

**The
Faculty Assembly Meeting**

MINUTES

March 22, 2024 12:30 PM ZOOM

MEETING CALLED BY:	Dr. Keri Stevenson, Faculty Assembly President
MINUTES ASSEMBLED BY:	Andrew McFeaters, Faculty Assembly Secretary
FACULTY ATTENDEES:	Antionette Abeyta, John Burke, Markos Chavez, Sonya Damon, Christopher Dyer, Robert Encinio, Lucia Guerrero, Yi-Wen Huang, Hasani Jayasinghe, Joe Kee, Carolyn Kuchera, Carmela Lanza, Sarah Llanque-White, Elvira Martin, Aretha Matt, Andrew McFeaters, Arun Muthaiyan, Dan Primozic, Chaturi Sandamali, Keri Stevenson.

GUESTS:

assessment was before the pandemic. Our student demographics have shifted since then. She will be conducting assessment days. Director McMahon has received confirmation on this year's graduation venue from the schools. It will be held at the football stadium again. It will occur at 6PM on May 10th. It will be a longer graduation since we no longer hold December graduations. The IT Department is looking to set up a BYOD (bring your own device) stations for students. Finally, everyone should know that there is a website for the College Council. Minutes and agendas will appear there.

Dr. Stevenson asks if anyone has any questions.

Dr. Carolyn Kuchera remarks that it is concerning that there is so little printing available to students.

Dr. Stevenson mentions that, according to Technical Analyst Frank Sanchez, students are still going to the library for printing. Unfortunately, the computer lab at SSTC is typically locked. IT is skeptical that IT staff would actually be used at that lab. If that lab is unlocked, we could gather data on how often students actually use it.

Dr. Sarah Llanque-White asks if students have to bring their own paper for printing.

Dr. Stevenson mentions that there is a set allotment of paper per student at the library.

Dr. Markos Chavez mentions that it is twenty pages per student. He suggests that opening the lab at SSTC would be a good idea.

Dr. Llanque-White inquires whether ID cards could be used to access the labs.

Dr. Stevenson replies that physical keys are used for those rooms.

DISCUSSION ITEM OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ELECTIONS DR. STEVENSON

Dr. Stevenson mentions that the nomination process expired on March 15th. There were seats open for several positions. Unfortunately, we did not receive nominations for the two-year Senator positions or for the Nominations Committee member. The latter is not a huge problem since the work is minimal. It is concerning that no one was nominated for the Senator positions. If Dr. John Burke wishes to continue his position as Senator, he has to petition the Committee on Governance because he has served so long. He can take a one-year position. Other than that, Dr. McFeaters has run for Secretary. Professor Roseanna McGinn has run for Vice President. Dr Carolyn Kuchera has run for President. Everyone should realize that, without positions filled, shared governance is in jeopardy. People should keep in mind that the Los Alamos branch--where fulltime faculty still teach 5-5 and parttime faculty teach 3-3--has no faculty assembly. Faculty have no voice for shared governance.

Dr. Llanque-White adds that participation does not take up that much time. She urges people to participate.

Dr. Stevenson reminds everyone that is through the senators that the branch campuses access information from main campus.

Dr. Aretha Matt recommends that the upcoming leaders develop a policy for succession. For example, the Vice President can be prepared for the position of President. Likewise, the other members could be prepared for other roles. By building it into the system, a mentoring process will strengthen faculty governance.

Dr. Chris Dyer mentions that, should he not become part of the Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, he would be willing to become a senator.

Dr. Stevenson asks Dr. Dyer to email Professor Chad Smith to indicate his interest in the position.

Dr. Antionette Abeyta verifies that the current bylaws do not address issues of succession.

INFORMATION

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Dr. Stevenson asks for committee reports.

UNMG Senator to ABQ: Dr. Llanque-White mentions that they attended the Senators meeting in ABQ on February 27th. President Garnett Stokes gave a lot of information. UNM did get additional monies for I&G. This helps main campus and Gallup campus. Most of our faculty and staff are covered under this funding umbrella. Also, the Research and Public Service Projects were not all approved. The legislature is reviewing the process of funding these projects. The good news is that there is a big push for faculty salary increases. Dr. Elder, our Faculty Senate President on main campus, mentioned that there is a proposal for a 3% tuition increase for main campus. Gallup's tuition increases are approved by our own board. There is also a discussion to increase our health benefits. There will be a nomination period for the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee. Nominations are currently open. This is for main campus. Also, the HED requirement is requiring UNM to make sure its General Education courses conform to the courses at other institutions. Finally, the Senators are setting priorities for 2024 at the next meeting on March 26th. Anyone can participate.

Dr. John Burke adds that all branch campuses have sent the letter regarding the workload at Los Alamos.

Budget Review Committee: Dr. Llanque-White mentions that the committee held a meeting with the President and the Executive Team. Dr. Ezzell discussed how the budget was formed. She is pushing for increased funding. Dr. Ezzell is willing to meet at any time to ensure transparency in the process. If faculty have budgetary concerns, she urges them to meet with their respective chairs. Then the chairs can meet with her. There will be a budget meeting following the present meeting. Participation is invited.

Committee on Teaching Excellence: No report.

Constitution and By-Laws Committee: Professor Joe Kee mentions that there is nothing to report at present. He adds that the changing of bylaws to address succession in the Faculty Assembly is something worth promoting in the future. Currently, the deadlines for changing bylaws have passed for the academic year. Changes require two Faculty Assembly meetings.

College Assessment and Review Committee: No report.

Curricula Committee: Dr. Antionette Abeyta mentions that the Curricula Committee did not meet. There are no current program reviews. The next meeting will be in April.

Library Committee: Dr. Andrew McFeaters mentions that the committee did not meet this month but is working behind the scenes. The committee is still working on a survey to assess library needs. The committee is also trying to develop a streamlined product for the publication for student research, a

Professor Markos Chavez mentions that his Big Brothers Big Sisters bowling team still needs a member to make a full team. Please reach out to him if anyone is interested. There is also a staff team on campus. Donations are being accepted for both teams. The event is at 1:30PM on April 27th.

Professor Sonya Damon asks that if anyone is interested in EMS courses, that person can be referred to the website. The program process is changing. Please send an email to Division Chair Lewis Gambill if