

Minutes
ENMU Faculty Senate
November 2, 2018
3:30 to 5:00pm
Sandia Room
Draft

Roll Call:

Present (22): Beinlich, Bellin-Oka, Brust, G. Andersen (voting alternate for Donohue), Finley, Viner (voting alternate for Flores), Greene, Ho (voting alternate for Haney), Caffrey (voting alternate for Kuhlmann), Lingnau, Liu, Mazid, Nieto, Roller, Gerlach (voting alternate for Senn), Shaughnessey, Shepardson, Durand (voting alternate for Stanley), Starr, Tian, Waldo, Xavier

Absent: (2): Swafford, Thompson

Guests (1): Laurenz

Reading and approval of the minutes of 10/18/18:

Motion to approve minutes (Xavier/Roller) passed unanimously with five abstentions.

Administrator's Report:

Laurenz: Nothing new to report; took questions from senators.

A question was raised about the need for approval of personal leave, which requires approval of a faculty member's chair and dean. The question concerned giving a reason for personal leave beyond "personal reasons." Approval is based on timing and purpose, but it would be useful for faculty to have guidelines. An off-campus leave request is required, and usually just putting "personal" is sufficient.

A question was raised as to whether constructing a campus rec center is still under consideration. It is, and will not replace the natatorium, but would be added to it. The cost is approximately \$11 million and the money must be on hand before starting.

Faculty Senate Reports:

Treasurer: We have \$2.424. 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: No report.

General Education Committee: English and Communications were recertified and the committee will move on to Math next.

Program Review Committee: No report.

Undergraduate Admissions and Standards Committee: No report.

Ad Hoc Student Evaluations Committee: Nothing new to report. A question was raised about whether the committee was seeking to have separate evaluations for Freshman Seminar and Starr confirmed that they were not.

Ad Hoc Intellectual Property Rights Committee: The committee will meet November 6 with Drs. Elwell and Laurenz and will have a draft document for the Senate's review at its next meeting.

University Standing Committees:

Assessment: Assessment Day for the spring 2019 semester will be January 11. Senators were asked to remind their constituents that Assessment Day is mandatory. The committee is revising its program with the statewide common course numbers for Gen Ed in mind.

Budget and Planning: Nothing to report.

University Council: Changes to Policies 10-1 through 10-9 were approved. These changes consisted of revisions to include system-wide language.

The Staff Senate updated its rules for term lengths.

President's Report:

No report.

Old Business:

Distance Learning Committee changes:

Proposed changes to the composition of the Distance Learning Committee were presented to the Senate at its October 18 meeting. Feedback from constituents is requested. This matter was tabled until the next Senate meeting so that feedback from faculty could be provided.

University Council membership changes:

The Ruidoso and Roswell campus presidents, or their designees, were added to the University Council. A motion to approve the changes (Beinlich/Waldo) passed unanimously.

New Business:

Campus Safety (Specific Warning):

It came to the attention of faculty that a safety bulletin was issued and appeared on social media on October 29 regarding a criminal trespass warning against someone who had been approaching and harassing female students. Several faculty members were asked by students if the warning was real, and faculty did not know. The accuracy of the warning was only confirmed by Chief Mauldin after faculty inquired about it.

Several members of the Senate expressed concern that faculty were not informed, and that students were not informed officially and systematically. For safety's sake, all members of the ENMU community should have been informed and a RAVE alert could have been used. When information appears on social media only, it is hard to determine its accuracy, especially in this case, where the warning seemed to have been screen shot by a student and then passed around via Facebook and Twitter.

Starr indicated that she would discuss the matter with Mauldin and report back at the next Senate meeting.

Motion to pass resolution regarding campus safety (Waldo/Brust) passed unanimously. The text of the resolution is appended to these minutes.

Enrollment:

As clarification, 2017-18 student credit hours (which are most financially significant) are down by 4%. This is roughly a loss of \$600,000 to our revenue. However, that loss is already covered.

Growth Mandate:

That there is a 4% growth mandate by college, by major was raised at a Budget and Planning Committee meeting.

Chancellor's House:

A plan for a new house for the ENMU Chancellor is before the Board of Regents. Concern was expressed about the cost.

Campus Safety (General):

Senator Caffrey asked if there was any discussion of equipping the campus with an emergency blue light system. Senator Nieto indicated that the Student Senate was discussing this issue with President Elwell. Several senators indicated that ENMU was the only university campus they had seen that did *not* have such a system in place for safety.

Motion to pass a resolution in support of the Student Senate initiative to equip ENMU with an emergency blue light system (Caffrey/Bellin-Oka) passed unanimously. The text of this resolution is appended to these minutes.

Announcements:

Senior Preview Day would take place November 3. The Music Department will have many concerts from this point in the semester onward.

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:20 p.m. (Greene/Andersen). Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Bellin-Oka
Faculty Senate Secretary