

NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, December 4th, 2012
Workman 101
DRAFT Minutes

1. Call to order. Having reached a quorum the Chair called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. by calling for a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

2a. Approval of the minutes of November 6, 2012

Brian Borchers Moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting
Anwar Hossain Seconded the motion.
Approved Unanimously.

2b. Approval of the Agenda

3. Announcements.

- a. **Peter Gerity-** Deans meeting on January 15th, 2013 and Faculty Senate on January 22nd. With regard to the International Students situation, Lillian Armijo was present to clarify what is being done after the retirement of Sharon Spurgin. Lillian Armijo addressed the Senate by stating that issues we don't have expertise on, UNM and NMSU are helping address those. If a student does not know what to do, direct them to Lillian. A replacement for Sharon Spurgin has been hired. Tom Engler asked how we ensure this does not happen again. Lillian informed the Senate that there are three International Service Officers on campus who have been cross-trained. There is a one month lead time needed on all processing of paperwork. Barbara Rowe, an attorney for New Mexico Tech on immigration and international issues has been utilized as well. Vice President Melissa Jaramillo-Fleming said if there is an issue that needs to be addressed, please go directly to the source to resolve that issue.
- b. **Mary Dezember- SRS** Deadline for registration is February 11th. Changes for this year: more room for poster presentations, in the morning and afternoon. The keynote will be at lunch time. There will be a light lunch provided as well. More details available at srs.nmt.edu, [facebook.com/nmtsrss](https://www.facebook.com/nmtsrss), and by emailing srs@nmt.edu.
- c. **Barbara Bonnekesen- Formation of NMT AAUP chapter**
American Association of University Professors. The NMT Chapter was revived on Oct 16, 2012. This is a space to talk, and a place to discuss academic freedom, tenure and other topics related to the profession. The group has a Facebook page at [Facebook.com/AAUPatNMT](https://www.facebook.com/AAUPatNMT) and an email address at aaupnmtchapter@gmail.com. Look for an announcement in January regarding the re-launch. Historically, the AAUP was founded to protect academic freedom. This was to combat the outside influence of donors at universities and to professionalize faculty the first US statements on tenure come from the AAUP. The "red book" is available on reserve in the library. AAUP Supports the mission of Uni-

versities to protect a solid liberal arts education for critical and informed thinking. One does not need to be a national member to participate in the NMT chapter

- d. **Sara Grijalva- Final grades due Dec. 17th at 4pm.** Classroom assignments for the Spring Semester on Banweb.

4. **Committee Reports.**

a. Council of Chairs- Dr. Gerity

CLASS department brought forward 3 classes at the October Meeting to be added to the catalog: FA 140, FA 145, and FA 150.

Motion to add 3 FA classes to the catalog-Barbara Bonnekessen

Unanimously Approved.

b. Graduate Council- Dr. Gerity for Lorie Liebrock

Anwar Hossain discussed graduate minors in Mathematics for non-majors. Issues and questions regarding these minors were addressed and approved in Grad Council.

Motion to have these Math minors added to the catalog- Anwar Hossain

Discussion by Richard Sonnenfeld. These were vetted through all committee bodies. Terry Lowe added discussion to have these looked at after more classes have been added during the coming academic year.

Motion Passed Unanimously.

c. Benefits- Bruce Harrison

Benefits fair was held last week and the committee met with Meritain and individuals. The committee did this because Meritain did not have a broad perspective of the unhappiness over the transition in providers and in the coverage being provided. Much of the transferred paperwork was done by hand, which resulted in errors. This was in part due to HCH personnel who were supposed to be in charge of our data, and this did not provide the kind of succession we hoped for. New communication pathways were set up. Angie Gonzales was not seeing much of this communication as many individuals were going directly to Meritain. Customer service will be improved. The requested follow-up is to bring forward complaints in the future to Meritain in an organized manner. Richard Sonnenfeld added that the Benefits Committee has the phone numbers for contacting the people at Meritain directly.

d. Budget- Ken Minschwaner

The budget committee has had two meetings this semester, and has been contacted by faculty this semester about reports on staffing and trends for salaries, and categories of positions. They are trying to track changes with different faculty statuses and are in the data collection and analysis mode. There is an Annual Workforce Analysis document being prepared and an Organizational listing has

been requested. One recommendation from the committee is to have the Institute's data publicly available, especially electronically.

Discussion followed on whether to have a motion to make the last 10 years data available electronically.

5. Old Business

6. New business

January Meeting is January 22nd- the second week of classes. Committees that will be reporting are the Space Utilization, Faculty Development, and Academic Standards and Admissions, and Assessment and Retention Committees

7. Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Minschwaner, The senate adjourned by unanimous consent.

The next meeting of the faculty senate is scheduled for Tuesday January 22nd at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacoby Boles

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