

Dr. Steve Simpson, Lisa Majkowski, and Dr. Kevin Wedeward are on another committee that is part of this whole initiative that is looking at the Gen Ed Core. Right now they are at the process of going through and coming up with a sense of what people want to see students coming out of a general education with. There is a survey circulation so that they can collect feedback. They will also hold an information session in March where they will collaborate with Dr. Stone.

3. State of the Legislature – President Dan López

President López stated that the budget could have been worse. The initial proposals were to cut higher education disproportionately to the other agencies. We came out as well as one could hope for given the revenue shortfall. The Legislature arrived at sweeping accounts that had balances and put them into its general fund. From there, they will try to address on a short term basis where the cuts would not have to be so severe. From our capital programs we have \$5.5 million to redo Jones, \$2 million for MRO, and \$90,000 from our Senator from Silver City.

In terms of the general budget, this year we will have to deal with a \$300,000 shortfall for the current budget. Finance staff are working on some scenarios that would hopefully decrement each budget by a proportional amount as is calculated by the cut. However, we might be able to back fill and try to put those funds

- d. **Engineering Science – Dr. Kevin Wedeward discussed the engineering science changes. Dr. Wedeward moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.**
 - e. **Environmental Engineering – Dr. Clint Richardson discussed the environmental engineering changes. Dr. Richardson moved to accept these changes. Motion passed. One no.**
 - f. **Information Technology – Dr. Dongwan Shin discussed the information technology changes. Dr. Shin moved to accept these changes. Motion passed. One abstention.**
 - g. **Management – Dr. Frank Reinow discussed the management changes. Dr. Reinow moved to accept these changes. Motion passed. Sara Grijalva made a comment that after the Council of Chairs meeting, Marketing and Finance requisites were changed.**
 - h. **Mechanical Engineering – Dr. Andrei Zagrai discussed the mechanical engineering changes. Dr. Zagrai moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.**
 - i. **Physics – Dr. Michelle Creech-Eakman discussed the physics changes. Dr. Creech-Eakman moved to accept these changes. Motion passed. One abstention.**
6. **Report of Graduate Council – Lorie Liebrock**
 - a. **CLASS – Dr. Steve Simpson discussed the CLASS changes. Dr. Simpson moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.**
 - b. **Hydrology – Dr. Penny Boston discussed the hydrology changes. Dr. Boston moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.**
 - c. **Masters of Science Teaching – Dr. Mark Samuels discussed the MST changes. Dr. Samuels moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.**
 7. **Old Business**
 8. **New Business**
 9. **Discussion**
 10. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm by unanimous decision.