

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Thursday, May 7, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Minutes

1. Call to order and approval of minutes

Chair Tom Engler called the meeting to order at 10:00 am with a call for approval of the April 28, 2020 minutes. Dr. Brian Borchers moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Steve Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Degrees

Dr. Bill Stone moved for approval of the May 2020 graduating list, seconded by Dr. Borchers. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Reopening Campus - *President Wells*

President Wells stated that he has been working with a task group on all different aspects of Higher Education with HED. We are working on a plan with reopening the campus with on campus activities. There are some key aspects to this with one being that all institutions are not the same. This means that one plan will not work for all of us and we have been given that flexibility. We have been looking at what kinds of protocols for opening the facility will work and how to do that in a way that is safe for our students, faculty, and staff. President Wells noted that all agreed given where we are now with the economic situation, the future of New Mexico depends on higher education.

President Wells briefly discussed the timeline and the three different phases with corresponding activities on what to be doing during those different phases.

Phase 1: (May – June) Mostly remote classes. Essential only for non-remote labs/in class instruction with stringent protocols. Campus visits by appointment only. Limited operations and services. No events, conferences, or travel.

Phase 2: (July – August) Remote classes, limited hybrid options. Essential labs/small classes. Limited campus services. Small gatherings with guidelines. Prepare campus for Fall opening with protocols, guidelines, and policies approved by Governing Bodies. Campus visitors limited.

Phase 3: (August – Unknown) Mix of in person and remote classes and operations. Capacity of class sizes/labs limited. Protocols for dorm/food, service/retail operations. Follow National Associations', Conferences', and Statewide recommendations for events, activities, and athletics.

President Wells reiterated that we want to do this properly and make sure that it is safe for everyone. Masks will be needed for when students and faculty return to class.

Dr. Mozley stated that a survey was sent out to students asking their preference for instruction this fall. The results showed that students showed a strong preference for face to face instruction. However, there is a substantial minority who for various reasons related to their health, prefer online instruction for the fall.

Regarding summer plans for students, Dr. Wells noted that graduate students take priority for doing their research on campus. Everyone will have a chance to weigh in on this and the instruction for the fall. Our plan is to open the campus this fall with contingency plans. Dr. Wells stated that an email will be sent out to students sometime next week regarding our fall plans.

4. New Business

a. Enrollment & COVID-19 Activities Update – *Doug Wells*

Dr. Wells briefly discussed our enrollment projections for the Fall semester. Our graduate and undergraduate totals are similar to last year. Dr. Wells noted that there is a number of positive indicators as well as some negative indicators. It's important for us to continue to communicate with the students. However, there are some external forces that we do not control.

Discussion was held that department admins are able to pull out data on these students from Argos. James Scott stated that this he will be discussing this today with Dr. Brian Borchers and ITC. The recruit information is in SLATE and not Banner and there is no access to pull this data. However, the process is moving along to get that done.

5. Adjournment

By unanimous decision, the faculty senate adjourned at 11:12am.