



Faculty Assembly Meeting Draft Agenda
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (12:00 – 1:15 PM)
Zoom Meeting URL: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/96311052245> (Passcode: Feb26)
In-person Meeting in H101

1. Call to Order (1 min)

- The meeting was called to order at **12:03 PM** by Andisheh Dadashi

2. Acceptance of Agenda (1 min)

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

- **Moved:** Ian Burch
- **Seconded:** Julia So
Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes (1 min)

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting's minutes.

4. **Moved:** Michael Gonzales

5. **Seconded:** Julia So
Motion carried.

6. Chancellor's Report – Dr. Sam Dosumu (10 min)

Dr. Dosumu addressed faculty concerns regarding budget, staffing, and enrollment.

- Confirmed that **faculty positions are not being eliminated** and that all current vacancies will be filled within the current fiscal year.
- Emphasized that **student-facing positions** remain a funding priority.
- Noted that **staff positions** are reviewed individually as vacancies arise.
- Explained that budget decisions are made collaboratively with academic and financial leadership.
- Reported that enrollment has declined overall since 2015, with a temporary increase during COVID due to online offerings.
- Noted a recent decline in Albuquerque-based enrollment (approximately 200 students), while Valencia County first-time degree-seeking enrollment has increased modestly.



- Explained that institutional funding is driven primarily by **student credit hours**, not headcount.
- Clarified that dual-credit enrollment is high but generates limited tuition revenue.
- Stated that the campus must continue evaluating programs with low completion rates and consider new programs aligned with regional workforce needs.
- Committed to transparency and ongoing communication.

Faculty expressed appreciation for the Chancellor's clarifications. A request was made for a separate forum to review enrollment and budget data in more detail. Dr. Dosumu agreed to schedule a future session

7. Dean of Instruction's Report – Dr. Laura Musselwhite (10 min)

Dr. Musselwhite reported the following:

- Fall-to-fall retention rates have improved significantly:
 - Fall 2022–23: 59%
 - Fall 2023–24: 69%
 - Fall 2024–25: 79%
- Announced the upcoming **All-Campus Academy**, focused on digital accessibility and online teaching.

8. Treasurer's Report – Piotr Filipczak (1 min)

- Faculty/Staff Committee Fund balance: **\$370.71**
- Snack Fund balance: **\$78.85**
- Recent expenditures included food purchases for faculty events.

9. Committee Accomplishments for AY 25-26 (3 min per)

- Faculty Professional Development Committee
 - Most annual funds have been allocated.
 - Approximately **\$1,000** remains.
 - No second funding round will be offered.
 - Faculty were encouraged to submit requests promptly.



- Faculty Online Teaching & Review Committee
 - Committee continues to meet monthly.
 - Preparing for the All-Campus Academy workshop.
 - Full course reviews will begin in Spring.
 - Ongoing focus on digital accessibility.
- Curriculum Committee
 - The Board of Regents approved the following programs:
 - Plumbing
 - Electrical
 - HVAC
 - An AI Certificate remains in development.
 - Program reviews are planned for Spring.

10. Faculty Senate Report (5 min)

- Approved an export control policy.
- Passed a joint resolution opposing Compacts of Academic Excellence.
- Approved a new undergraduate certificate in Hispanic Traditional Healing.
- Participated in breakout sessions addressing equity, faculty communication lists, and online course certification.

11. Call for Senate Candidate nominations and vote (15 min)

With no prior nominations submitted, John Sims was nominated from the floor.

- **Vote Results:**
 - Yes: 21
 - No: 0
 - Abstentions: 0

John Sims was elected as Faculty Senate representative.



12. Pedagogical Partnership Program – Julia So (10 min)

Dr. So presented an overview of the Pedagogical Partnership Program.

- Valencia is the only community college in New Mexico participating in the national Science Collaborative.
- The program pairs faculty with student partners to enhance classroom engagement and inclusivity.
- Faculty and students participate in workshops, classroom observations, and structured feedback sessions.
- Faculty and student participants reported positive impacts on teaching practices, student confidence, and professional development.
- Plans were announced to expand the program in the next academic year.
- Materials and QR codes will be shared campus-wide.
- [Pedagogical Partners Presentation](#)

13. Student Safety on Campus – Veronica Salcido, Armando Bustamante, Lt. Bryan Killinger (15 min)

Presenters: Veronica Salcido, Armando Bustamante, Lt. Bryan Killinger, Rich Sedillo

- Clarified procedures related to immigration enforcement on campus.
- Faculty and staff are not obligated to engage with federal immigration agents.
- Campus police must be contacted for any such encounters.
- Classrooms and offices are considered private spaces requiring judicial warrants for entry.
- Announced the establishment of a **multidisciplinary Care Team** to support students in distress.
- Faculty were encouraged to submit Care Reports and exercise flexibility when students experience personal or family-related stressors.

14. New Business / Announcements

- **Pi Day and Wellness Fair:** March 10
- **Game Night in the Library:** March 4, 3:00 PM



- **Cross-Campus Branch Faculty Town Hall:** April 3, 1:00–2:30 PM
 - Volunteers requested to facilitate breakout sessions.
- A new **Faculty Checklist** has been developed and will be posted on the Faculty Resources webpage.

15. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was approved.
The meeting adjourned at **1:17 PM**.

Attendance:

Sam Dosumu
Andisheh Dadashi
Cindi Goodman
Ana June
Justin Bendell
Andy Taylor
Scott Kamen
Precious Andrew
Jonathan Sims
Michael Gonzales
Dominique Rodriguez
Susan Yasenka
Frances Duran
Anicca Cox
Jerry Godbout
Gaby Peterson
Rich Sedillo
EstherGrace Cordova

Laura Musselwhite
Piotr Filipczak
Kat Gullahorn
Clifton Murray
Hamim Md Adal
Barbara Lovato
Patricia Gillikin
Karen Walter
Ian Burch
Joshua Frank Cardenas
Ben Flicker
Mindy Schwarz
Julia So
Sarah Heyward
Armando Bustamante
Bryan Killinger
Veronica Salcido
Eden Ortega