

Faculty Senate Minutes---
Nov 21, 2019
Sandia Room
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Present : Brust, Crockett, Donohue, Duarte, Finley, Kuhlmann, Lingnau, Duni, Owens, Pollock, Miller, Senn, Schuler, Shaughnessy, Shepardson, Sweeten, Stanley, Tian, Thompson, Wall, Waldo, Zhang

Student Rep: Harriet Stout

Absent: Beinlich, Haney

Quorum was declared.

Motion made by Sweeten, seconded by Donohue to accept the agenda. Passed Unanimous

Motion made to accept the minutes of the last meeting- with one typographical to be corrected- the spelling of Dr. Laurenz's name. Motion by Duni, seconded by Waldo. \Abstain: Miller, Thompson, Stanley, Sweeten, Duarte

Administrator's Report: Dr. Elwell was not present, Dr. Laurenz reported:

- 1) He is working on Spring registration
- 2) Enrollment is important
- 3) The next date for HLC (Higher Learning Commission) Review is June 2022- This was supposed to begin but scheduling is difficult. Will begin in Spring and he will keep us informed.
- 4) Program Review has begun- leading to assessment Committee and various workshops to prepare. The intent of the meetings is to "refine programs".
- 5) Discussed F.E.C. Cycle- New Faculty Investment program apparently going well. Described as "helpful" by participants.
- 6) Dr. Laurenz responded to some questions about syllabi and refinement to align with program goals.
- 7) Dr. Laurenz discussed a workshop to prepare faculty for tenure and promotion in the future. He requested questions and feedback regarding this.
- 8) Discussion and Questions from floor regarding coordination between colleges in terms of Blackboard in terms of evaluation Process.
- 9) Additional discussion of " Assessment Plans to fit programs". Chairs should be consulted.

Administrators report to be due Dec 5, 2019.

Faculty Senate Reports

Treasurer's Report----No Change

Curriculum Committee- Senator Waldo discussed guidelines been sent to Academic Affairs

Distance Learning Committee- Next meeting Dec 6th

Elections Committee_ Waiting to hear from CET regarding a replacement for Swafford who has taken on numerous additional duties.

Faculty Grievance Committee: Zhang indicates the committee has not met.

Faculty Resource and Instructional Development- Shaughnessy indicated there have not been any recent meetings- plans for Spring are in progress.

General Education Committee: Met Nov 11, reviewed anthropology and Geology. Discussed BLED 350 as a possible " Global Diversity class" but this was denied as it was not seen as " global"

Program Review Committee- No report.

Undergraduate Admissions and Standards Committee- has not met- no report.

Ad hoc Student Evaluation Committee- Waldo reports have not met- planning for future.

Ad hoc MLK- Geni Flores indicated there was meeting yesterday, Nov 20, 2019.

- 1) Some students have requested no classes on MLK day in 2020.
- 2) There is a planned meeting with Board of Regents on their next meeting Dec 13th
- 3) The handout distributed to Faculty Senate was reviewed.
- 4) Details about the " Day of Service" was discussed.
- 5) A survey is to be distributed to students attempting to ascertain exactly what students want/would like in terms of MLK Day. This will be handled out of Dr. Caldwell's Office (Institutional Research). Questions arose as to distribution.
- 6) Some questions arose regarding undergraduate vs graduate classes
- 7) President's Day- was also discussed relative to cancelling classes on MLK day. School begins on Jan 13- and MLK Day is Jan 20th. Some discussion arose as to events prior to MLK day.

Motion was made to have videos running in all possible buildings and MLK DAY----Jan 13---- Jan 20th (IF the university will be open) Motion made by Crockett, seconded by Donohue- Unanimous- no abstentions.

Motion indicating support of Student Survey- motioned by Donohue, seconded by Wall- Unanimous

Motion to support if students request and if the University is open possible choir presentations. Motion made by Kuhlman, seconded by Sweeten. Unanimous

Motion made by Donohue, seconded by Stanley to support Student Led initiative beginning in 2020 and going forward. Those in favor--11, 4 opposed, 7 abstained.

Motion by Senn to adjourn at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Michael F. Shaughnessy
Secretary.

Attached is the "Declaration of Support" provided Dec 3rd, 2019 to the Secretary.

Declarations of Support

On November 21, 2019, the Ad Hoc Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Committee of the Faculty Senate brought its recommendations before the Senate body.

Pending a possible December 13, 2019, decision of the Board of Regents concerning whether or not Eastern New Mexico University will remain open on MLK Day, 2020, the Faculty Senate supports the following proposals:

The following was passed by a simple majority of the Faculty Senate (11 for, 4 against, and 7 abstentions)

The motion was made, seconded and passed, for faculty senate support of the student-led initiative for the university to be closed, or at least for classes not to be held, on MLK Day, 01/20/20.