, C. Flinchbaugh, H. Lehnert-LeHouiller, S. Hanson, E. Kuchler, M. Mapp, N. McCarty, D. Ortiz-Canseco, K. Sharp-Hoskins, S. Stochaj, G. Villaverde, C. Brown, G. Podruchny (Recording Secretary)

**Ex-Officio:** J. Parra, Faculty Senate Chair

**1. Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m.

**2. Recognition of Guests** - None

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Moved and seconded to approve agenda.

Senate Leadership unanimously approves agenda.

**4. Approval of Minutes of June 25, 2020 meeting**

Moved and seconded to approve minutes.

Senate Leadership unanimously approves minutes.

**5. Reports on Legislation** - None

**6. Proposed Legislation**

**01-20/21:** Memorial Requesting Increased Faculty Participation in Budget Reduction Discussions (Brown (A&S), Beck (Library), Flinchbaugh (CoB), Hanson (ACES), Lehnert-LeHouillier (CoEd), Mapp (A&S), Sharp-Hoskins (A&S), Stochaj (ENG), and more to follow))  
Additional senators requested to be added as co-sponsors: David Ortiz-Canseco, Gloria Villaverde, Elizabeth Kuchler, Michaela Burkardt.

Senate Leadership approves Senator Brown wordsmithing the document as discussed and agreed upon and to also add additional sponsors.

Senate Leadership approves to consider the amended memorial as emergency legislation.

**03-20/21:** Senate bill proposing improvements to NMSU's curriculum approval process (Brown (A&S), Garcia (ENG), and others to follow))

Senate Leadership approves moving Proposition 03-20/21 forward.

Assigned to Scholastic Affairs Committee

**7. Other Business**

**a.** Standing Committees' assignments

Caucusing to select Standing Committees' chairs will be done electronically.

**b.** Proposed Topics for Committees

Vice Chair Beck shared some of the proposed topics that each of the standing committees will be asked to work on.

c. Budget and Restructuring

A list is being created with names of experts to serve on the Budget and Restructuring task force. Senate Leadership provided Chair Parra with suggested names of members. A letter will be sent to potential members asking if they would like to serve on this task force.

d. Temp Faculty Workload Calculation Guidelines

Proposed guidelines were discussed and concerns were voiced by the Senate Leadership Committee. Some of the concerns include:

- There needs to be a more uniform formula for determining teaching load throughout the university.
- The way it is phrased implies that if you are a full-time faculty, you should be teaching 12 credits per semester and do everything else.
- Whatever teaching load may be standard there should be a phrase in there saying that everything is subject to an allocation of effort negotiated with each individual faculty member.
- We need to have voices in the decisions. What are the tradeoffs?
- The language is confusing. Is it changing fulltime faculty workload? Is it about who is eligible for benefits?
- We want to understand the process better.

The consensus of the Senate Leadership is to push back on this policy and request how do policies get changed and what is that process supposed to look like.

Chair Parra will share the will of the Senate Leadership and their concerns in her response to Provost Parker.

e. Approval of September 3, 2020 Faculty Senate Agenda

Move to approve made and seconded.

Moved and seconded to amend agenda to add Proposition 02-20/21 (A Memorial to Support the Elimination of Systemic Discrimination at NMSU) as Emergency Legislation. Amendment approved.

Moved and seconded to approve amended agenda.

Senate Leadership unanimously approves amended agenda.

**8. Remarks and Announcements**

- FS Chair Julia Parra
- FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Susan Beck

**9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.**