# Faculty Assembly Improvement Taskforce



# Who We Are & Why

We are voting members of the UNM-Valencia Faculty Assembly dedicated to the improvement of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Faculty Assembly.



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## Did You Know...

- Per the UNM-Valencia Faculty Constitution (VFC), all full-time and contract faculty are voting members of the Faculty Assembly (FA), and all instructors employed by UNM-Valencia for the current semester to teach credit-bearing courses and ABE courses are voting members of the FA for that semester (amended 1994).
- Per the amended 1994 Constitution, faculty rights and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the formulation of institutional aims, the approval of major curriculum changes, the recommendation of standards for admission, and the recommendation of action as regards general faculty welfare.
- Voting members have the right to amend the Constitution "by a two-thirds vote of the Faculty Assembly present after presentation of the amendments for debate at two consecutive Faculty Assembly meetings convened at least four weeks apart."
- Full-time contract faculty responsibilities include formulating institutional aims, approving major curriculum changes, recommending admission standards, as well as actions per general faculty welfare.
- The UNM-Valencia Faculty Handbook (VFH) clarifies some campus-specific matters pertaining to faculty governance, delivery of instruction, faculty evaluation, and academic freedom, but the VFH does not take precedence over the ABQ Campus UNM Faculty Handbook.

# Please Join In. Share Your Thoughts. Together We Can:



- √ Change FA meeting times to best accommodate all FA members.
- Adjust the role of the Faculty Executive Council (FEC) to mirror the powers bestowed upon the FEC in the UNM-Valencia Constitution.
- Establish frequent and direct communication, discussion, and debate between Faculty and Administration to ensure that faculty voices are acknowledged and respected.
- Ensure that the FA President take a direct role in communicating with administrators, advocating for faculty, sharing with administrators proposals, policies and statements passed by the FA, and reporting back to the Assembly about Advisory Board meetings, and any other meetings with administrators.
- Review and revise the VFC.
- Encourage our representatives in the FEC to work with the Instructional Council and the Advisory Board "to compose the annual budget for approval by the director and Board."
- Guide the direction of technology in the classroom to ensure Technology Support/IT Department aking direction from the FA.



## What Can I Do Now?

- Share your suggestions and concerns with the FA officers and committee chairs. You can find the FEC officers typed below. You can also find them and the standing committee chairs on the UNM Valencia Faculty Rescourses Home Page (see red link below).
- Attend FA meetings either in person or via Zoom.
- Please review the following:
  - Valencia Faculty Handbook
  - Valencia Faculty Constitution
  - Valencia Instructional Council Handbook
  - Valencia Faculty Assembly Standing Committees
  - Main Campus Faculty Handbook

These are all available on the UNM - Valencia Faculty Resources Home Page:

http://valencia.unm.edu/academics/faculty-resources/index.html

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