

NMSU Faculty Senate Leadership Committee (FSLC)

December 14, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Zoom

Minutes

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 4:02p.m.

2. Recognition of Guests

- Sr. Associate Provost James McAteer

Dr. McAteer invited at least 3 faculty members to join a task force created to look at uneven class offerings during the week. This was followed by questions and discussion from senate leadership members. It was mentioned that any changes made at main campus will not be affecting the branch campuses as they don't seem to encounter class scheduling issues. Senator Karen Frye volunteered to be part of the task force.

Dr. McAteer also clarified the "standard language" about the AI policy in course syllabus. Instructors choose one of the three options for a particular course, use the "standard language" for the chosen option and can then add anything else appropriate or tailored for that particular course. The idea behind providing "standard language" is to increase clarity and reduce confusion among students while providing three options and the flexibility to the instructor.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved and seconded to approve agenda.

Senate Leadership approved agenda.

4. Approval of Minutes of

a. November 30, 2023 meeting

Moved and seconded to approve minutes.

Senate Leadership approved minutes.

5. Reports on Legislation

Proposition 02-23/24 Senate Bill Proposing Modification to the Viewing a Wider World Requirement: M. Buenemann (A&S), T. Aguirre (DACC), H. Badawy (Eng), J. Flora (A&S), D. Edgar (ACES), L. Saiki (HEST), R. Figueroa (A&S)

Student Success standing committee reviewed the proposition and recommended Do Not Pass due to APR policy 4.68.

Proposition 05-23/24 Senate Bill to Create the Online Learning Council to advise the Chancellor of NMSU-Global. Erickson (CoB); Beck (Library)

Faculty Success reviewed the proposition and one of the members suggested they needed to have an amendment to the committee membership, therefore there was no voting done.

Proposition 06-23/24 Resolution to Formalize New Senator Onboarding/Orientation. Kellie Sharp-Hoskins (A&S), Gaylene Fasenko (ACES), Kim Lopez-Gallagher (Alamogordo)

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion reviewed the proposition but due to the lack of quorum, they only looked at it for a few grammatical revisions. This proposition will have to be taken up at the next scheduled meeting of DEI for a vote.

6. Proposed Legislation

Proposition 07-23/24 Senate Bill Call for NMSU leadership to establish a fund for open access article publishing/processing charges for tenured, tenure-eligible, and non-tenure-track faculty, research scientists, research scholars, research center directors, and librarians. Taryn Price-Lopez (DACC), Susan Beck (Library), Sangu Angadi (PES-ACES)

Assigned to Budget and Resources.

7. Other Business

- a. Approval of January 11, 2024 Faculty Senate Agenda
Senate Leadership voted in favor to propose a friendly amendment to the agenda, to modify and include Proposition 02-23/24, Proposition 05-23/24 and Proposition 06-23/24.
Moved and seconded to approved agenda as amended.

b. Standing Committee Reports

Budget and Resources – V. Chaitanya, Chair

Committee met on Dec. 12.

Completed drafting the letter going to Clayton requesting legislators to consider appropriate faculty salary increase inline with peer institutions. There was some discussion on the letter from Senate Leadership.

Faculty Success – G. Duff, Chair

Committee met on Dec. 11

Senator Duff reported that the committee talked about Proposition 05-23/24, there was no voting due to not having a quorum. [FS Report is posted on the FS website.](#)

Curriculum and Programming – G. Pina, Chair

Senator Pina had nothing to report as the committee did not meet in December.

Research and Creative Activity – Taryn Price, Chair

Committee did not meet this month, therefore there was nothing to report.

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

The committee made minor grammatical edits to Proposition 06-23/24 but could not vote due to lack of quorum. The report is on the [FS website.](#)

Student Success – T. Aguirre, Chair

Committee met on December 12.

Senator Aguirre reported that the committee discussed Proposition 02-23/24 and took a vote. It was not approved due to ARP 4.68 and the committee members didn't feel that all flip classes were the same and they needed to be looked at on an individual basis. [SS Report is posted on the FS website.](#)

8. Remarks and Announcements

- FS Chair Gaylene Fasenko
Happy Holidays, be safe, enjoy good food and get some rest.
- FS Vice-Chair Vimal Chaitanya
Happy Holidays!

9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Present: FS Chair Gaylene Fasenko, FS Vice-Chair Vimal Chaitanya, S. Beck, G. Pina, J. Sandstrom, K. Sharp-Hoskins, T. Aguirre, G. Duff, J. Bronstein, K. Frye, C. Erickson, R.T. J. McAteer, C. Bond, E. Lehnhoff.