

**Faculty Assembly Meeting**  
**April 16, 2014**  
**1:30-3:00 LRC 101C**

**In attendance:**

Rosa Auletta	Patricia Gillikin	Alice Lawson	Dustin Shafer
Claudia Barreto	Teresa Goodhue	Barbara Lovato	Julia So
Michael Brown	Annette Hatch	Najib Manea	Tracy Terry
Michael Ceschiat	Alfonso Heras	Danizete Martinez	Helen Walton
Cindy Chavez	Jami Huntsinger	Richard Palmer	Leann Weller
Miriam Chavez	Khaled Kassem	Eva Rivera	Thomas Whittaker
Elaine Clark	Alice Letteney		Heather Wood
Julie Depree			
Lucille Farrington			

**Call to Order**

- Dani Martinez called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

**1. Acceptance of agenda**

- A motion was offered to accept the agenda.
- The agenda was accepted.

**2. Approval of minutes**

- A motion was offered to accept the minutes from March 2014.
- The minutes were accepted.

**3. Executive Director's Report (Alice Letteney)**

- Alice travelled to DC last week and discussed the need for more Pell Grants with Congressional leaders.
- The general consensus is that funding is scarce.
- A Title V Grant has been applied for in the area of IT and cyber-security.
- Tuition increases may be needed next year.
- Kudos to Claudia for her work on assessment committee creating valuable data for immediate use for faculty.
- Kudos to Tina for her regional ABE award.

**4. Dean of Instruction's Report (Richard Sax In Absentia)**

- Dani Martinez: Minor changes to division structure have been made. Please check with your Division Chairs for info.

**5. Treasurer's Report (Tom Whittaker)**

- 38.81 in snacks budget. Please donate if you can.
- \$100 was donated over the past year. Please keep donating.

**6. Committee Reports:**

Faculty Handbook & Communications Committee (Elaine Clark)–

- Changes to language regarding staggering committee assignments was approved.
- Changes to language regarding electronic submittal of newsletters/minutes was approved.

Assessment (Claudia Barreto)—

- Core course assessments were conducted over the past three Fridays. Keep up the good work collecting assessment data to improve teaching and learning on campus.

Curriculum Committee (Thomas Whittaker)—

- The committee met on April 7th to receive a program review from Dustin Shafer on the Group Fitness Leadership certificate. Following Dustin's presentation, the committee voted to strike the certificate from the list of programs offered at UNM-Valencia.
- The committee will be meeting again on April 28th to review the Liberal Arts program.

Faculty Professional Development (Cindy Chavez)—

- Committee has not met since last meeting.
- Some money is still left in the budget. Please apply.

Faculty Senate (Julia So)—

- Thank you for the opportunity to serve the campus.

**8. President's Report (Dani Martinez)**

- Best wishes and bon voyage to Toni Black.
- Cindy Chavez: Toni Black's potluck will be at 1PM April 30.
- Congratulations to Alfonso Heras for successfully defending his dissertation.
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve the faculty in this position.

**9. New Business/Announcements**

- Barbara Lovato: National Library Week is this week; please participate.
- Michael Ceschiati: Gallery Opening is this Tuesday, please attend from 5-7 PM.
- Tom Whittaker: Earth Day is this coming Tuesday; various events will occur on campus from 11-3. The film *Carbon Nation* will screen from 1-3 PM in A101.
- Cindy Chavez: Thanks to Elaine for her hard work on the newsletter.

**10. Faculty Elections**

- Miriam Chavez: FEC titles are outdated due to changes in division structure and should be amended.
- Some titles were amended to reflect new structure. CHESS, MES, Transitional Studies (Education), Nursing, and Business and Technology are new divisions.
- Ballots were tallied: New FEC was voted on and approved. President-Heather Wood, VP-Thomas Whittaker, Secretary-Tracy Terry, Rep.-Melanie Sanchez-Dinwiddie, Rep.-Richard Palmer, Adjunct Faculty Rep.-Alice Lawson

**Adjournment: 3:01**

Respectfully submitted, Heather Wood