

UNM Gallup Faculty Senate Operations Committee
Tuesday, September 15 2015- 6:30p.m. GSSTC120

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Lora Stone, president; Shirley Heying, secretary; Matt Mingus; Carolyn Kuchera; Smita Rashid; Rachel Hewett; Leah, and Lewis Gambill.

Committee Members Absent:

Meeting commenced at 6:30p.m.

1. Discussion with Dean Robert Dr. Stone met with Dean Robert prior to the Operations Committee meeting regarding two pressing issues: the Dean's desire to appoint the current interim chair as chair for the next three years without a search and how to handle the future appointment for the Arts & Sciences chair position. Dean Roberts is currently considering the appointment of the current interim chair of the Arts & Sciences, the Dean's importance of transparency.

The following items were proposed for the Faculty Senate meeting to be held Friday, September 18 Agenda:

1. Food share - faculty will be asked to bring food to share at the start of the meeting.
2. Previous meeting minutes review
3. Faculty Senate President's report
4. Exec Director report
5. Dean's report
6. Student Services report
7. CFO presentation

Other Discussion Items:

1. Information presented Sara Plano of Big Brothers/Big Sisters will present on her organization and the need for adult volunteers. Her pitch will take place before the report and will be considered an information item (she will have 5 minutes of presentation time).

2. Cden Arviso has assessment information for faculty to review. There is a new process that all faculty need to be aware of and she will use the large screen to show it. Dr. Arviso noted that we, as faculty, need to consider whether to vote on the new outcomes assessment process in October or whether it needs to be revised.

There will be no action items for this month's Faculty Senate meeting.

Committee reports will take place at the end of the meeting. The Equity and Rank & Tenure committees should be added to the list of committees to report.

One final issue discussed was that of online compensation for courses. There is pressure from the Executive Director regarding Zuni campus. The Online course policy from 2009 attempted to to use with Extended University, which would allow us to access \$2,000 to prepare new online courses (money typically goes through departments). Cynthia Arazco, at Extended University, stated that they want to bring us under their auspices which means they would decide who qualifies to teach online. There is a description of Extended University and main campus that branch campuses are poaching students because we don't charge the extra fee for online courses. The Dean mentioned that there is a \$10,000 available to get faculty ready to teach Zoom or online. The old 2009 policy was not implemented because faculty worried about internet fees and losing students and didn't want Extended University controlling our 100 and 200 level courses. Dean Roberts is more interested in Zoom technology than online courses and wanted a committee be formed to address Zoom and online courses taught by UNMG faculty. Faculty are far too busy for yet another committee and simply do not have time to commit to extra committee work at this time. Dean Roberts agreed to take up this issue himself.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.