

**NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING  
AND TECHNOLOGY**

**FACULTY SENATE MEETING  
Tuesday, March 6, 2018  
Workman 101 4:00 p.m.**

primary institutional office for matter related to research (basic, applied and transdisciplinary).

The Center for Technology Commercialization has been converted to the Center for Technology Commercialization (OIC). They will work to support the faculty and students in their research endeavors. We will enhance the NMT Research  
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class ever. Also, our retention is up at the highest level ever recorded at NMT. Faculty and staff efforts are paying off.

Dr. Liebrock stated that the Graduate Office is behind the curve on paid students. The office is having some struggles with getting the online payment set up. However, the engineering application fee has been lowered and numbers are up 20% on applications.

**e. Faculty Introductions – Richard Sonnenfeld**

Dr. Richard Sonnenfeld introduced Dr. Caitano De Silva as an Assistant Professor in the Physics Department.

**f. Academic Lab Upgrades – Dan Lunceford/Joe Franklin**

The online directory is going live over spring break. Testing machines are available if anyone would like to try them out.

**3. Senate Committee Reports**

**a. Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee – Mike Heagy**

Dr. Heagy stated that the latest policy to come out of the Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee addresses hiring faculty with tenure at an Associate Professor rank or Full Professor Rank. The candidate would submit a CV and full tenure packet or professorship promotion packet. The hiring committee will review and provide a letter to the department for recommending tenure or Full Professor with tenure. Dr. Heagy stated that the committee did look over a number of other university policies regarding this.

Discussion was held that the hiring committees would often have assistant professors that would be making decisions for associate professors or a full professor with tenure. However, they would not be able to serve on internal tenure committees. It was stated that it isn't just the hiring committee, the Chair, Deans, and VPs are also reviewing this. Additionally, the hiring committee is not making the decision, they are making a recommendation. Dr. Sue Bilek suggested that the promotion committee would be another option to review before the final decision if they get the rank of full professor.

An additional comment was made that the policy should state that the status needs to be a full professor at their current institute to get the rank of full professor.

Dr. Sonnenfeld moved to refer back to the committee, seconded by Dr. Borchers. They need some time to take the comments into account. Motion passed.

**b. Honorary Degree & Awards Committee – Bhaskar Majumdar/Mingji Zhang**

Dr. Majumdar discussed the policy as it recognizes individuals by awarding special honors to persons who have contributed significantly to the culture, educational, or scientific development of programs or services at NMT, as well as those eminent individuals and scholars whose contributions are of more general significance and transcend geographic limitations.

The committee believes that neither of the two candidates meet the minimum degree requirements set forth by the policy stated above. Nevertheless, both

candidates made contributions that enhance the value of NMT as a premier

**f. CSE Cybersecurity Graduate Certificate**

Dr. Shin targets discussed a cybersecurity Graduate Certificate and curricular changes for Computer Science Engineering. Dr. Shin moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

**g. Management Engineering Catalog Changes**

Dr. Reinow discussed curricular changes for Management Engineering with some additional added courses. Dr. Reinow moved to accept these changes. Motion passed.

**h. Materials Engineering Catalog Changes**

Dr. Burleigh discussed the graduate curricular changes for Materials Engineering. Several courses were dropped that have not been taken in years.

Dr. Burleigh moved to accept these changes. Motion passed with a friendly amendment that we leave MATE 520