

University of New Mexico  
STAFF COUNCIL MEETING  
February 18, 2014  
SUB, Lobo A&B

**Members Present:** Marcos Abeyta, Sophia Alvarez, Joaquin Baca, Bradford Beck, Carol Bernhard, Anne Burtnett, Gloria Carol, Pam Castaldi, Mary Clark, Marjorie Crow, Crystal Davis, Renee Delgado-Riley, Mike Gatchell, Lisa Gilmore, Veronica Griego, Christopher Gutierrez, Gene Henley, Jarrett Hines-Kay, Traci Jastrzemski, Joanne Kuestner, Karen Mann, Marie McGhee, Kathy McKinstry, Melissa Pacheco-Armijo, Stella Ramos, Ann Richard, Elmo Riggs, Joni Roberts, Carla Sakiestewa, Deanna Sanchez-Mulcahy, Marie St Claire, Gina Urias-Sandoval, Daniel Weems, and Tracy Wenzl.

**Members Excused:** Danelle Callan, Kenneth Carpenter, Tyson Eakman, LaNika Espinoza-DeValut, Chris Gallegos, Janisha Garcia, Danielle Gilliam, Amber Lucero, Shawn McGee, Stephen Murillo, Michele Navarette, Amie Ortiz, Mark Reynolds, Frances Rico, Bridgette Wagner-Jones, Chelsea Beth Walker and Justin Walters.

**Members Absent:** Emily Arzate, Nathan Holscher, and Tish Young.

**Parliamentarian:** Adam Hathaway, Professional Registered Parliamentarian, excused.

**Call to Order:** at 1:01 p.m. by Speaker, Tracy Wenzl.

**Agenda, approved.**

**Minutes of January 21, 2014, approved.**

**Constituent Comments**

No comments.

**President's Report, President Gene Henley**

President Henley stated that the 2014 legislative session will end on Thursday, 2/20/14, and many important items, such as the budget, the lottery scholarship and capital projects, are still pending.

Staff Council precinct elections will be held in March and President Henley encouraged the Councilors to promote participation in the election process to their constituents.

President Henley recommended that the following appointments be made to university-wide committees: Carol Bernhard and Gina Urias-Sandoval on the Office of Equal Opportunity Director Search Committee; Joaquin Baca, Ann Burtnett, Veronica Griego and Ken Van Brott on the UNM Survey Committee; Natalie Brigance, Lisa Gilmore and Chelsea Beth Walker on the UNM Rewards and Recognition Committee; Kathryn Bernhard-Brizze and Kathy Meadows on the Faculty Staff Club Advisory Board. All of these recommendations were approved by the Council.

President Henley stated that the UNM Institutional Compliance Committee met recently and discussed the design of a UNM Code of Ethics for main campus, similar to the one that HSC already has in place.

**Executive Committee Report, President Elect Renee Delgado-Riley**

Over the past month, the Executive Committee discussed the Read to Me Donation Drive, the monthly Staff Council Brown Bags, how to engage Staff Councilors, marketing of the Staff Council, future Staff Council guest speakers, the Staff Appreciation Picnic venue, Staff Council website improvements and the 2014 Staff Appreciation Month events.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, President Elect Delgado-Riley moved to reconvene the Ad Hoc Staff Appreciation Month Steering Committee. This was approved by the Council.

President Elect Delgado-Riley promoted the Lobo Food Pantry event scheduled for Thursday, 2/20/14.

### **Speaker's Report, Speaker Tracy Wenzl**

Speaker Wenzl encouraged the Councilors to participate in the upcoming Staff Council elections and consider running for a seat on the Staff Council Executive Committee.

### **New Business**

On behalf of the Rules and Elections Committee, Chair, Karen Mann moved to accept the proposed precincts as presented. Councilor Clark moved to amend the motion to remove HSC PPD plant, HSC PPD landscaping and HSC PPD maintenance projects from Precinct 17 and moved to Precinct 18 and that HSC PPD Engineering be removed from Precinct 18 and moved to Precinct 17. This amendment was seconded and approved by the Council. Councilor Sakiestewa moved to amend the motion to remove CTSC staff from Precinct 26 and moved to Precinct 27. This amendment was seconded and approved by the Council. The Council approved the main motion as amended.

### **Committee Reports:**

***Faculty Staff Benefits, Hans Barsun:*** There is a Request for Proposal (RFP) out for a new health insurance and vision insurance plan administrator and Karen Mann is the representative on the RFP Committee. The committee continues to discuss health insurance costs. The Committee is also doing some investigation to determine what the affect would be on health insurance premiums if pre-65 retirees were included back into the active pool. There is an RFP out for a "Gap" health insurance and Carol Bernhard is the representative on the RFP Committee. The Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) funds are currently being invested in CD's. The Committee is currently reviewing the Dependent Education Benefit.

***Student Success, Gina Urias-Sandoval:*** Cindy Mason and Gina Urias-Sandoval are the new Co-Chairs of the Committee. The Committee is actively recruiting for new members. Staff as Students will be held on Monday, 4/7/14 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the SUB, Ballroom C. Pending items for the Committee include the Read to Me Book Donation Drive and a Staff Certification Program through Employee Organizational Development.

### **Councilor Comments**

Mary Clark commented on the benefits of joining the Staff Council and the accomplishments of the Council.

### **Guest Speaker**

Chaouki Abdallah, Provost, gave an update from the Provost's Office.

### **Meeting adjourned at 2:34 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>.**