

**Minutes
ENMU Faculty Senate
December 6, 2018
3:30 to 5:00pm
Pecos Room
Approved**

Roll Call:

Present (23): Beinlich, Bellin-Oka, Birky, Brust, Donohue, Finley, Flores, Greene, Corbin (voting alternate for Haney), Kuhlmann, Hardin (voting alternate for Lingnau), Liu, Mazid, Nieto, Roller, Senn, Shaughnessey, Shepardson, Stanley, Starr, Tian, Waldo, Ho (voting alternate for Xavier)

Absent (2): Swafford, Thompson

Guests (2): Elwell, Laurenz

Reading and approval of the minutes of 11/15/18:

Motion to approve minutes (Senn/Sherwood) passed unanimously with 1 abstention.

Administrators' Reports:

Elwell: Dr. Elwell attended late because of a meeting going longer than expected.

Upcoming will be a presentation from HED recommending funding for us, and with the change in administration, there will be legislative discussion regarding new funding. The new governor will appoint an HED secretary by January 15, 2019, and new budget priorities from the state are expected.

We are down six figures in student fees and thus funding for student activities has been reduced. In fall 2018, we were down 65 freshmen and 119 part-time graduate students. We are also not yet at the same numbers of spring '19 registrations as we were at this time last year.

The need for a new residence for the Chancellor was discussed. There are significant black mold, lead paint, and asbestos issues with the current house. Discussion of this issue took place before Dr. Elwell's arrival, and is detailed under University Council report below.

Laurenz:

Nothing to report.

Faculty Senate Reports:

Treasurer: No change.

Curriculum Committee: No report.

Distance Education and Outreach Committee: No report.

Elections Committee: No report.

Faculty Grievance Committee: No report.

Faculty Personnel and Handbook Committee: No report.

Faculty Research and Instructional Development Committee: Will review mid-year reports next month.

General Education Committee: Will meet next week.

Program Review Committee: No report.

Undergraduate Admissions and Standards Committee: No report.

Ad Hoc Student Evaluations Committee: A survey will go out early next semester. Will look at the questions students are asked on the evaluation forms and consider revisions.

Ad Hoc Intellectual Property Rights Committee: Waiting for responses from Ruidoso and Roswell, which have not responded to the request for a meeting by Dr. Laurenz. New policy will go the University Council 1/29 and then to the Board of Regents 3/29. It is possible the policy may come back to the Faculty Senate after revisions are reviewed by the university's attorneys.

University Standing Committees:

Assessment: No report.

Budget and Planning: No change.

University Council: Approved changes to Distance Learning Committee composition and Staff Senate term lengths.

Chancellor's House

The Board of Regents sent out a survey asking for feedback. As above, there are black mold, asbestos, and lead paint issues with the current residence. It may be more cost effective to build a new house rather than renovate because of hazardous materials disposal costs and the need to house the Chancellor and his wife elsewhere during the long renovation process. Thus, the cost of a new house is not significantly more. The cost estimate is around \$500,000 for either option.

The question of buying an existing house in Portales was raised. That possibility was not addressed in the Board of Regents survey. The Chancellor responded that remodeling of an existing house would still have to occur, and there would be potential hazardous materials to contend with. There would also be temporary relocation costs while renovation work was conducted.

A question was raised as to whether the existing house might be kept for entertainment and fundraising purposes and a new house be built on the same property.

A concern was raised as to the confidentiality of the survey sent out by the Board of Regents. Only Patrice Caldwell's office has access to anything that could identify a specific respondent (such as a computer IP address). The Regents get a summary only.

A concern was also raised regarding the timing of the cost of a new house. With our enrollments down and the budget under pressure as a result, perhaps it is not the best time to consider building a new house. Everything has to go through HED, so nothing will be ready until 2021 anyway.

President's Report:

No report.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Announcements:

The Music Department's holiday concert is at 7 p.m. this evening.

The first Faculty Senate meeting of Spring 2019 will take place January 17, 2019.

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:27 p.m. (Roller/Flores). Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Bellin-Oka
Faculty Senate Secretary