**NNMC Faculty Senate Meeting**

**11/01/2024**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 1:02 pm.

**Senators/Officers in attendance:** Scott Braley, David Lindblom, Steph Zawadzki, Rachel, Meiklejohn, Joan Hodge, Lori Franklin, Brenda Linnell, Ana Vasilic, Margaret Zak, David Torres, Melanie Colgan, Anna Case-Hofmeister, Ashis Nandy, Bob Tierney, Steve Cox, Teresa Beaty, Ruben Olguin, Simon Vaz, Kelvin Rodriguez, Alberto Mares

**Non-senators & Officers/Guests in attendance:** Tim Crone

Motion to approve meeting agenda – Melanie Colgan

2nd motion to approve meeting agenda – Joan Hodge

All approve – Motion passes

Motion to approve meeting minutes – Rachel Meiklejohn

2nd motion to approve meeting minutes – Teresa Beaty

All approve – Motion passes

**Guests/Reports**

**President Report** – No report

**Provost Report** – No report

**Union Report** – Tim Crone

* Sick leave bank – Administration doesn’t appear to know how much leave is in it (IPRA has been filed, awaiting reply from the President); focus otherwise primarily on the Adjunct CBA (fully open this round of negotiations)

**New Business**

**PFAC Adjunct Member Election** – Scott Braley

* Kelvin volunteered
* Motion to approve Kelvin as the 3rd PFAC member – Margaret Zak
* 2nd motion to approve Kelvin as the 3rd PFAC member – Anna Case-Hofmeister
* Motion passes

**Committee Reports**

**Academic Standards** – No report & thanks to department chairs!

**¡Asi Es!** – David Lindblom

* Last spring, the ¡Asi Es! received equity concerns in the new Department Chair policy and raised questions about the policy to the Provost, which remain unanswered. In consultation with the Faculty Senate President, ¡Asi Es! requests an ad hoc committee
	+ Discussion of the merits of an ad hoc committee to investigate the policy; alternatives discussed. Decision: PFAC will inquire at next meeting

**Educational Policy** – No report

**General Education** – Lori Franklin

* Surveying Gen. Ed. course offerings that are common at other colleges and universities (including Flex 9) that may be a good fit for us too

**Honors** – Margaret Zak

* Brenda Linnell, Teresa Beaty, and Michael Harper volunteered to help with an ad hoc committee for the determination of posthumous and in-memoriam degrees led by Margaret Zak
* Candidates for an honorary degree still needed; discussion of an alternative way to honor qualified community members who already have advanced degrees

**Personnel** – Melanie Colgan

* Faculty Handbook was approved by the Board of Reagents; recommendation made to the Provost for a sabbatical application

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

* Met with President & Geno about security on campus; Geno is asking for suggestions for improvement (suggestions can be emailed directly to Geno and/or Anna)

**Tenure** – No report

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee** – Bob Tierney, Ashis Nandy (on behalf of Engineering), Ana Vasilic (on behalf of Physics), Sneha Chakradhar (on behalf of Criminal Justice), Anna Case-Hofmeister (on behalf of Arts)

* Numerous changes:
	+ *Biology* – 2 course number changes
	+ *Engineering* – Changes to the AA in Pre-Engineering courses to introduce labs and give major credit toward prerequisites; goal is to better align the AA and BA courses + rectify low enrollment
	+ *Physics* – changes in-line with changes in Engineering and better align with course changes at other institutions
	+ *Criminal Justice* – changes in both BA and AA level – correction of compliance issues with required number of credits to align with the 120 cr for BA; additional changes to AA program to better align with BA-level program + parallel requirements of other human science program we offer
	+ *Arts* – photography sequences are incomplete (despite high enrollment); BA-level Media & Arts Degree was missing upper division courses as this degree was previously only offered at the Associate’s level
* Motion to approve the changes already approved by the UCC as presented – Simon Vaz
* 2nd motion to approve the changes already approved by the UCC as presented – Ana Vasilic
* Motion passes unanimously
* UCC will be meeting this Spring and open to more changes to the catalog till March 1st

**Old Business** - None

Motioned to adjourn the meeting – Brenda Linnell

2nd motion to adjourn – Ashis Nandy

All voted in favor – motion passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.