

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020

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 February 4, 2020 minutes. Dr. Michelle Creech-Eakman moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Steve Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Reports of Senate Standing Committees

action

a. Computing on Campus – *Mark Person*

The Computing on Campus Committee has been working with the Communications Office on the website and there has been great progress. Dr. Person went over the “students will not be readmitted after their third suspension except in very unusual circumstances.” This would affect roughly 13 students who were suspended 3 or more times. Out of 3,045 students for the semesters of fall 2006 – fall 2013, 465 students were suspended at least once and of these students, 10% graduate.

The intent of this change is to speak to students prior to getting suspended.

On behalf of ASAC, Dr. Young moved to approve these changes. Motion passed.

Dr. Young also discussed that there was a request to review the number of times a student can attempt to retake a course. They believe that most of those situations will be caught by the existing guidelines and do not want to review this further.

c. Faculty Development Committee – *Kip Carrico*

Dr. Carrico discussed an upcoming event, Beers (or your beverage of choice) with Grande Grantees. The event will be an informal discussion with a group of faculty members who have been successful at winning significant funded research.

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e. Honorary Degree and Awards Committee – *Bhasker Majumdar*

Dr. Borchers moved to approve this change. Motion passed unanimously.

Academic Affairs will work on organizing training for new advisors of these updates that will interact with incoming freshman.

d. Enrollment Management Update

Dr. Wells gave an overview of enrollment management and discussed our enrollment projections. We are currently up by approximately 30 students mostly due to graduate students.

Some Good News – The freshman returning this spring is the highest on record (94%). Our freshman GPA this year is also the highest on record (3.1).

How do we make enrollment projections? – It is comprised of how many students are coming back from each existing class, plus new students, minus graduation.

The challenge- When looking at the steps in the enrollment process, all of them have been declining over the last few years. Our single biggest challenge is to get our enrollment numbers back up.

Paid and admitted students - We are doing good compared to prior years with our paid students. We are higher than the last three years with our admitted students. We are currently projecting 351 new undergraduate students in the Fall of 2020.

Immediate focus - Our top priority is to more effectively convert admitted students to paid students and paid students to enrolled students. We are currently working on a comprehensive, coherent, and integrated communication plan. The next priority is to more aggressively engage with students and parents on financial aid offers including need-based scd (-7(e)4(r)3(E(u)4(Td [(e)4(n g)10(2 Tw -27.23 -1.15 Td T Tw [(4 Tw p))TJ 2

Dr. Borchers moved to adopt this change, seconded by Dr. Liebrock. Motion passed.

6. New Business

7. Announcements

a. Elements of Success – *Mike Heagy*

Dr. Heagy announced a fundraiser for Chemistry “Elements of Success” periodic table. The concept behind the fundraiser is that you can buy an element on an annual basis. The average cost for Gold and Silver are running around \$500 for the year. This fundraiser will help to fund RA’s for the summer.

b. International Women’s Day/Women’s History Month – *Liz Lyons*

Liz announced upcoming events for Women’s History Month during March. These events will help celebrate women in history, STEM, and in our community. The motto this year is “Each for Equal”.

c. Student Research Symposium – *David Cox*

The Student Research Symposium will be held within six weeks. Get engaged with your students so that they can register.

8. Adjournment

By unanimous decision, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:26 pm.