

# NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, February 07, 2017

Workman 101 4:00 p.m.

## Minutes

### 1. Call to order and approval of minutes

Chair Tom Kieft called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm

Dr. Brian Borchers moved to approve the Decembermn2(o a7(r))-23 iB r6e

contribute to the quantifiable factors which are retention and student performance. Dr. Siv Watkins, Elaine DeBrine-Howell, Dr. Mark Samuels, and Dr. Stewart Thompson participated in a student led panel on the stigma of mental illness. The following day, Biology, QUASAR, and Techie Standup hosted Dr. Watkins led seminar discussion reverse engineering in the stigma of mental health. Dr. Rogelj noted that the room was packed full. A week later, Jeff Holland returned to Biology upon requests from students. He is a licensed clinical social worker and gave good advice with a well turn out again.

In all cases these events are based on a community discussion. The idea is that by trying to get people comfortable with discussing mental health, they will be more comfortable in asking for help. Our students want and need attention to this subject. We are sure to see an increase in their performance and an improvement in student retention. Dr. Rogelj encouraged faculty to make themselves available to students within their department.

**f. Black History Month - Steve Simpson**

Dr. Steve Simpson announced that there is an opportunity for students as part of Black History month. The Office of Residential Life is offering up to 12 student's free transportation and free passes to Santa Fe to see a screening title "I Am Not Your Negro".

**g. President Wells**

President Wells announced that the Cabinet meeting discussed a new council that he want them to form that will be more inclusive and bring us together for planning for the future. The Cabinet will develop a NMT leadership team council that will meet once a month to discuss strategic issues facing our institution. President Wells wants representation across the campus. Strategic planning and institutional growth will be discussed. It will consist of members from the Cabinet, Associate VP's, Deans, Faculty Senate Chair and Vice Chair, Directors of Institutional Advancement and Communication, and Student Body Presidents and Vice Presidents at the undergraduate and graduate level.

President Wells announced the AAAS team will be on campus on March 1 -3 dealing with our intellectual property and what we are trying to do to improve our efforts there. They will provide us with good advice to improve our intellectual properties endeavors here on our campus.

President Wells stated an undergrad student lost his back pack including his computer and homework in the first floor on the Bureau. He will try to find him a loaner computer but asked faculty to keep their eyes open for anyone who may try to sell a Mac Pro.

**h. NM Tech Day – Peter Mozley**

Dr. Peter Mozley announced that NM Tech Day was tremendously successful and NM Tech made a big impression. There were resolutions in both the House and Senate praising NM Tech.

Dr. Tom Engler announced that the Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee is presenting the nomination of John Dowdle for an honorary doctorate degree. Dr. Engler discussed Mr. Dowdle's background and stated that he has been very active with NM Tech and is instrumental in working with alumni. The committee received many letters of support and all were quite positive.

Dr. Tom Engler stated that the committee supports the recommendation of the honorary doctorate for John Dowdle and moved for approval. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Report of Council of Chairs – Douglas Wells**

Dr. Douglas Wells announced that there are curricular recommendations from the Council of Chairs.

##### **a. Mechanical Engineering – David Grow**

Dr. David Grow discussed the catalog changes for Mechanical Engineering.

Dr. Douglas Wells moved to accept these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

##### **b. Electrical Engineering – Aly El-Osery**

Dr. Aly El-Osery discussed the catalog changes for electrical engineering.

Dr. Douglas Wells moved to accept these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

##### **c. Community Education – Mark Samuels**

Dr. Mark Samuels discussed the catalog changes for community education catalog changes. One edit correction on a misspelling for Thai Massage.

Dr. Douglas Wells moved to accept these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Report of Graduate Council – Lorie Liebrock**

Dr. Lorie Liebrock stated that faculty must do assessment for graduate programs. Dr. Liebrock also thanked faculty and their students who helped with Graduate Education Day and made that a success.

##### **Thanked those who helped with graduate education day.**

##### **a. Chemistry – Mike Heagy**

Dr. Mike Heagy discussed the Chemistry catalog changes.

Dr. Lorie Liebrock moved to accept these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

##### **b. Mechanical Engineering – Jamie Kimberly**

Dr. Jamie Kimberly discussed the Mechanical Engineering catalog changes.

Dr. Lorie Liebrock moved to accept these changes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Old Business**

##### **a. Gen Ed's – Douglas Wells/Steve Simpson**

Dr. Douglas Wells stated that there is a multifaceted movement to change the Gen Ed's across the state. It is coming from HE /TT at ap10(u)-5(aiti(min4(e)l -2(e)dt ))1( . Tc 0.004

tend in Albuquerque tomorrow to talk about where we are.

them, and help grow the institution. Dr. Wells stated that he can't talk to everyone one on one but he can talk to the department chairs and directors. He wants to make sure that faculty are talking to one another and those ideas are vetted and come up the chain.

Dr. Michael Hargather suggested a focused but unstructured event such as beer with the bosses.

**8. Discussion**

**9. Adjournment.**

By unanimous decision, the Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:27 pm.