



**Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 7, 2022 (1:03 – 2:03 PM)**

23 Attendees (Quorum)

In Attendance:

Cheryl Bryan
Ian Burch
Precious Andrew
Cindi Goodman
Justin Bendell
Ariel Ramirez
Patricia Gillikin
Joseph Poole

Andy Taylor
Alexa Wheeler
Barbara Lovato
Ben Flicker
Michael Gonzales
Tammi Duncan
Victor French
Stephen Takach

Scott Kamen
Piotr Filipczak
Sarah Heyward
Andre Callot
Ana June
Meghan Parry
Jerry Godbout

1:03 Call to order

1:04 Justin Bendell motions to accept agenda, Andy Taylor seconds
No discussion on agenda

1:05 Approval of September's minutes.
Sarah Heyward moves to approve, Ana June seconds

1:05 Revisiting April's minutes after revision
Alexa Wheeler moves to approve April's revised minutes, Precious Andrews seconds

1:05 Chancellor's report delayed - Has to zoom in from airport

1:05 Dean of Instruction report similarly delayed

1:06 Treasurer report: "nothing has changed"
Cheryl proposes linking Faculty Academy with Faculty Assembly for a working lunch
Vote commences: 11 YEA 0 NAY 2 ABS

1:09 Call for any other suggestions with the Treasury funds

1:10 Quick technical troubleshooting to adjust volume
Brief discussion about getting a better microphone

1:12 Faculty Development Committee Report - Ben Flicker
Updated funds request form can be found on faculty website
Travel request reimbursement form can be gotten from Debra
Whether the form or committee approval comes first is still being fleshed out
For now, fill out form after getting approval

1:14 Faculty Online Teaching and Review Committee - Piotr Filipczak
Big update to committee charge, to be presented by Handbook Committee



Moving training faculty for online to Teaching Center
Changing statement about ex-officio members

- 1:16** Online course review has an issue: Canvas does not have equivalent to “course builder”
Other faculty cannot access without seeing student info, which is a FERPA violation
Main campus working on fixing issue

Want to support canvas issues - sending out a survey on Monday for Canvas feedback
Will put together workshops based on the feedback

- 1:18** Curriculum Committee - Ian Burch
English AA program and minor changes to medical tech have gone up to main campus curriculum committee for approval
Architecture program officially retired
Soon to discuss the new Chicano studies program and changes to welding, automotive, FDMA, fine arts

- 1:19** Adjunct Committee - Ana June & Andre Callot
Have not met yet

- 1:20** Handbook - Meghan Perry
Any changes should be sent to Meghan, and then go through the following process:
Handbook Committee reviews the changes
Send up to FEC to approve, then bounces back
Handbook forwards to faculty & presents at assembly
Faculty assembly votes during the next meeting
As such, FOTRC proposal will be voted on next meeting

- 1:23** Cheryl calls for discussion on handbook changes
Any changes or questions should be sent to Handbook (Meghan, Cheryl, Michael)

- 1:24** Discussion of change to dissolve Conflict Resolution Committee
Has been talked in various meetings, no questions or dissent
Voting to be held next meeting

- 1:26** Reiterating that FOTRC committee has changed its charge
New TLC person, so perfect time to update the goal

- 1:27** Chancellor's Report - Sam Dosumu
Flight landed 15 minutes ago, zoom from airport
Two big initiatives in the planning phase

#1 - Enrollment Management Task Force / Committee
Co-chaired by Laura and Hank
Exploring new strategies to increase enrollment
“Are we reaching all students?”
Reach out to other groups like returning adults
Aiming for practical & actionable things, not just theory

#2 - Strategic Planning



Making several new sub-committees
Campus-wide, asking for volunteers for various work teams
Bringing in a facilitator to get mass feedback from staff, faculty, and students
Wants to advertise that we're making changes to get people excited and not have surprises
Want to share plans and have ample opportunities for feedback (from everyone)
Figure out "where we want to take our college next"
Rollout likely at the end of spring semester

1:35 Call for questions & comments

Cheryl says to contact Laura if you want to go on a strategic planning committee
Sam wants to standardize information sources for ease of understanding
Cheryl says it's a great opportunity to plan the future of campus, asks for everyone to step up

1:37 Cheryl asks about progress towards 4/4 teaching load

Sam - Laura & Sam are in support of 4/4, it's been forwarded to Provost
Waiting on Provost's response (he's on vacation). Will ask once he gets back

1:39 Faculty Senate Report - Justin Bendell & Barbara Lovato

"Difficult Meeting" with little faculty voice
Changing tenure calendar dates as 2026 and 2027 semesters start earlier
Sarah Belle Award has only 1 person

1:42 Branch Campus Council held 10/6

Council compared adjunct term contracts across campuses and wants extended contracts for adjuncts, stopped by OAP at main
BCC Member is on operations committee, will push directly
Eagerly awaiting results from 4/4 with Provost
Once we get it, help support Los Alamos's bad teaching loads & lack of support
BCC asked if we were doing an Earth Day Celebration; Cheryl & Ben say yes

1:46 Listserv Issues

Meeting on 9/29 with Cheryl, Ian, Jon Lechel, Laura, Sam
There will be no restrictions in VFAC for faculty to faculty communications
Each semester will have a regular clean-up of the Listserv
Anything campus-wide goes through Jon to other VFACs (students, staff)

1:50 APR Reform - Justin Bendell

Handouts with examples on how to quantify work in the APR; our language is vague
Observed other campus's (Gallup) approaches to account for labor
Quantify scholarly & service work expectations - measure our labor without vagueness
See if something we as a committee are interested in exploring

1:54 Call for questions or thoughts on APR Reform

Positive reception, with a request for Justin to send out proposal & examples on VFAC
Ariel Ramirez asks for it to be consistent across all divisions, rather than each division having its own version



1:56 Cheryl proposes treating this like a handbook change - look at proposals, return with questions & thoughts and vote in November

Patricia motions for this idea, Alexa seconds

Chairs will start making a plan for November, aim to have actionable details by March

Include Handbook Committee as well as fac assembly

Used to be structured like this from ages ago

1:59 Announcements

Mole day is 10/24

Bell Hooks reading group, Tuesday 10/11 at 11am, Chapter 2

Invitation to Wednesday evening ASL group, 430-530

Reading New Mexico on Nov 16th, 7pm

2:03 Call for adjournment

Cheryl moves, Ana seconds, Justin thirds

Meeting is adjourned