



# Staff Council Standing Committee Minutes

**Committee Name:** Executive

**Meeting Date and Place:** September 23, 2024, 11:00 AM – 12:30PM; Teams  
**Members Present:** Ivan Olay, Frankie McQuerry, Bonnie Minkus Holmes, Damion Terrell, Carla Sakiestewa, Amy Hawkins, Sierra Kowalski

**Excused Absent:** Amie Ortiz, Grace Faustino

**Guests Present:** Councilors Phibbs, Serna & Anderson, Kelly Maes, Mary Clark, Mike Puelle

**Minutes Submitted by:** Amy Hawkins

	Subject	Item	Notes
1.	Call to Order		11:06AM
2.	Approval of Agenda		Approved.
3.	Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	9.09.24	Approved.
4.	Indigenous Peoples' <a href="#">Land and Territory Acknowledgement</a>	<i>Founded in 1889, the University of New Mexico sits on the traditional homelands of the Pueblo of Sandia. The original peoples of New Mexico – Pueblo, Navajo, and Apache since time immemorial – have deep connections to the land and have made significant contributions to the broader community statewide. We honor the land itself and those who remain stewards of this land throughout the generations and acknowledge our committed relationships to indigenous peoples. We gratefully recognize our history.</i>	Read by Amy.
5.	New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Guest: Mike Puelle, UNM Chief Government Relations Officer, joined Staff Council and answered several questions from the SC Government Relations Committee chair and shared strategies about how to communicate with legislature; key is how to share who we are as staff - Ivan shared a bit of what Staff Council does to do: 1 pager tri-fold with statistics that is more geared towards legislators directly, to let them know who staff is: how many staff? Retention? Basic needs info? Resolutions?</li> <li>2. Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolutions Next Steps</li> <li>• <a href="#">Disability and Neurodiversity Advocate and Ally</a></li> </ul> </li> </ol>	

		<p><u>Trainings</u>: Discussion of concerns and ideas: adding additional trainings to staff’s agendas; if it’s mandatory it’s not effective; could it be added to manager training? Who would be the owner of this, Center for Development and Disability? Ivan will continue discussions with leadership and the DEI committee.</p> <p><u>A More Inclusive and Compassionate Bereavement Policy</u> Discussion included the expanding of definitions and was well received with administration. Concerns: staff would abuse the policy. HR is going to task his department to research the use of bereavement leave and will follow up at the next meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LoboAlerts: why are some staff not receiving the same alerts? They come from different numbers; There have been a couple of things that has happened on campus like a carjacking that has not been sent out on LoboAlerts. Bonnie will share the teams chat that; what’s the criteria to putting out a LoboAlert? A lot of people Building coordinators meeting</li> </ul> <p>3. President’s Report: Olay met with Kevin, provost later to day and Damion is meeting with Parking in Ivan’s place.</p>	
	<b>Announcements</b>	Next scheduled meeting: 9.30.24	
	<b>Action Items</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Marketing for Government Relations</li> <li>2. ONEbox Opiod / Naloxone Emergency Box</li> <li>3. Drone Project. Index is secured; ongoing.</li> <li>4. Follow up with Dr. Cargas re: Basic Needs Survey and What can we do to help staff with food insecurity?</li> <li>5. Staff poll re: courses of interest at CNM that are not offered by UNM?</li> </ol>	
	<b>Adjournment</b>		12:20PM