

**Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 20, 2024 (12:00 – 1:15 PM)**  
**Zoom Meeting URL:** <https://unm.zoom.us/j/93763558333> (Passcode: 161803)

**Attendance**

Ian Burch  
Andy Taylor  
Cheryl Bryan  
Laura Musselwhite  
Ariel Ramierez  
Mindy Schwartz  
Ana June  
Andisheh Dadashi  
Patricia Gllilkin

Karen Waters  
Justin Bendell  
Steven Romero  
Barbara Lovato  
Kat Gullahorn  
Gabriela Peterson  
Precious Andrew  
Ben Flicker  
Joshua Frank Cardenas

Annica Cox  
Sarah Heyward  
Susan YaSenka  
Cindy Goodman  
Piotr Filipczak  
Michael Gonzales  
Steven Takach

**12:04 Call to Order** (1 min) Andy Taylor

Andy: this is my final meeting as fa prez, <applause> thank you all for bearing with me

**Acceptance of Agenda** (1 min) Justin Bendell motions, Annica Cox seconds

Approval of Minutes (1 min) Justin motions, Ana June seconds

**Chancellor's Report** - Sam Dosumu (10 min)

Laura Musselwhite: I haven't seen sam today, maybe he'll come in later

**Dean of Instruction's Report** - Laura Musselwhite (10 min)

Laura: You've seen all these events coming up

Filling of luminaria are normally just staff, would be nice to see more faculty

I mentioned last meeting there's an auditor, we have a casual meeting this afternoon. This was needed

Wednesday before Thanksgiving, there will be no one in the academic affairs office. It'll be open, but no humans there

**12:08:** Sam Dosumu: Good afternoon everybody, I don't have a lot to share except that spring enrollment is open. Trend is what we normally see

Last time I talked about transportation, working with Rio Transit. I met with them and it looks promising. They're hoping to bring in some new shuttles. Find a way to sync our schedules & start time. The plan is to pilot it in spring, maybe February. Even if it's just one route from the train station, that's still a start. More ridership they get, more federal funding they get so it helps everybody

Cheryl Bryan: So they know what our class schedule is so they can organize?

Sam: Yes, so they can align with that. Want it to be a comprehensive schedule, and should help the enroll grant, increasing access and reaching more people

Sam: Big luminaria stroll coming up, working in the next few weeks. Activity center is 70-80% complete. Place for students (and others) to just hang out

Barbara Lovato: The Bond for the VC campus passed, right?

Sam: Yes it did. <applause> The first of it is to start architectural work on nursing and health sciences complex. Not building a new building, just joining two existing ones together

Cheryl: How's the stability of the nursing program

Laura: Good. Because our pass rates have been lower over time, we're in a status change. Propose to the board of nursing that they give us until end of calendar year 2025 to see if we get to where we need to be. Notion has been supported by head of the board of nursing, so optimistic. Should know by the end of feb

#### **1214 Treasurer's Report - Andisheh Dadashi (1 min)**

Andisheh: we propose to send some of our \$ to the food pantry, inspired by the SGA. Donating 200-250

Cheryl: The concert costs \$20 and goes to the food pantry. Can we buy people tickets to that event?

Andisheh: I am not sure yet; I don't have a list of things we can spend \$ on. I thought the donation would be something no one can say no to

Cheryl: But can we donate it for 10 tickets?

Andy: Who's running the chorus?

Laura: My husband

Andy: if there's no objections, we can check it out, run it by business office

Andisheh: I'll let admin know we're donating, see if we can

#### **1217 Committee Plans (2 min per)**

Faculty Program Development Committee <moot, more discussion later>

Faculty Handbook Committee

AJ we've got language we all need to vote on to redefine role of Program Development and EIRG. Merge them to 1 committee that counts as 2 cmts of work.

<brief discussion, rearranging, moving EIRG handbook Pro[posal to now>

#### **12:20 SGA Toy Drive (5 min)**

Neil Schwartz: Student here on campus, I reached out to the county resource center and they needed a place to run a Christmas event for a toy drive for underprivileged children. They have santa, elves, toys, just needed a location and volunteers with warm smiling faces. Wrapping gifts is as hard as it goes. If anyone from FA wants to be a part of this, let me know. If anyone wants to volunteer, we'd be grateful.

Laura: We can also donate toys?

Neil: Yes, and they're also casting a bigger net than usual. churches , community centers, etc, people can get a card to get something for specific students

Cheryl: so it's not a bring whatever drive?

Neil: yes, we have a list and you pick something off that. We have some backup gifts too for a tangible gift in case there's mistakes or issues

Mindy Schwarz: So are they bringing all the gifts here and then we wrap them?

Neil: They had another location, but that's no longer an option. They just needed the place, and anything on top of that is just a blessing.

Andy: I think LRC 101 was the idea?

Neil: That was my idea, so we can route people from the parking lot without anyone getting lost. Partition the room so we can have wrapping in the back. There'll be cocoa and candy and snacks etc.

Laura: Staff prof dev is in LRC101 at the 18th

Neil: Good to know. We might move it

Laura: I'd say we do it in the SCC. It has even more natural flow

Neil: It'll be on the 17th & 18th

Andy: Thank you so much for coming by Neil. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or Neil.

### **12:26 EIRG Handbook Proposal (10 min)**

Steven Romero: We have a lot of DEI work on campus, but it's being duplicated across campus. We think it's important to consolidate EIRG and ProgDev so we can do important work in the framework of ProgDev

Proposing that EIRG becomes a standing cmt. ProgDev merges. Redefine EIRG's goals & assignment

Make a more robust effort to address DEI issues. More people can develop work better and help bring it to classrooms. Continue work with PASOS and bring more cultural events to campus. Proposal redefines and clarifies the goals & handbook work. We also propose that since we're consolidating 2 cmts, it's not less work, it's 2 cmts worth of work, so we think it should be considered as 2 for assignment purposes.

<Presentation of proposed Handbook update to vote on in February for for revisions>

Anicca: Our rationale is that we want to create a space for this work to be impactful and more structured than it's been. We've been doing things ad hoc and we want a more representative assembly from across campus so we can make this more relevant to peoples specific areas

Steven: I'll stop sharing for now, but if you need me to bring anything up lmk

Andy: Thank you Steven and Anicca. Any more questions, please forward them to AC or SR

Karen Walters: I am wondering about language and the inclusion of adjunct participation

Cheryl: since we cant require adjuncts to participate

Laura: This has gone to FEC and handbook, when will it go to everyone?

Andy: as soon as SR finishes the recommended changes

Steven: What I just shared was

#### **12:34 Faculty Communication Committee**

Ana been collaborating with Michael Gonzales with the newsletter. everything's good

#### **12:34 Professional Development Update**

Precious Andrew: I've just taken over for Andisheh as chair of ProfDevCnt. Form on the faculty website has been updated and requests can be sent to me

Andy: Thanks Precious. Any update on the funds, are there any left to claim?

Precious: We still have ~\$6000

#### **12:38 Faculty Senate Report (5 min)**

Justin: Provost is the happy lottery credit requirement can now be filled over the whole year, that flexibility is something we should be doing more often post pandemic. Fac-student ratio had dropped significantly after pandemic, climbing again. 17-18 students per faculty. Conversation about diversity in hiring and how we're never there, is an important issue

Wayfinder website for identifying support services & reporting options. If you as a faculty or staff member might benefit from, please share. [wayfinder.unm.edu](http://wayfinder.unm.edu). Take a look, see if it speaks to you

Related to us, Steven and I are members of the adhoc social justice cmt. We have a group, an interim charge. Spoke to ops last night, speaking to facsen next session. We're in purgatory right now, goal right now is to become a permanent cmt. If you want to join or know more, talk to me or steven.

#### **12:42 President-Elect Election (10 min)**

AT: With my vacating the president spot, Andisheh will be stepping up. Piotr has accepted the nomination. Anyone else want to step into the ring?

<no one else>

Alright, then let's vote

**VOTE: PIOTR FOR PRESIDENT ELECT**

**YES: 22      NO: 0      ABS: 2**

**Piotr is president-elect**

**12:47** New Business / Announcements

Art Show (3 min)

Sarah Heyward: Art is on display now, with reception tomorrow. If you're on campus, come by tomorrow, 4-6. 28 fac & staff are on display. We have new snacks too! We hope to see you there!

Steven: Wanted to reach out to all and see if anyone had insight or suggestions in trying to collaborate on a winter coat drive. Wasn't sure if we were doing anything, but I'd like to know who to reach out to and collaborate with. Reach out to me if you're interested

Cheryl: Two groups; Staff Assn may be able to incorporate it with something they're doing. We had a campus events cmt, Laura can speak more to this, by talking with them you could create it as an annual event. I'd suggest contacting those two

Andy: We did talk about combining it with Neil's toy drive. A combination event could be helpful

Laura: Barbara said in the chat that campus events cmt wanted to do a toy drive. Can we combine this with Neil's?

Barbara: Yes, something they wanted to do. They were thinking of starting on the 2nd, so earlier than their drive. But we can talk

Cheryl: Events cmt is going to take over be kind

Ana: Reading NM is online, 7pm. Poet Laureate of NM is reading, and an open mic for short readings. Check out the flyer for more info, and the zoom link in the flier works for some people! Please come, just sit there and listen, it's exciting to have the PL of the state there

Andisheh: On Dec 6th, town hall. We don't have faculty members

Cheryl: I've mentioned this before, but having faculty members drive down to a town hall on a friday, when we're not normally on campus, is rough. Maybe move it to MTWTh

Andisheh: We're going to have a survey to figure out a better time for the next town hall

Steven: Transgender day of remembrance is today

Anicca: Union coffee social right after this as we head into contract bargaining as we work to get more \$ and better benefits. Big emphasis for unit 2 supports. Stuff to put on your door and bring working class consciousness to the campus

Barbara: Lots of publicity about luminaria stroll. Also having Santa in the library during the stroll, along with undergraduate research and cookies in the sub

Andisheh: Join is decorating the faculty assembly tree in the courtyard

Patricia Gillikin: They'll find you a tree. They're also hoping that smaller divisions and group can choose and decorate a tree

Ana: Mural dedication is December 5th at 3pm. There'll be food, everyone worked so hard on it and it's an incredible project

**1:00** Adjournment