

NMSU Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (FSLC)

April 27, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom

MINUTES

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

2. Recognition of Guests

Dr. Renay Scott, VP Student Success

Centralized Advising

- Dr. Scott provided an overview and history on the Centralized Advising unit.
- The decision to centralize the advising unit was made by Provost Dan Howard.
- Spring 2018 - the institution with IRB approval launched the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)
- NSSE measures student engagement on high impact practices, their work with faculty, their engagement and research, learning communities and advising.
- Spring 2020 – the institution, with IRB approval, launched (in the pandemic) the NSSE survey again. At that point they had benchmarks of comparative data in terms of 1st year students and seniors and their interaction with high impact practices. One of those practices was advising and there was some slight improvement on that.
- March 2023 – the institution, with IRB approval, launched the survey and the data is expected to be received sometime in June. Dr. Scott’s team, including Dr. Marin and possibly Dr. Fowler, will look at the data.
- Dr. Scott saw some improvement in 2020 in the availability of advisors.
- A Helio benchmarking survey was done, both for academic and administrative units, and that survey is run out of Vice Chancellor Johnston’s office.
- Student Success restarted the CAS Self-Assessment Review.

Question & Answer Session followed.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded to approve agenda.

Friendly amendment to change the date on the FS meeting agenda to read “May 4.”

Senate Leadership approved agenda as amended.

4. Approval of Minutes of March 30, 2023 meeting

Moved and seconded to approved minutes.

Minutes approved as submitted.

5. Reports on Legislation

Proposition 05-22/23: A Resolution to Initiate a Call for NMSU Administration to Investigate and Collect Meaningful Data on Specific, Chronic Faculty Workload Inequities (T. Price (DACC), K. Sharp-Hoskins (A&S), N. Hamilton (A&S), J. Bronstein (A&S), R. Schultz Chiovitti (NMSU-A))
University Planning Committee met on April 12. Committee chair Pina reported that the committee could not come up with a consensus or any kind of definitive resolution; there are a number of variables and possibilities. The Committee recommends that a broader conversation take place with the entire faculty senate and perhaps a further audience.

6. Proposed Legislation

Proposition 07-22/23: Revised ARP 11.01 Part 1: Research Funding and Research Institutes and Centers (E. Lehnhoff (ACES))

The Research & Creative Activity Committee continued their work on the ARP 11.01, Part 1 revision and submitted Proposition 07-22/23, and they recommend it be assigned to the Curriculum & Planning Committee.

Vice-Chair Bronstein noted that the proposition would need to be resubmitted in the fall and assigned to a committee. The other option, since it appears to be a policy revision, is to get it going through the Policy Portal process.

7. Other Business

a. Approval of May 4, 2023 Faculty Senate Agenda

Moved and seconded to amend agenda to

- remove Proposition 05-22/23 from “Unfinished Business” and Proposition 07-22/23 from “New Business”
- add letter of concern resolution (Prop. 08-22/23) as Emergency Legislation

Senate Leadership approved amendments.

Moved and seconded to approve amended agenda.

b. Standing Committee Reports

Budget & Resources – Vimal Chaitanya, Chair

Chair Chaitanya unavailable to present report.

[See BR committee report posted to FS website.](#)

University Planning – Gus Pina, Chair

Committee report presented earlier during Reports on Legislation.

[See UP committee report posted on the FS website.](#)

Curriculum & Programming – Megan Papesh, Chair

The committee finished their discussion on the Chapter 4 ARP revisions and met with Ermelinda Quintela about the process to submit them for policy review.

[See CP committee report posted on the FS website.](#)

Research & Creative Activity – Erik Lehnhoff, Chair

Report provided earlier during Proposed Legislation.

[See RCA committee report posted on FS website.](#)

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion – Taryn Price, Chair

Committee Chair Price unavailable to present report.

Student Success – Tauna Cole-Dorn, Chair

[See SS committee report posted on the FS website.](#)

c. Discussion – election of standing committee chairs

Vice-Chair Bronstein noted that each of the six standing committees shall elect their

respective chairs at their first committee meeting. [FS Constitution, Article VII, Sec. 2, #2.](#)

d. Committee Chair Compensation

Vice-Chair Bronstein remarked that Assoc. Provost McAteer asked for some language concerning how committee chairs were going to get compensated. The language was put together with some revisions by Senator Vimal Chaitanya and it was presented to the Senate Leadership Committee. No other comments were received. That language will go forward for the next year.

e. Targeted faculty salary increases

Senate Chair Fasenko remarked that faculty senate sent out a survey to all faculty asking for feedback on distribution of money for targeted faculty salary increases; over 300 responses were received.

8. Remarks and Announcements

- FS Chair Gaylene Fasenko

Chair Fasenko is working on the proposition related to the letter of concern to NMSU leadership. She is attending the ASNMSU meeting tonight and will comment on the proposed letter of concern.

The draft KPIs have not been received yet.

- FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Jamie Bronstein

Vice-Chair Bronstein noted that the May 4th senate meeting will be on Zoom to facilitate breakout room for caucusing.

9. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Present: Vice-Chair Bronstein, T. Allred, M. Burkardt, V. Chaitanya, C. Erickson, R. Figueroa Obregon, N. Hamilton, D. Irvin, E. Lehnhoff, S. Noe, M. Papesh, G. Pina,

Absent: M. Buenemann, T. Cole-Dorn, K. Kopera-Frye, T. Price, P. Skelton

Ex-Officio: FS Chair Fasenko

Guests: Dr. Renay Scott, Dr. T. Marin