



University of New Mexico
STAFF COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2013
SUB, Lobo A&B

Members Present: Marcos Abeyta, Joaquin Baca, Bradford Beck, Carol Bernhard, Gloria Carol, Pam Castaldi, Mary Clark, Renee Delgado-Riley, Tyson Eakman, LaNika Espinoza-DeVault, Janisha Garcia, Mike Gatchell, Danielle Gilliam, Veronica Griego, Gene Henley, Jarrett Hines-Kay, Traci Jastrzemski, Joanne Kuestner, Karen Mann, Marie McGhee, Stephen Murillo, Mark Reynolds, Frances Rico, Joni Roberts, Deanna Sanchez-Mulcahy, Marie St Claire, Kathy Turner, Gina Urias-Sandoval, Daniel Weems and Tracy Wenzl.

Members Excused: Sophia Alvarez, Emily Arzate, Natalie Bruner, Anne Burtnett, Kenneth Carpenter, Marjorie Crow, Chris Gallegos, Lisa Gilmore, Christopher Gutierrez, Nathan Holscher, Juan Larranaga, Shawn McGhee, Kathy McKinstry, Michele Navarette, Melissa Pacheco-Armijo, Stella Ramos, Ann Rickard, Carla Sakiestewa, Bridgette Wagner-Jones, Chelsea Beth Walker and Justin Walters.

Members Absent: Danelle Callan, Michael Chavez-Kerr, Crystal Davis, Amie Ortiz and Tish Young.

Parliamentarian: Adam Hathaway, Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

Call to Order: at 1:04 p.m. by Speaker, Tracy Wenzl.

Agenda, approved.

Minutes of September 17, 2013 approved.

Constituent Comments

No comments.

President's Report, President Gene Henley

President Henley appointed Marcia Sletten to the Faculty Staff Benefits Committee. This was approved by the Council. President Henley appointed Renee Delgado-Riley to the Tuition and Fee Policy Committee. This was approved by the Council. President Henley created a Staff Council Resource Allocation Ad Hoc Committee and appointed Karen Mann as Chair and the following individuals as members: Bob Christner, Renee Delgado-Riley, Danielle Gilliam, Marie McGee and Bonnie Leigh Reifsteck. This was approved by the Council.

President Henley thanked the Homecoming Ad Hoc Committee for their work on the recent event. President Henley stated that UNM Administration is discussing the creation of a College of Public Health. President Henley met with JoEllen Ransom, University Ombudsperson for staff at Dispute Resolution. President Henley, Terry Horger, Co-Chair of the Staff Council Employee Life Committee and Kathy Meadows met with Dr. Heidi Rice, EOHS, to discuss the Catastrophic Leave Program. The remaining meetings President Henley attended during the month of October focused on discussions about retiree health benefits. President Henley presented Linda McCormick with a Staff Hero award.

Executive Committee Report, President Elect Renee Delgado-Riley

The Executive Committee approved a budget for the December 17th Staff Council retreat/meeting. President Elect Delgado-Riley serves as a representative on the Tuition and Fee Policy Committee and stated that the charge of the committee is to compare and contrast the differential program course fees. This Committee is tasked with defining solutions to those differential fees. The Communication & Marketing Committee is offering a copy editing service to the Councilors. On 9/30/13, a survey about faculty life was sent to the UNM faculty and currently, the Vice President for Human Resources is leading an effort to survey staff on the same topic. The Vice President for Human Resources is seeking staff representatives to serve on a new Staff and Faculty Rewards and Recognition Committee. These appointments will be forthcoming.

Speaker's Report, Speaker Tracy Wenzl

Speaker Wenzl reported that she received positive comments about last month's committee meetings within the Staff Council meeting.

Speaker Wenzl recommended Elmo Riggs to fill the vacant P18 seat. This was approved by the Council.

Student Success Presentation, Elisha Allen

Committee Meetings 101, Adam Hathaway, Professional Registered Parliamentarian

Hathaway reviewed the basics of agendas, minutes and meetings and also provided specific meeting information for committee chairs.

New Business

No new business.

Committee Reports:

Communication & Marketing, Pam Castaldi: Castaldi reiterated information about the copy editing service available to Councilors. The Committee is proposing a Staff Council website redesign and is presenting this proposal to the Executive Committee on 10/30/13. The Committee is updating the Staff Council brochure.

Faculty Staff Benefits, Hans Barsun: The recent changes to ERB benefits are currently being reviewed by the New Mexico Supreme Court. The Committee continues to closely monitor recent retiree health benefit changes. Other agenda items that the Committee is discussing include dependent education and tuition remission.

Sustainability Council, Cindy Tyson: The Council meets to provide information and has the capability and power to act on important issues. Sustainability at UNM is changing, especially with the upcoming retirement of Linda McCormick, Recycling Manger. Mary Clark is the UNM Sustainability Manager and progress has been made with utilities and participation of the campus student groups. Under the direction of Clark, UNM recently received the Sustainable Business Award.

Councilor Comments

No comments.

Meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kathy Meadows, Administrative Officer, Staff Council Office.

The meeting, in its entirety, can be viewed by going to <http://staffcouncil.unm.edu>.