

**ENMU Faculty Senate**  
**Thursday, November 19, 2020**  
**3:30 to 4:44 pm**  
**ZOOM meeting**

1. Meeting called to order by Vice President Sweeten at 3:30pm
2. **Roll Call:**  
Present—Beinlich, Bramlett, Brust, Camarillo, Crockett, Czacki, Duni, Finley, Flores, Guerra, Lingnau, Petrone, Pollock, Shepardson, Shuler, Stanley, Stone, Sweeten, Tian, Tigie, Tollett, Wall, Wallace, Zhang, Representative Stout  
Absent—Duarte
3. **Approval of the Agenda:**  
Motion to approve Agenda for 11/19/20 made by Flores, seconded by Pollock  
Opposed—none  
Abstain--none  
Motion passed to approve Agenda for 11/19/20
4. **Approval of Minutes:**  
Motion to approve Minutes from 11/5/20 made by Stone, seconded by Duni  
Opposed—none  
Abstentions—none  
Motion passed to approve Minutes from 11/5/20 Meeting
5. **Administrator's Report:**  
President's Report, Chancellor Patrice Caldwell—
  1. COVID Update—Chancellor Caldwell discussed information related to the increase of COVID cases in the state, acknowledged the bad timing of this wave in terms of upcoming holidays, and reminded Senators of the mandatory quarantine policy for crossing state lines. Information about possible mandatory building closures in the case of an outbreak in a specific building was shared. This has not occurred on campus, but ENMU will continue to monitor. The coming Monday Memo will see an uptick in cases. ENMU will continue to track and trace.
  2. Questions—In response to a question about if ENMU has considered sending a letter similar to that sent by the Commander of Cannon Air Force Base, Chancellor Caldwell said she will bring this up with Core Staff and acknowledged this could be a divisive issue. Regarding a question about how an announced pause in athletics from the state level would impact our student athletes, Dr. Caldwell stated that she had not heard this new information yet, but has sent a letter to Secretary Rodriguez about interpretation of current mandates and is awaiting further guidance in a response.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jamie Laurenz—

  1. Current Face to Face Classes and Building Access—This semester, clinical classes will continue to have mitigation strategies so students can complete their required number of hours. Dr. Laurenz shared that the GSSC is being used by an average of 75 students a day, but remains below a 25% capacity. As the end of the semester approaches, there will be limited access to individual study rooms because there have been instances of overpopulation in these spaces.
  2. G.O. Bond—The recent passing of the G.O. Bond will provide \$8 million for the renovation of Roosevelt Hall. At the moment, ENMU is in the process of finalizing with the architect and hopes to break ground this summer. The project will involve construction of a new wing and demolition of the old structure.

3. Dr. Laurenz thanked Senators for their time and efforts with the students this semester.
4. Questions—There were no questions.

6. **Faculty Senate Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report**—There is no change to the budget.

**Curriculum Committee**—No report

**Distance Learning Committee**—Two test proctoring services have been selected and faculty that are part of the Canvas Pilot Group were asked to volunteer to use these services in S'21 and provide feedback. Considering the suggestions from Faculty Senate, the Distance Learning Office will resume work on a project to create a short video and corresponding article for each of the Online Course Standards. The goal is to have this ready during the S'21 semester for faculty to use as courses are built in Canvas. Regarding a question asked at the last Faculty Senate meeting about how HLC will expect courses to meet Online Course Standards, at the moment very few of our online courses meet all of the standards. The hope is to see improvement over time.

**Elections Committee**—No report

**Faculty Grievance Committee**—No report

**Faculty Personnel & Handbook Committee**—An email has been sent to faculty members reviewing the process this Committee has gone through. Faculty is asked to vote on proposed changes and the Committee has received 57 responses so far. Voting will be open until November 30<sup>th</sup>. Senator Stanley asked Senators to encourage their constituents to vote.

**Faculty Research & Instructional Development Committee**—No report

**General Education Committee**—No report

**Program Review Committee**—Subcommittees are in the process of reviewing. Initial responses are due on Friday.

**Undergraduate Admissions and Standards Committee**—No report

**Ad Hoc Student Evaluation Committee**—The Committee will have a survey available at the beginning of the spring semester regarding proposed changes to evaluations.

**Ad Hoc Re-Opening Committee**—Administration has responded to questions posed by the Committee. The Committee has also been receiving responses to a draft of a letter to Athletics. The letter will not be sent until after consulting with Dr. Laurenz. In response to a question about the possibility of requesting air cleaning units, President Beinlich encouraged faculty to contact their Department Chairs with requests.

**Ad Hoc MLK Holiday Committee**—The Committee is finalizing a number of events including: a presentation in Runnels Gallery, a music performance, links to writings by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., speeches airing on campus televisions, a panel discussion entitled "Civil Rights Then and Now," and connecting with city events. The movie *Selma* will also be available for downloading/streaming between January and May. This movie can be incorporated into classes if desired. The committee is also working to promote events online.

**University Standing Committees**

**Assessment**—No report

**Budget & Planning**—The Committee is preparing for budget shortfalls.

**University Council**—No report

7. **President's Report:**

1. IT Concerns—Dr. Beinlich is waiting to hear back regarding a request for staffing on Sundays and alerts for Portal outages.
2. Canvas Access—Dr. Beinlich learned that Deans and Department Chairs do have access to Blackboard and will have access in Canvas. Discussion of the topic was moved to New Business.

8. **Old Business:**

1. VPAA Review of FEC—Senators shared constituent feedback and concerns regarding possible changes to the levels an FEC is reviewed by the VPAA. Dr. Beinlich will investigate if VPAA review is built into the process for specific circumstances and report back to Faculty Senate.
  2. Committee Membership, Tenure Track vs. Non-Tenure Track—Senators shared constituent feedback and concerns. It was recommended that information related to service expectations and requirements could be addressed in the NFIP process. Dr. Beinlich said she will email possible changes in the language regarding Committee Membership to Senators to share with constituents for a possible vote at the next Faculty Senate meeting.
9. **New Business:**
1. Access to Canvas by Deans and Department Chairs—Senators shared concerns with this policy from constituents. After discussion, Senators were encouraged to have constituents approach their Deans with concerns.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Duni, seconded by Shepardson  
Meeting adjourned at 4:44pm

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Shuler, Secretary