

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to order

Chair Mike Hargather called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm with a call for approval of the November 3, 2020 minutes.

2. Approval of minutes

Dr. Bill Stone moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Brian Borchers. Motion passed unanimously.

3. President Wells Update

President Wells thanked the faculty for all that they did this year and to get this semester wrapped up in good shape during the middle of a pandemic. He noted that we have had 23 positive COVID-19 cases on campus with 5 currently active and no spread on campus.

NMT will be part of the distribution center for the first round of distribution for a COVID-19 vaccine to first responders. We should have a better idea of how that will play out within the next few days.

4. Reports of Senate Standing Committees

action

a. ASAC

Dr. Chelsey Hargather discussed the proposal related to updating the re-admission section of the catalog. The committee proposed to change the deadline for all readmission materials is the Wednesday at 5pm prior to the first day of classes to “July 1 for all fall semester, January 1 for spring semester, and June 1 for summer semester.”

The reasoning behind this change includes that the current deadlines give readmitted students only days to prepare for their return at NMT. The deadlines will allow students ample time to work with their advisors and build a suitable schedule that sets them up for academic success. The new deadliness will give students ample to time to understand the total cost on enrolling at NMT. The readmission deadlines are brought into alignment with admission appeal deadlines, allowing ASAC to evaluate applications and respond to students in a timely manner.

Dr. Borchers noted that administration should be firm with the deadlines. In the past, some faculty advisors let the students down without getting their recommendation letter in in time and other administration may have felt pressure to allow them to be readmitted. Dr. Liebrock stated that the deadlines should be put in the suspension letters and the Registrar agreed to this.

Dr. Chelsey Hargather moved to accept this change. Motion passed with

c. BA Degree

Dr. Wells stated that the Council of Chairs voted for continuing support