

NMSU Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (FSLC)

December 8, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m.
2. **Recognition of Guests**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion made and seconded to approve agenda.
Senate Leadership approved agenda.
4. **Approval of Minutes of November 17, 2022 meeting**
Moved and seconded to approve minutes.
Minutes approved.
5. **Reports on Legislation** - None
6. **Proposed Legislation**
Proposition 04-22/23: Proposed Policy on Academic Freedom (Bronstein (A&S), Beck (Library))
Assigned to University Planning. Committee meets on January 18, 2023.
7. **Other Business**
 - a. Approval of January 12, 2023 Faculty Senate Agenda
Moved and seconded to approve agenda.
Agenda approved.
 - b. Standing Committee Reports
Budget & Resources - Vimal Chaitanya, Chair
Senator Irvin presented in the absence of Committee chair Chaitanya.
Committee met on December 6. Clayton Abbey, Govt. & Community Relations office, was their guest. Discussion centered on providing a short list of bullet points that would be effective for speaking with legislators who would have a vote on the 10% raise that is being requested. They also discussed the idea of sending a faculty member from NMSU to join the lobbying efforts.

University Planning - Gustavo Pina, Chair
Committee chair Pina unavailable to present report.

Curriculum & Programming - Megan Papesh, Chair
The committee discussed the Viewing a Wider World requirement and they heard from Erica Nikolaisen about the wording of that requirement. There are certain programs within Experiential Learning and it's ambiguous whether or not they count.
The committee is also working on looking for opportunities for revision in Chapter 4 of the ARP, Curriculum and Class Management.

Research & Creative Activity - Erik Lehnhoff, Chair

Committee met on December 6. Tanner Schaub attended in place of VPR Cifuentes and they had a conversation about addressing ARP 11.01, which deals with research funding and research institutes. They are looking for some ways to evaluate research institutions and currently there is very little guidance on that.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion - Taryn Price, Chair

Committee chair Price unavailable to present report.

Senator Hamilton reported that the DEI committee did not meet.

Student Success - Tauna Cole-Dorn, Chair

The SS committee did not have a quorum for the Dec. 7th meeting.

Senator Allred presented a brief summary in the absence of committee chair Cole-Dorn.

They are working on the student absence policy: what counts as an excused absence, how do we change the language where students have some protection for an illness.

The committee is also working on Aggie Pathway and determining if it's working and if not, how to make it more successful.

c. Discussion of meeting with Chancellor

Vice Chair Bronstein shared a summary of the various issues discussed at their meeting with Chancellor Arvizu and Vice Chancellor Johnston, including

- resuming the discussions between the indigenous faculty and the administration on a regular basis;
- faculty recruitment and retention;
- Aggie Uptown;
- the Big Ask;
- and some discussion about ELR files.

8. Remarks and Announcements

- FS Chair Gaylene Fasenko

Chair Fasenko commented on the outcome of the Regents meeting as it relates to the Graduate student's request. She noted that it is the right thing to do and we should take care of our Grad students.

She noted that she'll be working with MarComm on updating the FS website and would like for it to be a one-stop shop for people to communicate and get information out quickly.

Additionally, she'll be working with Tony Marin, Asst. VP for Student Success, on access to online resources where faculty can find it quickly to help students and be able to give them some resources.

- FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Jamie Bronstein

Vice Chair Bronstein asked for input on whether the faculty senate should have somebody, perhaps the Dean of Students, come in and talk about the recent issue related to sports, teams, and student discipline and reflection of that whole business on the University.

9. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Present: FS Vice-Chair Bronstein, T. Allred, M. Buenemann, M. Burkardt, C. Erickson, N. Hamilton, D. Irvin, E. Lehnhoff, S. Noe, R. Obregon, M. Papesh

Ex-Officio: FS Chair Fasenko

Absent: V. Chaitanya, T. Cole-Dorn, K. Kopera-Frye, G. Pina, T. Price, P. Skelton