

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Workman 101

4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Dr. Stone called the meeting to order at approximately 4:04 by calling for approval of the minutes of March 1, 2011. Dr. Cormack so moved. The motion was seconded and the motion passed without discussion.

2. **Announcements.**
 - A. Dr. Stone reminded the members the next Faculty Senate meeting will be held on May 13, 10am in Workman 101.

 - B. Dr. López gave Legislative Updates:

He started out saying there are not a lot of good things to discuss. NMT is still here under very difficult circumstances. Since 2008 we have experienced budget cuts of twenty percent. In actual dollars that means we are down from thirty million dollars to twenty five million dollars. As an institution, we have been able to weather the economic difficulties better than our counterparts around the country. Draconian cuts have been seen in Pennsylvania with forty six percent cuts. The University of Utah is considering financial exigency. On the other hand, the rest of the country is seeing economic recovery while New Mexico is lagging behind the recovery.

Dr. López went on to report that fifty-seven different pieces of legislature were introduced that did not pass. Of these, the most negative implication for Higher Education was a bill dictating actual curriculum. A more puzzling bill, HB 136, addressed authorizing concealed weapons on campuses. Another bill proposed an eight percent tax on all Research Park activities.

Addressing the state of NM Tech today, through the hiring freeze, we are now working with twenty nine fewer tenure track faculty. Additionally, staff peaked at 1300 and is now down to 900 employees. I&G is down 58 employees. We are to the point of concern of the impact on the departments, and the accreditation agencies site this as a critical issue. In order to bring academic departments up to higher staffing levels, any solution must be developed by 09/15/2011 (03-25739) 1789

makers. Dr. Lopez will be going to students and the Board of Regents to ask for 4.9% tuition increase.

Based on forecasts, the stated shortfall for the state of New Mexico is in the range of \$250 million to \$400 million. Special projects will see a fifteen percent cut to GRC, EMRTC, PRRC, and the Bureau. As a temporary fix, Dr. López will shore up the special projects, but that will only help for this year.

- C. Dr. Gerity, on behalf of Dr. Inal's family, invites the NMT community to attend the memorial and celebration of Dr. Inal's life, April 14th, 4pm, Macey Center upper lobby.

Promotions – Dr. Gerity announced the promotion and tenure this year will include raises. The following facult if

Changes to policies and procedures for IN (incomplete) grades. There have recently been several instances where students (and in some cases professors) were surprised when IN grades were automatically converted into F's after one year. In other cases, students were unclear about exactly what work needed to be done to remove the incomplete. Our proposal would address these concerns by requiring the instructor to explain the reason for the incomplete, provide a list of remaining work to be completed, set a deadline for completion of the work, and specify the grade to be assigned if the student fails to complete the work.

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IN (incomplete) You must complete the class within the time agreed upon with determined by the instructor. Do not register for the class again. This is not considered a repeat.

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Current Wording –

An incomplete (IN) may be given in lieu of a grade when circumstances beyond a student's control have prevented completing a significant portion of the work of a course within the allotted time. The student's performance in the course must otherwise be satisfactory. Students must not register for a course in which they received an IN. An incomplete may be removed in a manner and within the time determined by the instructor concerned. At the completion of the course, the student will receive the appropriate grade preceded by an "I" to indicate the original incomplete status of the course. The grade points awarded are identical to those grades not preceded by an "I." An incomplete may not be continued beyond one year from the end of the term in which the IN is awarded. Failure of the student to remove the IN by that date will result in an automatic grade of F. In no case can an IN become a withdrawal (W).

Proposed Wording -

When circumstances beyond a student's control have prevented completion of a significant portion of the work of a course within the allotted time, an Incomplete Grade Form may be submitted by the instructor to assign an Incomplete (IN). The student's performance in the course must otherwise be satisfactory. Students may not repeat a course in which they have an IN. An incomplete shall be removed in a manner and within the time determined by the instructor, but may not exceed one year from the end of the term in which the IN is awarded. Failure of the student to finish the IN by the determined date will result in an automatic grade change to the grade specified on the Incomplete Grade Form. In cases of both satisfactory and unsatisfactory completion, the final grade will be preceded by an "I" to indicate the original incomplete status of the course. The grade points awarded are identical to those grades not preceded by an "I." In no case can an IN become a withdrawal (W).

Dr. Borchers and S. Grijalva addressed the following concerns. When an incomplete automatically rolls to F the student may have warranted a higher grade. Clarification regarding 53658(o)-0.695687

have an opportunity to address the students actual progress in the class to date. This will allow department chairs to be aware of an instructors mis-use of the incomplete grade option. The proposed change should not impact the ability to get grades in on time.

There was no more discussion, Dr. Stone called for a vote, and the motion passed.

- D. Academic Standards and Admissions Committee Chair, B. Borchers, moved for the following catalogue change addressing the close of registration period.

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Specific days are set aside for registration (see Academic Calendar). You may register online **or in person** through the second Friday **second Tuesday** of instruction. or in person through the third Friday of instruction, but you will be charged a late registration fee. Registration after this period will depend upon the merits of each individual case.

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A student may change his/her program by filing a Change-of-Registration form with the Registrar. No classes may be added after the third Friday **second Tuesday** following the beginning of classes of a fall or spring semester or the first week of a summer session. During the first three weeks of the **fall or spring** semester, **and through the second Tuesday of the summer session**, a student may drop a class without penalty, and the course will not appear on the permanent record. After the third week of classes in a fall or spring semester or the first week **second Tuesday** of a summer session, the student must file a Withdrawal Authorization Form and pay the withdrawal fee. The grade "W" will appear on the student's permanent record. A student may not withdraw (W) from a class after the tenth week of a fall or spring semester, or the fifth week of a summer session. You may change to audit or S/U up to the end of the tenth week of the semester or the fifth week of the summer session.

Dr. Mojtabai addressed concerns regarding labs. Many labs would not have met by the close of registration date proposed. Dr. Borchers suggested that would be allowed to move between sections of labs beyond the rem0.0819(o)-0.956417(n)-0.9517(m)-3.4910.4986(c)3.15789(h)-0.956958863

going forward. There is an effort to replace lost