

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

3:30 p.m. Workman 101

Minutes

1. Call to order

Chair Mike Hargather called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm with a call for approval of the April 5, 2022 minutes.

2. Approval of minutes

Dr. Lorie Liebrock moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Brian Borchers. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hargather noted that we put in these minutes the email that came from the Registrar on commencement so that it was cohesive with what was approved.

3. President Wells Update

a. Commencement Update – *Sandi Lucero*

Faculty are invited to the reception on Friday at the Bureau from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Regalia should be here by the end of the week. Faculty will need to show up at 8:00 am at the latest on Saturday morning for Commencement.

4. Reports of Senate Standing Committees

a. Honorary Degree and Awards Committee – *Arvin Ebrahimkhanlou* Info

Dr. Ebrahimkhanlou announced that nominations need to be sent to Lyndsey Lewis by Friday for Langmuir and the following Thursday for the Founders award. The Brown award is GPA based and nominations will be taken from the floor at the next meeting.

b. Retention Committee – *Brian Borchers* Info

Dr. Borchers shared the strategic enrollment management committee's draft plan. The committee members are administrators with Dr. Borchers serving on it. Dr. Wells noted that this plan was submitted as a draft and sent to HED as a placeholder. Since then HED has issued a guideline for an updated plan by June 15.

c. Budget and Research Committee – *Ken Minschwaner* Info

Dr. Minschwaner noted that an update to the charge of committee is needed in the future with a mandate on meeting with the VPAA and VPAF at least once or twice a year. Additionally, the committee plans to focus indirect rates on in the future.

Dr. Minschwaner announced that the committee met in September to plan their activities and faculty shared concerns with the committee that help them to determine what the top concerns were so. The committee then met with VPAF and VPAA to help address these concerns. The comments were addressed in the report that was shared with the faculty senate.

Dr. Hargather announced that the frequency of committee meetings is something that should be addressed in the standing rules as committees need to be meeting regularly.

d. Regents Faculty Committee – *Subhashish Mazumdar* **Action**

Dr. Mazumdar provided a brief overview of the revised report from the Regents-Faculty committee. It was distilled down to two pages with a table of the amount of people who reported on one topic.

Dr. Mazumdar moved to approve this report as a summary of the survey which will then be transmitted to the Board of Regents. Motion was approved with one nay.

There were some concerns that were still noted such as the status of our equipment in relation to ABET and that there appears to be a communication problem with information being distributed across campus.

5. Council of Chairs Report – *Doug Wells*

Dr. Wells noted that there are no curricular matters.

Dr. Wells stated that we have six people who received tenure and promotion:

Dr. Taffeta Elliott, Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Dr. Gilberto Gonzalez-Parra, Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Dr. Chelsey Hargather, Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Dr. Mostafa Hassanalain, Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Dr. Haoying Wang, Tenure & Promotion to Associate Professor

Dr. Michael Hargather, Promotion to Full Professor

6. Graduate Report – *Aly El-Osery*

a. Undergraduate Students Taking Graduate Classes

Dr. El-Osery stated that an undergraduate student taking graduate level courses may apply up to six credit hours of graduate-level credit to satisfy the requirements of both degrees.

This will open the door but does not guarantee that they can double dip if those in their program agree with it. A department does not have to accept this into their program and the committee still has to accept it into their course plan. This applies to PhD's as well such as a student in the accelerated masters who uses this to count towards their program.

Friendly amendments were made to change the first sentence to "A graduate student who has taken graduate level courses as an undergrad..." as well as the title from undergraduate to graduate. Additionally, to reference that this does not stack with the credits with an accelerated Master's degree. Also, to add "when they have finished their undergrad degree" after the student has a GPA of at least 3.5.

Dr. Pias moved to refer to graduate council, seconded by Dr. Minschwaner. Motion passed with several nays.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

9. Announcements

a. Midnight Breakfast– *Michael Voegerl*

Michael announced that Tristine Hayward will be moving to Auxiliary Services. They are in the process to look for a replacement for her. Additionally, the midnight breakfast will be held on this Saturday at 11:00 pm in Fidel with administration serving pancakes.

b. Research Equipment Survey – *Nelia Dunbar*

Dr. Dunbar is putting together an initiative with what equipment we have on campus. She plans to create a document in google sheets for each academic department with questions such as the type of equipment, who is the person responsible, the location or department, what does it do, the make and model, age and condition, is it available for campus use, it is used for student research, teaching, and an optional question of the source of funds so that it may help junior faculty.

It was noted to add if there is specialized training required. Additionally, to consider custom software, computational models or databases.

c. Summer Salary – *Michael Hargather*

The first two months of salary is your existing salary which is your existing contract plus 3% for the first two pay periods.

Dr. Wells announced that we are planning to have the additional lump sum by next week. Faculty contracts are 7% plus some additional stipends.

d. Final Faculty Senate - *Michael Hargather*

Dr. Hargather announced that the next meeting will be Thursday at 10:00 am. Final grades must be submitted Wednesday by noon for all students who are graduating.

10. Adjournment

By unanimous decision, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.