

University of New Mexico
STAFF COUNCIL MEETING
April 15, 2014
SUB, Ballroom A

Members Present: Marcos Abeyta, Sophia Alvarez, Brad Beck, Carol Bernhard, Anne Burtnett, Gloria Carol, Pam Castaldi, Mary Clark, Marjorie Crow, Renee Delgado-Riley, Tyson Eakman, Chris Gallegos, Mike Gatchell, Danielle Gilliam, Lisa Gilmore, Veronica Griego, Gene Henley, Joanne Kuestner, Karen Mann, Marie McGhee, Kathy McKinstry, Amie Ortiz, Melissa Pacheco-Armijo, Stella Ramos, Mark Reynolds, Ann Rickard, Elmo Riggs, Joni Roberts, Marie St Claire, Kathy Turner, Gina Urias-Sandoval, Chelsea Beth Walker, Daniel Weems, and Tracy Wenzl.

Members Excused: Kenneth Carpenter, LaNika Espinoza-DeVault, Janisha Garcia, Shawn McGee, Frances Rico, Carla Sakiestewa, Deanna Sanchez-Mulcahy and Bridgette Wagner-Jones.

Members Absent: Emily Arzate, Joaquin Baca, Danelle Callan, Crystal Davis, Christopher Gutierrez, Jarrett Hines-Kay, Nathan Holscher, Traci Jastrzemski, Amber Lucero, Stephen Murillo, Michele Navarette, Justin Walters and Tish Young.

Parliamentarian: Adam Hathaway, Professional Registered Parliamentarian.

Call to Order: at 1:06 p.m. by Speaker, Tracy Wenzl.

Agenda, approved with changes.

Minutes of March 18, 2014, approved.

Constituent Comments

UNM Student, Meghan Maes, spoke about Relay for Life.

Terry Horger stated that the Staff Council Employee Life Committee is conducting a member survey. She also reminded the Councilors about the Sustainability Expo and Grower's Market which will be held on 4/22/14.

President's Report, President Gene Henley

President Henley read the remarks he made to the Board of Regents on 4/8/14. President Henley recommended the appointment of Nicole Stephens to the Faculty Staff Benefits Committee. This was approved by the Council.

Executive Committee Report, President Elect Renee Delgado-Riley

During the last month, the Executive Committee played an advisory role to the Regents on discussions about the budget, compensation and changes in health benefits. The Council's budget increase request, endorsed by the Staff Council 2014 Resolution #2, was denied. The Executive Committee recommended that the videotaping of Staff Council meetings be temporarily discontinued for six months and then be re-evaluated. Staff Council strategic planning continues with leadership from the Executive Committee. In addition, the Executive Committee is designing a Councilor professional development program which will be led by Mary Clark.

Speaker's Report, Speaker Tracy Wenzl

Speaker Wenzl presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Precinct Representatives whose term ends in April. Speaker Wenzl recommended the appointment of Daniel Weems to the vacant Grade 12 seat. This was approved by the Council.

Special Orders

On behalf of the Rules & Elections Committee, Karen Mann requested approval of the 2014 Precinct Election Results. This was approved by the Council. Mann provided information to Councilors about the election of the Executive Committee in May.

New Business

None

Guest Speaker

Chaouki Abdallah, UNM Provost, gave a brief update about the UNM budget process, funding for higher education, compensation and changes to health benefits.

Bob Christner gave a presentation entitled, "Exercise and You."

Brenda de la Pena, HR Benefits Manager, spoke about the changes in Open Enrollment.

Councilor Open Forum and Comments

Tracy Wenzl congratulated Renee Delgado-Riley for the completion of her doctoral degree.

Meeting adjourned at 2:39 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>.

To: Staff Council

From: Rules and Elections Committee
Karen Mann, Chair

Date: April 14, 2014

Ref: 2014 Precinct Elections

The 2014 election to fill thirty precinct seats on the Staff Council was conducted during the week of March 24 -March 28, 2014. Twenty five (25) seats were filled. Precincts 4, 10, 21, 25, and 27 remain vacant as no candidates ran or submitted their name as write in candidates for these precincts. Voting was done electronically for all precincts; in addition, flyers were distributed to departments in precincts 13, 14, 17, 18, and 30 to inform them that electronic voting only would be used and where computers on campus could be accessed to conduct voting during this time. The survey software tallied the electronic votes and generated a report which was submitted to the Staff Council Office, and reviewed by the Rules and Elections Committee when it met Tuesday April 1, 2014 at 1:30 pm. A total of 4,827 staff received the invitation to vote with 986 invitees responding (a 20.43% response rate).

Write in candidates were received for each the following precincts: 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 16, 17, 19, 21, 25, 27, 28, 29, and 30. Each name written in was verified with the candidate. The candidate receiving the most number of write ins was compared to the other votes in the precinct. The candidate with the most number of votes or write ins was declared the winner for the precinct and filled the vacant seat. Because no candidates within a precinct received an equal number of votes, no tie breaker was needed.

All of the candidates who were not successful in their bid for a precinct seat were given information on working with Staff Council through the various committees. The Staff Council office (Kathy Meadows) notified all elected candidates and invited each to observe the April 15, 2014 Staff Council meeting. Councilors representing precincts will be formally seated at the May 2014 meeting of the full Staff Council.

Protests to the election had to be filed with the Staff Council Office by 5 pm Monday, April 7, 2014. A challenge was received for only the precinct 16 election. The Rules and Elections committee met in an open session the following day to determine the proper course of action. A special online election for precinct 16 only will be held using all of the parameters used for the election used for all precincts March 24-28. When the results of that election have been compiled, they will be reviewed by the Rules and Elections committee and submitted to the full council for ratification.

The winners for each of the precincts other than precinct 16 was sent to the campus in the 4/8/14 e-news and is also attached to this report.

One of the Rules and Election committee members was a candidate for precinct representation and was excused from handling of ballots and resolution of the protest to the election.

The Rules and Elections Committee reports the election results as set forth on the attached document and respectfully moves the Council to ratify the results.



Staff Council Precinct Representatives

Two-Year Terms Begin on May, 20, 2014

- Precinct 1 Representative: Joanne Kuestner (re-elected)
- Precinct 2 Representative: Ana Parra Lombard
- Precinct 3 Representative: Marjorie Crow (re-elected)
- Precinct 4 Representative: VACANT
- Precinct 5 Representative: Joseph M. Lane
- Precinct 6 Representative: Natalie Willoughby
- Precinct 7 Representative: Lisa Gilmore (re-elected)
- Precinct 8 Representative: Gina Urias-Sandoval (re-elected)
- Precinct 9 Representative: Jennifer Lee Trujillo
- Precinct 10 Representative: VACANT
- Precinct 11 Representative: Danielle Gilliam (re-elected)
- Precinct 12 Representative: Sarah Kieltyka
- Precinct 13 Representative: Renee Delgado-Riley (re-elected)
- Precinct 14 Representative: Cynthia Mason
- Precinct 15 Representative: Marcos Abeyta (re-elected)
- Precinct 16 Representative: Election Results Under Review
- Precinct 17 Representative: Mary Clark (re-elected)
- Precinct 18 Representative: Elmo Riggs (re-elected)
- Precinct 19 Representative: Jodi Perry
- Precinct 20 Representative: Amanda Bassett
- Precinct 21 Representative: VACANT
- Precinct 22 Representative: Danelle Callan (re-elected)
- Precinct 23 Representative: Dina Estrada
- Precinct 24 Representative: Joni Roberts (re-elected)
- Precinct 25 Representative: VACANT
- Precinct 26 Representative: Carla Sakiestewa (re-elected)
- Precinct 27 Representative: VACANT
- Precinct 28 Representative: James DeeWayne Patton
- Precinct 29 Representative: Daisy Rosero
- Precinct 30 Representative: Patricia O'Connor