

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

ZOOM

August 6th, 2020

3:30--4: 11p.m.

Present: Beinlich, Brust, Crockett, Donohue, Duni, Duarte, Guerra, Haney, Kuhlmann, Lingnau, Owens, Pollock, Senn, Shuler, Shaughnessy, Sweeten, Stanley, Stone, Shepherdson, Tian, Waldo, Wallace

Absent: Finley, Thompson, Wall

Administrators Present: Caldwell, Laurenz

Meeting called to order by VP Waldo at 3:31p.m

Motion to approve minutes- made by Senn, seconded by Stone.

None opposed-

3 Abstentions- Brust, Duarte, Donohue.

Motion passed to approve minutes of July 16th Meeting.

No additions or edits to the Agenda

Administrators Report:

Dr. Caldwell provided an update on COVID-19.

Employee positive cases are now to be reported within 4 hours to the NM Environment Dept.

There has been some modifications to quarantine-for medical (if less than 24 hours) or for "parenting/family obligations", when people cross the state line. No need to quarantine 14 days.

There is still a need to limit "non-essential travel"

Dr. Caldwell discussed the predicted shortfall in terms of revenue (2 Billion at State level) and indicated the need for enrollment growth over the next 2-5 years.

Dr. Caldwell updated faculty on GO BOND, which may bring in about 8 million for renovations to Roosevelt Science Center and other facilities on campus. A brief overview was provided.

Dr. Caldwell cursorily reviewed what was transpiring at other state universities. Some Vo/Tech classes are being held under "social distancing". Most state universities are conducting classes on-line for the most part.

Dr. Laurenz reviewed the decision to go "online" except for certain practicum and clinical classes.

He cursorily reviewed a document (update) sent out to faculty on Aug 5th. (Update to Fall 2020 Reopening (9.-5.20)

Buildings are to be at no more than 25 % capacity, all faculty and students must wear face masks/shields and maintain social distance. (Faculty can remove face masks when alone in their offices). Social Distancing to be maintained in groups. Faculty can make the decision when and if they come on campus, but must be available on short notices as needed.

Office hours can be from one's office on campus or from home- but he requested that faculty clearly communicate to students, chairs, and administrative assistance as to availability.

Faculty and students should be engaging in Daily health screenings and submit the forms to the appropriate personnel when needed (daily when coming on campus, even on weekends). Please check in your program/department to find out where the form needs to be sent.

It was made clear that faculty, students cannot enter the ENMU campus or buildings without a face mask/shield/covering. Students should not be coming into the ENMU buildings without explicit invitation and appointment.

Dr. Laurenz emphasized the need for clear communication, particularly at this difficult time. Faculty should be reaching out to students to clearly communicate during the semester.

The university is discouraging unnecessary travel and faculty are urged to attend virtual conferences. This disruption in the ability to attend or participate in conferences is difficult for faculty on tenure track, and flexibility will be implemented, and determined on an individual basis.

There were no faculty Senate Committee Reports.

No report from President Kuhlmann

The ad hoc committee on reopening has not met but there has been some communication to, and from this committee. The 2020-2021 Faculty Senate will continue to work with this committee.

There was some discussion as to "Town Hall" meetings, especially at the beginning of the semester. Drs. Stephanie Beinlich (F.S. President 20-21) and David Sweeten (F.S. V.P. 20-21) will contact Dr. Laurenz about this.

Vice President Waldo thanked all faculty senators for their commitment to meetings during these summer months. President Kuhlmann seconded the sentiment and thanks.

There was some discussion/question as to a recent change from the Governor's Office as to status and on-going decisions. The "Emergency Management Meetings "continue to meet weekly.

Motion to adjourn by Greg Senn at 4:10 p.m.  
Seconded by Sweeten and Crockett.

Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Shaughnessy  
Secretary