
Faculty Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, March 23, 2011
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm – LRC 101C

Attendance: Rosa Auletta, Tina Newby, Najib Manea, Alexa Wheeler, Michael Ceschiat, Patricia Gillikin, Rob Paixao, John Austin, Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie, Miriam Chavez, Celestyn Brozek, Lucille Farrington, Barbara Rousseau, Claudia Barreto, Julie DePree, Jon Conescu, Miriam Gustafson, Khaled Kassem, John Anderson, Alice Letteney

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 1:33 pm.
2. **Acceptance of Agenda:** Rob Paixao made a motion to approve the agenda for March 23, 2011 and Michael Ceschiat seconded the motion. All agreed.
3. **Approval of Minutes from February 23, 2011:** Miriam Chavez made a motion to approve these minutes and Celestyn Brozek seconded motion. All agreed.
4. **Executive Director's Report:**
 - a. Legislative update – The budget for Community Colleges was down 9.78%. Alice was asked to attend the budget summit. Mandated to increase tuition 9.5% - we will not increase more than that. There is less money for remediation and dual credit. More money for undocumented students.
 - b. Pell Grant funding is at risk.
 - c. No awards for students this year as there have been in past years. Torres Leyba is interning with Congressman Mark Udall so had been selected as the commencement speaker this year.
 - d. If you have any publications, please send in to receive recognition.
 - e. Five grant proposals are in the works. Some NSF applications are being considered. 30 students qualified for 3-year STEM scholarships.
5. **Co-Deans of Instruction Report:**
 - a. The FEDI forms are being reviewed. Julie will send out emails for those missing. Clifton Murray is chair of committee working on revising the FEDI form.
 - b. Fall schedule is off to Chad. When get it back will review with department chairs and edit as needed.
6. **Reports from NMHEAR:**

Julie reported on the Assessment Task Force presentation.
7. **Committee Reports:**

A. Teaching and Learning Assessment Committee: Core Course reviews are due March 25. Just do it!

8. Continuing Business:

Faculty Colloquia Series – John Anderson plans to give his colloquium talk on a possible new species (Hobbitses?) in Indonesia. Coming up: April 27 John Byram from UNM Press

9. New Business:

a. Children’s Study Report: Postponed to later

10. Treasurer’s Report:

Elaine didn’t make it to the meeting in time to give this report. Request for donations for snacks at next meeting.

11. Presidents Report:

Elections in April: All positions will be open. Will have elections at the April meeting.

12. Announcements: Claudia passed around a news article about Jami Huntsinger and Dani Martinez.

13. Adjournment: Rob Paixao made a motion to adjourn at 2:10, Michael Ceschiat seconded.

14. Children’s Study Report: Ronnie Goforth did come at 2:15 to present her report. John Anderson asked her to come back to the April meeting since adjourned early.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Clark (with much help from Claudia Barreto and Laura Encinias).

We are looking for a few good men and women to take the gavel and fill the Faculty Assembly positions!

Please consider serving and remember you can nominate yourself!