

Eastern New Mexico University
University Council
January 25, 2021 3:10 p.m.

- Present** Stephanie Beinlich, Patrice Caldwell, Enrique Carrillo, Cameron Colson, Allan Crawford, Clark Elswick, Russell Johnson, Jamie Laurenz, Rachel Lingnau, Jeff Long, Christi Melton, Shawn Powell, Darrell Roe, Scott Smart, Marshall Swafford, David Sweeten, Vickie Thomas, Ryan Trosper, Konni Wallace
- Guests** Brad Mauldin
- Call to Order** Dr. Swafford called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. A motion (Beinlich/Roe) to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2020, meeting passed unanimously.
- Reports**
- President's Report: President Caldwell reminded the council the legislative session had begun and it is a 60-day world wind, that is already mired in discussing of budgets, balancing the budgets, and percentages of reserves to be discussed for the next 58 days. We have some good support for higher education in New Mexico and a lot of good will with the new members and new leadership in these important committees. It is a 60-day session so it will be sometime before we have news. We will keep you apprised as this is very important session for all of us.
- President Powell's Report: Public Education Department in New Mexico issued some guidance out to the school districts, that could consider alternatives for high school graduation for Seniors this year. As a result, we will be offering a 12-week semester starting February the 8th. We will be working with the school districts to offer more classes for their students.
- President Trosper's Report: Introduce Christy Melton to the council. A group of Institutions around New Mexico called Native American Non-Tribal serving institutions. Ruidoso is one of the 37 institutions with this designation. This can give some traction to get more federal funding for our Native American student. Which is a little bit unique to the Ruidoso campus.
- Dr. Laurenz: No report
- Dr. Long: No report
- Mr. Elswick: We where asked last week if Teams was HIPAA requirement. We did find it is HIPAA requirement. From a HIPAA requirement Teams is compliant.
- Mr. Smart: Showed a spreadsheet related to the funding that each institution receives from the state. This list the seven institutions and a breakdown of State Appropriations PER FTE Student. We are lower than our peer institutions. We are going to try to close that gap.
- Faculty Senate: Faculty Senate would like to get approval for some committee membership changes. Chairman Swafford asked to move this topic to new business.

Professional Senate: No report

Support Senate: No report

Student Senate: No report

There were no other reports.

Chairman Swafford explained we would be shifting our agenda a little to allow core staff members the ability to attend their next meeting at 4 pm.

New Business

Support Senate has requested a change to the Constitution and Bylaws. The first change is to remove the statement regarding once term expires, you must wait an academic year before you can serve again. Support Senate would like to remove this statement in order to allow those who wish to continue to serve may do so. It is sometimes hard to get representation from all the departments and this would make it easier. Senate would also request to adjust the number of members from each department. Currently it is done by a percentage and Senate would like to make it three representatives from each department. This will take membership on the Support Senate from 17 to 12. Motion to approve (Russell Johnson/Allan Crawford) passed unanimously.

President of Faculty Senate, Stephanie Beinlich, requests to change membership rules for six of the Faculty Senate committees. TO give preference to tenured track faculty first to service on committees to help with filling the service requirement required by University. They are hoping this will give those faculty members who are from smaller departments and are less known a chance to get on the committees and fulfill the service requirement in their contracts.

DR. Laurenz clarified it is the expectation of all faculty whatever the rank is evaluated on Professional Development within the discipline as well as service to the campus community. Chairman Swafford asked if there is a problem with faculty being on committees and do not need service. Stephanie replied she was elected to Senate and does not have a service requirement in her contract. Dr. Sweeten VP of Faculty Senate stated this issue came up in a senate meeting due to some faculty members trying to get service and are unable to get nominated because the are not well known.

Dr. Laurenz asked the Senate President to take this back to the Senate for another vote prior to University Council voting on it. Cris Watson also suggested the Senate adjust the Constitution and Bylaws to also reflect these changes and bring those up for vote as well.

No other new business

Old Business

Governance Review- Chairman Swafford went over the Governance review document for Scholarship and Financial Aid Committee, he had questions regarding the charge and membership. Dr. Long answered that the charge is, the committee reviews scholarship eligibility and if the student then becomes ineligible the student appeals to this committee. This committee also review Financial Aid appeals. As for the number of members Dr. Long would like that looked into and he had no idea why there are 13 members on this committee. Chairman Swafford tabled the discussion regarding the Scholarship and Financial Aid committee until Brent Small, the chair of that committee could join the meeting and answer questions and provide clarification.

No other old business

Adjournment There being no other new business, a motion (Beinlich/Colson) to adjourn accepted unanimously at 4:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by
Cris Watson