

NMSU Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (SLC)

Zoom Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2020, 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

2. **Recognition of Guests** - None

3. **Approval of Agenda**

Move to approve agenda made and seconded.

Agenda unanimously approved.

4. **Approval of Minutes of November 19, 2020 meeting**

Move to approve minutes made and seconded.

Minutes unanimously approved as submitted.

5. **Reports on Legislation**

SLC Chair Beck provided a status on earlier legislation that is still outstanding. Propositions 01-20/21, 02-20/21, 04-20/21 are pending review and acknowledgement from Provost Parker and President Floros.

Proposition 07-20/21 has gone to President's and Provost's office for review and acknowledgement.

6. **Proposed Legislation**

Proposition 10-20/21: Memorial to support a faculty survey about the Faculty-Talk Listserv (V. Chaitanya (ENGR), J. Holtzman (ASTR))

Senate Leadership approves Proposition 10-20/21 be on the January 14th Faculty Senate Consent Agenda.

7. **Other Business**

a. Approval of January 14, 2021 Faculty Senate Agenda

Move to approve agenda made and seconded.

Agenda unanimously approved.

b. Standing Committee Reports

Faculty Affairs – James McAteer

The committee continued working on the proposed changes to the FS standing committees. The Provost and VPR provided feedback and their suggestions are included in the draft document, and Chris Erickson provided guidance on putting the recommendations into a proposal.

The committee will draft a proposition proposing changes to the FS Constitution and when it's passed by the senate, this will allow them to make changes to the bylaws.

Other suggested ideas received by the committee include updating the Ex-Officio list on the Consent Agenda at the first meeting every academic year and adding the Parliamentarian as Ex-Officio. Some changes can possibly be completed by procedure, for example having senators suggest which committee they want to serve on.

University Affairs – Vimal Chaitanya

The taskforce continues their work on making Faculty-Talk more conducive. The committee met on Dec. 9th and Jon Holtzman, chair of the taskforce was invited.

The taskforce agrees that we need to set up some guidelines, so we need to have input from all NMSU faculty. Dr. Holtzman shared a draft survey and a few guidelines with the committee. A memorial has been drafted and submitted as a Consent Agenda item for consideration by the senate on January 14, 2021.

Long Range Planning – Hillary Masters

The committee met on December 9th to continue working on the revisions of the election process (e.g., attending meetings and voting virtually) and adding them to the FS Constitution and Bylaws.

They continued their discussion about what faculty is comprised of and are looking at the scope of where to go from here.

The committee will try to work on revisions over winter break and put forth their recommended changes in February 2021.

Scholastic Affairs – Lamaia Vaughn

The committee did not have any assigned legislation and didn't meet in December.

8. Remarks and Announcements

- **FS Chair Julia Parra**

Chair Parra provided a brief summary of some of the meetings she has attended and the various items of discussion.

- **FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Susan Beck**

Vice Chair Beck provided a brief summary of her meeting with Provost Parker and Joe Lakey to discuss the University Program Approval Committee (UPAC).

Vice Chair Beck recognized the astounding leadership that FS Chair Parra has provided this fall, noting that she always exhibits poise and is respectful.

9. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Attendees: Chair S. Beck, D. Ortiz-Canseco, M. Mapp, K. Sharp-Hoskins, S. Hanson, J. McCarty, C. Flinchbaugh, H. Lehnert-LeHouiller, S. Stochaj, T. Chappell, G. Villaverde, M. Burkhardt, J. McAteer, H. Masters, L. Vaughn, V. Chaitanya

Absent: S. Noe

Ex-Officio: J. Parra, FS Chair