

CNM Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes

ATTENDANCE

	Date: 4/20/18	Start Time: 1:00	Location: SRC-126	
School	Checked Box Indicates Presence			<i>Names of Voting Members: First Last (alphabetical)</i>
AT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Barros (Vice Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Diana Lucero	<input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Tahquechi	<input type="checkbox"/>
BIT	<input type="checkbox"/> D. Jim Batzer (Tech Officer)	<input type="checkbox"/> Robert Stone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debarashmi Mitra	<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel Peterman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melanie Viramontes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Whitfield
HWPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renee Barela-Gutierrez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles Fatta	<input type="checkbox"/> Sean Haaverson	<input type="checkbox"/>
MSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Elder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Franklin	<input type="checkbox"/> Bradley Knockel	<input type="checkbox"/>
SAGE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aaron Cowan (Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/> Everetta Mora (Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Valdés (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>

CNM Offices & Representatives (Non-Voting)	ACE Learning Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Don McIver
	CNM Connect	<input type="checkbox"/> Herbert Hathaway
	Dean of Students	<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Cavazos
	Disability Resource Center	<input type="checkbox"/> Ann Lyn Hall
	Student Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Jimmy Thompson

Guest(s)	
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GETTING STARTED

Quorum (1/2 of the senate membership)		Proceed with Meeting
Quorum Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Quorum Present <input type="checkbox"/>		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Approval of Agenda		Proceed with Meeting
Changes:	Motion to Approve: Melanie Second: Eric Yay: Nay: Abstain:	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>

Approval of Draft Minutes from Last Meeting		Approval Status
Changes:	Motion to Approve: Melissa Second: Richard Yay: Nay: Abstain:	Approved With Changes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved, As Is <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved <input type="checkbox"/>

Announcements		Action Taken
None		

TOPICS AND ACTIONS

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Topic: Election Results		Presenter
AT: No election results yet. BIT: Christine Goshorn (FT), MaryJo Villasenor CHSS: Survey closed 4/20, but results not yet tabulated HWPS: Renee Barela-Gutierrez (FT), Sean Haaverson (FT) MSE: Patricio Rojas, and Melanie Will-Cole SAGE: Amy Christensen (FT), Victoria Kittredge (PT)		David
Actions	Person Responsible	Deadline

Topic: Officer Elections		Presenter
Melissa nominated for Chair position Renee nominated for Vice Chair Everetta nominated for Secretary Charles nominated for Treasurer No nomination of Tech Officer.		David
Actions	Person Responsible	Deadline
Motion to approve: Richard Seconded: David Yes: 10 No: 0 Abstain: 0		

Topic: Student Course evaluation		Presenter
Some gender biases appear to exist in instructor evaluations. Comments suggest that men are more likely to be judged on professionalism, and females are more likely to be judged based upon appearance and personality. Minorities and people who speak with an accent often seem to experience bias in evaluations. Students are being asked to assess instructor's knowledge of the field when they often can't even assess their own knowledge of the field accurately. Asking students their opinions about whether someone is a good teacher can activate bias. Asking whether a teacher shows up on time is less likely to be biased. Time to return assignments or return emails is also more clearly defined.		Debra, Erica

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<p>Concrete behavior questions are most reliable. Whether class is required and anticipated grade can influence evaluations. A larger sample size increases reliability. Evaluations should be contextualized with measures like classroom observations. “My instructor treated me with respect” is a question on current eval that could be loaded and subjective. The topic you teach can trigger bias against the instructors as well. Evaluations are not required as part of full-time hiring, but they have been optionally used.</p>		
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Actions	Person Responsible	Deadline
Appoint a committee to look at student evaluations Yes:10 No:0 Abstain:0	Charles, Debra, and Melissa volunteered to serve	N/A

Topic: Textbook adoptions	Presenter
In some departments Chairs play an important role in textbook selection. In other departments the Chairs have no role, and individual instructors are selecting textbooks. Should faculty handbook be updated to reflect these facts?	

Actions	Person Responsible	Deadline
Debra will contact Follett and revise if necessary. We will vote to approve.	Debra	Next meeting

Topic: Profanity in the Classroom (cont.)	Presenter	
Looked at other community colleges such as El Paso Community College. Melanie provided resources on profanity policies in other schools. Shouldn't we at least hear the complaint that students are making?		
Actions	Person Responsible	Deadline

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ADJOURN

Call to Adjourn

Motion: Richard

Second: Debra

Yay: 10

Nay: 0

Abstain: 0

Time of adjournment: 3:05