

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes-Final Approved.

April 16, 2020 ZOOM MEETING

3:30--4:46 p.m.

Present: Beinlich, Brust, Crockett, Donohue, Duarte, Duni, Guerra, Haney, Kuhlmann, Lingnau, Owens, Pollock, Shaughnessy, Shephardson, Shuler, Stanley, Sweeten, Tian, Waldo, Wallace, Finley, Stone, Senn, Stout (Student Representative)

Absent: Thompson, Wall

Administrators Present: Elwell, Laurenz, Smart

Quorum met.

Motion to adopt agenda- Motion by Sweeten, Seconded by Senn, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions, Unanimous- Agenda Adopted.

Minutes of 4/2/2020 were reviewed- Motion to adopt by Beinlich, seconded by Owens. 0 Nays 1 Abstention Senn Minutes approved as written

Administrators Report:

Scott Smart reviewed a previously distributed handout and provided an update with regards to COVID-19 and the effects on the upcoming 20-21 budget. A Special Session of the Legislature is scheduled with date to be decided. He discussed the impact of oil prices and reviewed "rainy day fund" and reviewed University reserves. Currently, there is a "hiring freeze" until we receive the results of the special legislative session. He indicated that approximately 80 cents of every dollar goes to employees wages/benefits.

Bookstore is closed- business conducted via e-mail and Sodexo is minimally servicing about 40 people. He responded to questions regarding the CARES ACT and HB 2- and discussed issues regarding faculty paychecks in July- and possible contingent wording in contract.

He did indicate contracts are to be sent out as soon as possible.

Dr. Laurenz discussed the Pass/Fail option and reviewed discussion of Student Senate and Faculty Senate and consensus was to retain grades- with "flexibility" being operative word. The consensus is that letter grades will be awarded for the spring 2020 semester.

He further reviewed the complexities involved with grades of Incomplete, and reviewed issues regarding change of grade, time constraints, Blackboard shells being available and discussed possible extension of due dates for grades- indicating need to visit with registrar and other administrative bodies. Dr. Laurenz expressed appreciation for all involved in working with students during this difficult time period.

## Faculty Senate Committee Reports

- 1) Treasurer's Report- No change- \$96.00 approximately available.
- 2) Curriculum Committee: Waldo indicated that the committee continued to meet and approved Culinary Arts, Aviation Science, Agriculture, Business, Music and certain programs were tabled- specifically Anthropology and Computer Sciences.
- 3) Distance Learning Committee- It was indicated that the three LMS-Learning Management Systems (Blackboard Ultra, Canvas and Brightspace) were under review and faculty were asked to go online and review these three systems so as to expedite a decision to be made in late May. The system will be open for review until approximately April 30.
- 4) Faculty Grievance Committee- No Report
- 5) Faculty Personnel and Handbook Committee No Report
- 6) Faculty Research and Instructional Development Committee. The committee has received 21 proposals- two of which are Instructional Development and the committee has received and reviewed utilizing rubric and will meet online on 4/23 from 2- 5 on Zoom to formally review the proposals.
- 7) General Education Committee- No Report
- 8) Program Review Committee- No Report
- 9) Undergraduate Admissions and Retention Committee- No Report
- 10) Ad Hoc Student Evaluation Committee---No Report
- 11) Ad Hoc Martin Luther King Committee- Has not met no report.
- 12) Assessment- No Report
- 13) Budget and Planning- Information regarding budget provided by Scott Smart.
- 14) University Council - Has not met since last meeting, no report.

## Presidents Report:

The last meeting of the Faculty Senate will be held on May 7th. COVID 19 is supposedly peaking late April, early May in NM. Summer classes will be held on line. There are questions about the Fall classes- as to whether all will be online or whether in person- will be continued. Situation remains fluid. The faculty senate may be asked to meet again for summer input on the 20-21 budget.

Old Business- Feedback provided on Pass-Fail, and these issues were covered by Dr. Laurenz. Virtual Commencement Information was also reviewed and a handout sheet had been sent to Faculty Senators for review.

New Business: Question arose regarding the Presidential Awards for Teaching, Service, Research/Scholarly Activity as to when these would be awarded and if they will be featured in the spring virtual commencement. This information will be requested.

Students who graduate in the spring or summer will be able to walk in Fall commencement should they desire. Some discussion followed as to the student speaker- and this will be discussed by Student Senate next week. Hannah Stout, Student Representative, wanted to express the students' appreciation for all that the faculty, administration, and student support services of ENMU have done, so that students are able to complete the semester with the least amount of disruption.

The Slate of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee for 2020-20221 was discussed-and reviewed- Stephanie Beinlich- President, David Sweeten- Vice President, Debra Stone- Treasurer, Pamela Shuler- Secretary, and Erik Stanley- Parliamentarian.

The list of Faculty representatives was reviewed. Brust raised a question as to his eligibility for continued service. This will be reviewed by the Elections Chair.

The "Faculty Satisfaction Survey was sent out and there were 74 respondents. Data was sent out to Faculty Senators and cursorily reviewed by VP Waldo. Return rate was "slightly better" than last year. Some concerns addressed. VP Waldo will find out the total number of faculty who received the survey by email.

Motion by Senn to adjourn at 4:45

Next Meeting May 7th at 3:30 p.m by ZOOM meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Michael F. Shaughnessy

Secretary