

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, November 5th, 2013
Workman 101 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to order**
Having reached a quorum, the Faculty Senate chair called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.
- 2a. **Approval of the minutes of October 1st, 2013**
Brian Borchers made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Michelle Creech-Eakman and passed unanimously.
- 2b. **Approval of the Agenda**
By unanimous consent the agenda was approved.
3. **Announcements**
 - a. **Ipads for Faculty Availability -Brian Borchers**
Brian Borchers mentioned that iPads are available for faculty check out for the duration of semester from the HIS-STEM grant.
 - b. **New Career Service Coordinator Nicole Gayer -Lillian Armijo**
Vice President Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming introduced Nicole Gayer, the new career service coordinator.
 - c. **Catalog Announcement -Sara Grijalva**
2013-2014 Catalog is done and submitted to ISD for posting on the Tech website. It has been reformatted and will be in three PDFs this time. The grad section will be posted later, as it needs to go through the Graduate Dean.
 - d. **Call for Tech Scholar Nominations -Jacoby Boles**
Call for scholar nominations to be submitted to Academic Affairs by November 15th deadline, a Banner report naming eligible students will be delivered to departments tomorrow in hardcopy form.
 - e. **Accreditation Update -Mary Dezember**
As the SRS is part of Re-Accreditation Quality Initiative process requiring efforts and documentation that show responsiveness to data, there will be some changes to the SRS this year. The data showed changes in trends for audience awareness of the material being presented. Changes will include revision to the registration form to now include a title and a general audience title. A 3-Minute presentation section also is going to be added and this will be a competition with prizes. The SRS is on a Wednesday this year, to avoid conflicts. To join the SRS advisory committee, email Mary Dezember or the SRS.

f. Workshop Announcement- *Barbara Bonnekesen*

The Data Visualization workshop is tomorrow and is hosted by Rosario Durao at 3:30 pm in Library 212.

4. President's Report

President Lopez addressed the Faculty Senate on three topic areas.

a. Formula funding- The proposed formula includes a "holdback" reserve amount of a 10% reserve over 10 years to be released if successful performance measures are met. The staff of the Higher Education Department is going through some changes, including the departure of the staff member who aggregated the tiers, values matrix, and the cost study that become a formula multiplier. There will be proposals made to the HED of alternative formula measures.

b. The Board of Regents approved the ASAC proposal for changes to the admissions standards for transfer students. The implementation will have to be timed to coincide with a new recruiting cycle at the recommendation of those involved. The changes will be published in the 2014-2015 catalog, and Vice President Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming and Registrar Sara Grijalva will iron out the details of the implementation.

c. Dr. Lopez called upon Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming to address the Strategic Plan. Vice President Jaramillo-Fleming also announced that Tony Ortiz is our new Director of Admissions. Frank Reinow and Melissa have been working on outreach for the strategic plan process. They are finalizing the members of the committee, who will be notified in the next few days after Dr. Lopez approves the list. The committee will be about 22-25 members. There will be two meetings between now and Christmas to keep the momentum going. There will be community and alumni members of the committee as well, and the confirmation process for those members is finalizing.

5. Committee Reports

a. Sabbatical- *Julie Ford*

The committee is accepting requests for next academic year. The requests are reviewed on a rolling basis. Please send requests directly to Julie Ford.

b. Benefits- *Bruce Harrison*

The committee works to gather and provide information on the benefits available. Benefits fair will have representatives available to answer individual questions. Some changes to the plan will be a 16% increase in premiums, as well increases in copays and deductibles. This is in response to claims and prescriptions, which have led to increased costs to the self-funded plan. The plan is in arrears, and since the pool overspent, this amount was covered by NMT. Other aspects of the advantages and disadvantages, and specific costs of the plan were addressed in a PowerPoint presentation.

6. Old Business

a. Approval of the minutes of September 2nd, 2013

Motion to approve the minutes by Bill Stone, which was seconded by Sally Pias. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

b. Quantized Voting for Regents Faculty Conference Committee Report

The voting is to show the support for the report entitled “Keeping New Mexico Tech Strong “ (dated July 24, 2013), by hidden ballot on a letter grade scale. (An A would indicate complete agreement; B, 80 percent agreement; C, 70 percent; D, 60 percent; and F would indicate it was fundamentally flawed.) Votes were collected and counted by the Nominating Committee, the results were presented after new business and were recorded by the committee as: 28 A, 7 B, 2 C, 1 D, 5 F.

7. New Business

a. Council of Chairs- *Peter Gerity*

i. EES changes- *Gary Axen*

Addition of undergraduate section of seminar course, EARTH 493

Motion seconded by Ingar Walder.

The motion carried and the changes were unanimously approved.

ii. FE change- *Tom Engler*

The exam is now proposed to be optional, and the decision is by program whether to make this exam a requirement for the major as well.

By unanimous consent the change was approved.

iii. CLASS course changes- *Barbara Bonnekessen*

By unanimous consent the changes were approved.

iv. Biology course additions- *Snezna Rogelj*

Snezna Rogelj presented changes reflecting the new Physiology staff member and to accommodate the new major in Biomedical Engineering.

By unanimous consent the changes were approved.

v. Physics Catalog correction- *Michelle Creech-Eakman*

By unanimous consent the changes were approved.

vi. **Chemical Engineering changes-** *Corey Leclerc*

By unanimous consent the changes were approved.

vii. Mechanical Engineering changes- *Warren Ostergren*

By unanimous consent the changes were approved.

viii. Area III Core Changes- *Mary Dezember*

Changes are to the Area III 26 required hours, specifically the 8 additional hours in laboratory science.

Dr. Dezember made the motion to follow the recommendation of the Council of Chairs to move the 8 additional hours to the department for their use as major requirements or to add breadth in the major.

Beth Kramer-Simpson seconded the motion.

This would also be a 2014 catalog change, as each department needs to bring their changes by the May 2014 meeting for inclusion in the catalog.

43 Aye, 2 nays. The motion carries.

b. Graduate Council- *Peter Gerity*

- i. Physics catalog correction- *Michelle Creech-Eakman*
By unanimous consent the changes were approved.
- ii. Materials Catalog correction- *Bhaskar Majumdar*
By unanimous consent the changes were approved.
- iii. CLASS Course additions- *Barbara Bonnekessen*
By unanimous consent the changes were approved.
- iv. Change to Reference Letter Requirements- *Peter Gerity*

Proposal changes the language to state that references should be from 3 individuals familiar with the candidate's academic/and or research capabilities.

Motion for an amendment by Bill Stone: The reference should be from 3 individuals familiar with the academic, research and/or professional capabilities. Michelle Creech-Eakman seconded the motion.

Motion to accept the amendment was passed by unanimous consent.

Discussion on modified motion to accept the changes to the Reference Letter Requirements

By unanimous consent the motion was approved.

- v. Proquest Services and Fees- *Peter Gerity*

Lisa Beinhoff addressed who Proquest is and how this could make theses more widely accessible. The GSA voted unanimously to accept using Proquest for these services.

By unanimous consent the motion to use Proquest was approved.

8. Adjournment.

By unanimous consent the Faculty Senate adjourned at 5:14 pm

**Respectfully Submitted,
Jacoby Boles
11-27-13**