

## NMSU Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (FSLC)

September 28, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Hadley Hall 130 and Zoom

### MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 4:06 p.m.
2. **Recognition of Guests** - None
3. **Approval of Agenda**  
Moved and seconded to approve.  
Moved and seconded to amend agenda and move item 7. f. "Memo Re: Recommendations to Strengthen Faculty Senate" right after "Standing Committee Reports."  
Moved and seconded to approved amended agenda.  
Agenda approved as amended.
4. **Approval of Minutes of August 31, 2023 meeting**  
Moved and seconded to approve.  
Minutes approved as submitted.
5. **Reports on Legislation** - None
6. **Proposed Legislation**  
Proposition 01-23/24 A Memorial in Appreciation of Gloria Podruchny's Service to the NMSU Faculty Senate (Beck (Library); Parra (HEST); Bronstein (A&S); Corran (DACC); McAteer (A&S, Provost Office); Kopera-Frye (HEST); Brown (A&S); Fasenko (ACES))  
Additional sponsors requested their names be added to the proposition.  
Senate Leadership approved to put Proposition 01-23/24 on FS Consent Agenda.
7. **Other Business**
  - a. **Approval of October 5, 2023 Faculty Senate Agenda**  
Moved and seconded to approve agenda  
Agenda approved.
  - b. **Standing Committee Reports**  
**Budget and Resources** – V. Chaitanya, Chair  
Committee met on September 12.  
D'Anne Stuart and Kim Rumford (Administration and Finance) attended the meeting and they presented information on the budget, including the end-of-year sweep and how much will be left with the department. An informational Question & Answer period followed.  
  
**Faculty Success** – G. Duff, Chair  
Committee met on September 13.  
The committee talked about the promotion and tenure timeline, including discussion on some of the college track where there would be the same timeline. They also

talked about problems with Watermark and whether that will influence the timeline and how those issues will be addressed when they come up. Flexibility needs to be built in.

**Curriculum and Programming** – G. Pina, Chair

Committee met on September 14.

The committee was charged to look over the draft proposal on building modification to the Viewing the Wider World requirement. The committee opened it up for discussion and there were no pending changes and the draft was approved and submitted to the Senate Leadership committee.

**Research and Creative Activity** – Taryn Price, Chair

*Chair Price unavailable to present report.*

Committee met on September 19.

Senator Beck reported that the committee discussed, as a project, ways that the University could fund article processing charges for faculty who are required to publish open access.

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** – J. Bronstein, Chair

Committee met on September 20.

Committee Chair Bronstein noted that the DEI committee report can be read online; it is posted on the FS website, and she's happy to answer any questions.

See full DEI committee report [on FS website](#).

**Student Success** – T. Aguirre

Committee met on September 21.

Rebecca Campbell, Faculty Fellow for Student Success, was their guest.

The committee is looking at ARP 4.46 (Authorized Absences from Class). They also established some goals to work on for the semester.

- c. Communication
  - Meeting rules of engagement
  - Robert's Rules of Order
  - Onboarding of new senators and standing committee chairs
- d. FS and SLC Meetings
  - Increase length of meetings to 1.5 hours?
  - Should guests be invited to FS or FSLC to speak? 10 minutes is not long enough for presenter and interaction.
- e. Faculty Senate in person meeting option moving forward (Domenici 109 or Zoom)
- f. Memo Re: Recommendations to Strengthen Faculty Senate

*This agenda item was moved for discussion right after "Standing Committee Reports."*

The senate leadership discussed the memo that was sent to FS Chair and Vice-Chair regarding recommendations to strengthen NMSU faculty senate. The discussion included clarification of some of the points mentioned in the memo and some of the members of the Senate Leadership Committee provided their input, feedback, and recommendations including:

- The time allotted for guest speakers has typically been 10 minutes.
- Sticking to business to keep the meeting moving forward without stifling debate.
- The chair of any committee is supposed to be neutral, especially on controversial items.
- Faculty senate is not being strong enough with the administration on issues that are relevant to faculty. These things need to be thoroughly vetted by the Faculty Senate.
- Guest presentations should come at the end of the meeting and move senate business to the top of the agenda and stick to the timeline.
- The new and returning senators' voices are important.
- Extend the length of meeting to 90 minutes or hold a special session (outside of the full senate meeting) for big issues like NMSU Global where people can have more interaction.
- FS Chair and Vice Chair reports are already posted to the website and don't have to be read at the meetings.
- Chat:
  - Keep the Chat on so people can have the extra conversation about things that are being discussed and keep the video on.
  - Having the camera required is not best ADA practices, there might be multiple reasons someone doesn't want to have their camera on, and by the same token, someone should not have their video turned off.
  - Designate someone to keep an eye on Chat, for example the Vice Chair.
- Legislation: - Issues, for example, with NMSU Global and budget stuff can get forwarded to a committee or a specific senator to develop legislation around that. Present overview on developing propositions.
- Agree how we're going to communicate with each other, collectively come together and manage up and what we're managing up towards.
- Respectful communication amongst all of faculty senate.

g. Faculty representation at NM Legislative session?

## 8. Remarks and Announcements

- FS Chair Gaylene Fassenko
- FS Vice-Chair / SLC Chair, Karen Kopera-Frye  
Vice Chair Kopera-Frye announced that she is resigning her position as FS Vice Chair effective at the end of today's meeting.

## 9. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Present: Vice-Chair Kopera-Frye, FS Chair Fassenko, H. Badawy, J. Bronstein, J. Schulz, S. Beck, A. Lanasa, K. Sharp-Hoskins, C. Erickson, B. Hampton, E. Lehnhoff, P. Skelton, G. Pina, T. Aguirre, C. Bond, V. Chaitanya, G. Duff, RecSec Podruchny

Absent: John Sandstrom, Taryn Price