

NMSU Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (SLC)

Zoom Meeting

October 29, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order - Meeting called to order 4:00 p.m.

2. Recognition of Guests

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded to approve agenda.

Senate Leadership unanimously approves agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes of September 24, 2020 meeting

Moved and seconded to approve minutes.

Minutes unanimously approved.

5. Reports on Legislation

05-20/21: Kinesiology and Dance Department Name Change (Sang-Rok Lee (EDUC))

Scholastic Affairs Committee met on October 20. Committee requests additional time for review.

06-20/21: A Memorial requesting New Mexico State University self-declare as a Sanctuary Campus (N. Hamilton (THTR), M. Hamzeh (GSS), C. Brown (GEOG), C. Bejarano (GSS), J. Flores-Carmona (HNRS), D. Ortiz-Canseco (SOC), S. Beck (LIB), C. Flinchbaugh (MGT), J. McAteer (ASTR), S. Hanson (EPPWS))

Long Range Planning Committee met on October 8. Committee requests additional time for review.

07-20/21: Memorial to Request the Restoration of the Practices of Shared Governance (Harris (Carlsbad), Al-Nouman (Carlsbad), Abdaljalil (Carlsbad), NMSU Carlsbad Faculty Council: Lacy Davis, Zane Biebelle, Jon Strahan, Pam Titus, Samantha Villa))

Scholastic Affairs Committee met on October 20. Committee recommends "Do Pass as amended."

08-20/21: Memorial to Request the Restoration of the Position of President of NMSU Carlsbad (Harris (Carlsbad), Al-Nouman (Carlsbad), Abdaljalil (Carlsbad), NMSU Carlsbad Faculty Council: Lacy Davis, Zane Biebelle, Jon Strahan, Pam Titus, Samantha Villa))

Scholastic Affairs Committee met on October 20. Committee requests additional time for review.

6. Proposed Legislation - None

7. Other Business

- a. Approval of November 5, 2020 Faculty Senate Agenda

Moved and seconded to approve agenda.

Agenda unanimously approved.

- b. Standing Committee Reports

Faculty Affairs Committee – They did some more research and they came up with a proposed committee structure. They would like to give guidance on the sort of proposals a specific committee is assigned. The committee hopes to have a document ready next month to send to the Faculty Senate.

University Affairs Committee – Committee Chair not present to report.

Long Range Planning Committee – No additional reporting.

Scholastic Affairs Committee – No additional reporting.

- c. Faculty Grading Survey

Chair Parra provided a brief update on the Faculty Grading Survey.

A recommendation was made to not share the results of the survey at this time until the students complete their survey.

Chair Parra also provided an update on the Idea Generator topic “Supporting Online/Hybrid Student Success.”

Approximately 98 responses were received and the comments for each question were pulled (what is and isn’t working with online classes, what faculty is struggling with and how they can support them).

Discussion followed; questions and concerns were voiced.

- We need to address the student side. The student experience falls and rises with the ability of the students to have the right equipment and right now approximately 10% of the students have the right equipment.

Chair Parra mentioned that there is a course being discussed that is designed to help students to be online learners. There is a possibility for this course to be worked on with a model of collaborative design and sharing with the colleges.

- How testing is being done online needs to be addressed to help faculty.

Chair Parra noted that next week’s Monday Mentor is going to cover assessment, and she welcomes any ideas for online assessment.

- We need a different discussion about grading assessment for people in STEM and what is actually needed.

Chair Parra will follow-up with Sherry Kollmann about working with senate leadership regarding grading assessment.

8. Remarks and Announcements

- FS Chair Julia Parra
Chair Parra provided updates and information from various meetings she attended, including update on C-19 rooms, scheduling onsite in room GAs, Executive Order people received about training materials related to diversity, Land Grant Acknowledgement statement, updated Spring Break schedule, accommodating students and flexibility during the pandemic, AggieFit, New College merger, budget shortfall, and the additional November Faculty Town Hall.

Discussion followed on the various topics and some concerns were raised.

A concern was expressed about the lack of timing and guidance regarding the budget shortfall and there's not anything being done. In light of other schools moving forward, what are we doing?

- FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Susan Beck
SLC Chair Beck continued a previous conversation about the Grad School and Slate.
Concerns were voiced about the difficulty of working with the Graduate School on the admission process and Slate. Slate is supposed to be flexible, but it is not.
Faculty run into problems when they are unable to look at application materials and other schools with more GA packages are making offers.
The Graduate School withholds a lot of the TA money and they haven't decided if they will give it back to the departments and that affects enrollment. If they give the money back in the first week of classes or a week before, graduate students can't be recruited at that point in time.
Recommendation made to invite someone from the Grad School to discuss Slate.
Recommendation made to propose a solution, for example, giving departments control back over some of this on a limited basis, as a pilot program and see if graduate enrollment processes become streamlined.
Several senators volunteered to write a proposal to allow one or two units to run a pilot program to see if they can discover efficiencies.
This issue will be brought up at the full senate meeting to see if there is additional interest in working on a proposal.

9. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Attendees: Vice Chair Beck, K. Sharp-Hoskins, S. Hanson, J. McCarty, C. Flinchbaugh, H. Lehnert-LeHouiller, S. Stochaj, T. Chappell, G. Villaverde, M. Burkhardt, S. Noe, J. McAteer, H. Masters, L. Vaughn

Absent: D. Ortiz-Canseco, M. Mapp, V. Chaitanya

Ex-Officio: J. Parra, Faculty Senate Chair

Guest(s): N. Hamilton