

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Workman 101 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to order and approval of minutes

Chair Tom Engler called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm with a call for approval of the November 5, 2019 minutes. Dr. Brian Borchers moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Anwar Hossain. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Introductions

Dr. Lorie Liebrock introduced Lisa Ackley as the Cybersecurity Coordinator.
Dr. Mark Samuels introduced Colton Bjerke as the new director of the Title V grant.

3. Reports of Senate Standing Committees

action

a. Honorary Degrees Committee – *Dr. Bhasker Majumdar*

Dr. Majumdar discussed the nomination for an Honorary Doctorate Degree for Lukas H. Lundin. The Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering Department has unanimously agreed to award this to him.

Dr. Majumdar moved to approve this Honorary Doctorate Degree. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Calendar Committee – *Bill Stone/Kevin Wedeward*

Dr. Wedeward announced that the Calendar Committee will be coming forward with several recommendations for the next five years for the academic calendar. One item that they are proposing will be to adopt the full week of Thanksgiving as an academic holiday. An update to the calendar is still under review. It was approved but then the Registrar asked us to move the fall semester back so that they have enough time to enter final grades. Residential Life also brought up additional issues that need to be addressed. Food services would be closed and students would need to find places to stay. The committee will work to address these concerns and others. The proposed calendar will be sent out as an electronic vote later this month.

4. Council of Chairs Report – *Dr. Doug Wells*

action

a. CLASS Curricular Changes

Dr. Dotson discussed CLASS changes. He noted that most of these changes are being made since they now have a new faculty that can teach this emphasis.

Dr. Dotson moved to approve these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Math Curricular Changes

Dr. Hossain discussed a new course proposal, Statistical Machine Learning.

Dr. Hossain moved to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Business Certificate Program

5. Graduate Council Report – *Dr. Aly El Osery*

action

a. Accelerated Master's Program

The graduate council voted to change the name from a five-year bachelor/master's option to an accelerated master's program. The change is applicable to all five current bachelor/master's programs. There has been some confusion to what the expectations are, but it is really an accelerated master's. Dr. El-Osery stated that there were a few key changes. (1) We will no longer require the one-year application before students graduate, but they are encouraged to apply in their junior year. (2) there was a sentence that stated having a 3.0 GPA or higher. Added was "or recommendation from the department chair" in case of an exception.

Dr. El-Osery noted that departments will review their section and make changes accordingly. However, some departments have already made changes.

Dr. Burleigh moved to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

d. Mathematics Curricular Changes

Dr. Borchers proposed to add MATH

changes to the by-laws, seconded by Dr. Harrison. Motion passed.

8. Announcements

Info

a. Health Center Processes for Medical Excuses – *Hannah Quigg*

Hannah Quigg is a nurse practitioner at the Student Health Center. She announced that the volume of patients dramatically increased and as a result she went to an appointment only basis unless it is a medical emergency. However, students are used to getting class excuses from her. With this change, there have been frustrations from both students and faculty. Students are asking for excuses for past illnesses without being seen. Hannah will provide an excused absence if students make an appointment and it is medically related.

9. Adjournment

By unanimous decision, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:22 pm.