

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

Workman 101 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

(prepared by Lyndsey Lewis)

- 1. Call to order** - President Richard Sonnenfeld called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm with a request for the approval of the May 9, 2014 minutes.
- 2. Approval of the May minutes**
Dave Burleigh moved to approve the minutes and Mike Hargather seconded.
The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- 3. Brief Announcements –**

year than in the past because the state is running the largest surplus of recent years..

Secondly, Dr. Lopez has made progress in fighting for a funding formula that recognizes NMT's uniqueness. For the first time he has the Director of the LFC, the UNM administration, and the Department of Higher Education on board. One of the problems is Tech's mission is so narrow and our student body is so small that under most scenarios we end up losing money when compared to the gains of the institutions. Tomorrow Dr. Lopez is going to participate on a panel discussion on Student Success at UNM. A very good presentation on the things Tech is doing to improve retention and graduation rates was prepared for him and he thinks it will impress the audience.

4. Old Business

Dropping ES-111 requirement – (Referred to committee) – T. Engler

Dr. Engler wanted a class

Lonnie Marquez mentioned that in some of these discussions something that was brought up is to have graders on contracts as they work unique hours. He mentioned that they are looking into some issues similar to that and will try to make things less complicated for everybody. They need to find out what the issues are for each department and will address these concerns.

6. Committee Reports

a. Officers Committee

– *Presenting the hybrid committee proposal*

(This item was moved until after the nominating committee discussion)

b. Nominating Committee – *Presenting slate of candidates*

The Slate of Nominations was reviewed. There were changes made to the committees. New members were added to:

ADA Committee - Student member

Assessment and Retention Committee - Office for Student Learning

Computing on Campus Committee - Temporary extra member

Distance Education, Computing, and Assessment Committee - Graduate Dean

Mark Samuels made a move to amend the policy and accept the changes to the committees.

Friendly amendment was made to include Associate VP Academic Affairs, Academic Standard and Admission Committee, and ADA as ex-officio members.

The motion to approve changes to the bylaws and ex-officio members passed unanimously.

Motion to approve the slate of nominees for the committees by Mark Samuels, as Chair of Nominating Committee. Approved unanimously.

Voting for the officers will happen at the next meeting.

7. New Business

Nomination of Officers – *Samuels/Rogelj*

Dave Raymond – Faculty Senate Chair

Kevin Wedeward – Faculty Senate Vice-Chair

Steve Simpson – Parliamentarian

Discussion/Confirmation of Faculty Senate Committees – *Samuels/Rogelj*

Hybrid Committee Proposal

Richard Sonnenfeld discussed a new proposal that would make better use of Faculty Senate Committees. We do not want to change the structure of the Faculty Senate Committees or rewrite the bylaws. However, we would

like to create hybrid committees. Hybrid committees have members that are identical to (or a subset of) the equivalent faculty senate committee, but they have staff and/or administrative members as voting members. The chairs of the hybrid committee would be elected by the hybrid committee, and might or might not be the same as the chair of the faculty senate committee. The purpose to this proposal is to empower Faculty Senate Committees to make decisions that will actually be implemented to run Tech.

Videotape – *Richard Sonnenfeld*

Dr. Sonnenfeld asked the faculty if they would agree to the automatic video recording of faculty senate meetings. He was asked to use judgement (in that some topics might be too confidential to record) but no one expressed opposition to the proposal. Faculty Senate meetings will be automatically recorded from 4 to 5 pm.

8. Longer Announcements

a. Update on Strategic Planning - *L. Liebrock*

There are six very active task forces on Strategic Planning. The first three are Community of scholars, Communication & Processes, and Transdisciplinary Education and Research. They are nearing completion and will be publicly posting reports for your input this week. The last six are Funding, Technology, and Quality Growth and will be posted in two weeks. There is also a small task force that the chairs of the other task force that have come together to help work on the accreditation paperwork.

b. Graduate Council Report – *L. Liebrock*

SU Courses cannot be used to meet credit requirements for graduate programs with the exception of independent study 3 credits, thesis 6 credits, and dissertation 24 credits.

Also, has sent in the request to the legislative calendar to have the Graduate Education Day with the legislator in late January. There are six spaces for each graduate school in the state to have the students go and present.

9. Adjournment.

By unanimous consent the Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:09 pm