**NNMC Faculty Senate Meeting**

**October 10, 2024**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 1:01 pm.

**Senators/Officers in attendance:** David Lindblom, Steph Zawadzki, Brenda Linnell, Rachel Meiklejohn, Dr. X, Anne Gray, Joan Hodge, Lori Franklin, Ana Vasilic, Margaret Zak, Melanie Colgan, Johanna Case-Hofmeister, Bob Tierney, Teresa Beaty, Ruben Olguin, Dorianis Perez, Kelvin Rodriguez, Aspen Ballas

**Invited guests in attendance:** Dr. Larry Guerrero, Tim Crone

Motion to approve meeting agenda – Margaret Zak

2nd motion to approve meeting agenda – Dr. X

All approve – Motion passes

Motion to approve meeting minutes – Joan Hodge

2nd motion to approve meeting minutes – Ruben Olguin

All approve – Motion passes

**Guests/Reports**

**President Report** – No report

**Provost Report** – Dr. Larry Guerrero

* Shelter in place update from 10/3; student in question has been expelled and will not be allowed at future events on campus; concerns were voiced about how this incident was communicated to students and campus personnel
* Updates on Professional Development day (10/16) - agenda in progress, discussion on having Blackboard & Canvas reps at PD day
* New staff: Director of Financial Aid & a new Academic Advisor

**Union Report** – Tim Crone

* Union meeting for all members (all faculty, staff), Friday 10/18
* Sick leave bank audit updates; Health & Safety committee formation

**New Business**

**LMS update** – Joan Hodge

* Discussions on lack of clarity in the decision-making process, the transition timeline, and how the FS report was being weighed in the decision-making process
* Joan Hodge and Matt Connell to draft a letter to the President about the findings of the LMS Faculty Senate ad-hoc committee report; Officers to send out for a vote once received

**Faculty Handbook** – Melanie Colgan

* The Faculty Handbook has been updated to reflect the most recent CBA as well as the updated Mission, Vision, and Strategic Values have been integrated
  + Motion to accept changes in the Faculty Handbook – Anne Gray
  + 2nd motion to accept changes in the Faculty Handbook – Joan Hodge
  + Vote to accept changes in the Faculty Handbook – Approved unanimously

**Committee Reports**

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee** – Bob Tierney

* Overview of 9 course number changes in Biology and Environmental Sciences
  + Motion to approve changes presented in course numbers – Teresa Beaty
  + 2nd motion to approve changes presented in course numbers – Ana Vasilic
  + Motion passes unanimously

**Academic Standards** – No report

**¡Asi Es!** – Steph Zawadzki at the request of committee co-chair, David Lindblom

* Steph went to a conference in Philadelphia over the summer on DEI and we’re working on a way to share those insights with all who are interested

**Educational Policy** – Anne Gray

* Received a request from Engineering & Technology department for Exemption to Eliminate Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in IT based on lack of enrollment; EP approved the exemption
  + Motion to approve the elimination of the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in IT via the exemption process – Brenda Linnell
  + 2nd motion approve the elimination of the Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in IT via the exemption process – Rachel Meiklejohn
  + Motion passes unanimously

**General Education** – No report

**Honors** – Ana Vasilic & Margaret Zak

* No nominations yet received for an honorary degree. Deadline is November. Pueblos and local community groups have been contacted
* Memorial degree follow-up: support from admin about forming an ad-hoc committee, member volunteers requested by end of fall break from relevant committees

**Personnel** – Melanie Colgan

* Faculty Handbook changes complete; nothing else to report

**President’s Faculty Advisory Committee** – Anna Case-Hofmeister

* Provost search committee has been formed with the goal to find a replacement for Fall 2025

**Tenure** – David Torres via email

* Committee selected members of the Tenure Council for upcoming tenure applications & full professor applicants. Committee also voted on criteria awarding promotion to full professor applicants

**Old Business** - None

Motioned to adjourn the meeting – Lori Franklin

2nd motion to adjourn – Anna Case-Hofmeister

All voted in favor – motion passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.