**NNMC Faculty Senate Meeting**

**04/04/25**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 1:03 pm.

**Senators/Officers in attendance:** Scott Braley, David Lindblom, Steph Zawadzki, Brenda Linnell, Rachel Meiklejohn, Anne Gray, Joan Hodge, Lori Franklin, Ana Vasilic, Margaret Zak, David Torres, Melanie Colgan, Anna Case-Hofmeister, Ashis Nandy, Steve Cox, Teresa Beaty, Ruben Olguin, Simon Vaz, Alberto Mares, Dorianis Perez, Kelvin Rodriguez

**Non-senators & Officers/Guests in attendance:** Khiana Valencia, Sara McCormick, Debra Sandborn, Geno Trujillo, Tim Crone

Motion to approve meeting agenda – Lori Franklin

2nd motion to approve meeting agenda – Melanie Colgan

All approve – Motion passes

Motion to approve meeting minutes – David Torres

2nd motion to approve meeting minutes – Joan Hodge

All approve – Motion passes

**Guests/Reports**

**Student & Counselling Services** – Khiana Valencia

* New program: Event announcing *Baby Bonds* program - 40 students get $2k in a HYSA, please encourage your students to attend & participate

**Career Services** – Sara McCormick & Debra Sanborn

* New program: National Student Exchange (<https://nse.org/>); Students can choose to study at another NSE institution in US territories for up to 1 year while paying NNMC tuition

**Security Director** – Geno Trujillo

* Geno provided a police blotter-style update of March campus incidents

**Union Report** – Tim Crone

* Arrangements for negotiations in-progress, 4% COL adjustment likely

**New Business**

**Provost departure** –Scott Braley

* Provost will be leaving, arrangements for a parting gift – see Steph Zawadzki to donate

**Art in Public Place Fund** –Scott Braley

* $40k fund, seeking committee members to help select campus art – see Theresa Story

**Old Business**

**Continued Discussion on Issues in Academic Affairs** – Scott Braley

* PFAC is working on addressing issues discussed previously (e.g., advising audits)
* ASC is working on a policy for course substitutions; discussion around clarity of the aims, scope, and process/appeal possibilities of a policy

**Proposed language for e-votes in the Senate** – Scott Braley

* General discussion; Please give input on items that would not be suitable for e-vote

**Committee Reports**

**Academic Standards** – Rachel Meiklejohn

* In addition to substitution policy, vote on Grade Appeal flowchart

**¡Asi Es!** – David Lindblom

* New vision statement to align with the NNMC vision wording
* Conferences attended – Highlands University Diversity Summit; NNMC-hosted Bridging Advocacy & Action Conference

**Educational Policy** – Anne Gray

* No report

**General Education** – Lori Franklin

* Courses approved as General Education for our Literature option in the Flex 9; *NNMC Area VI:* ENGL 2310 Intro to Creative Writing; *NNMC Area V:* ENGL 1410 Intro to Literature, ENGL 2650 World Literature I, ENGL 2660 World Literature II
* Courses approved by HED; The General Education Committee approved a request to add these courses to the respective Areas. *NNMC Area V*: ENGL 1410 Intro to Literature, ENGL 2650 World Literature I, ENGL 2660 World Literature II; *NNMC Area VI:* ENGL 2310 Intro to Creative Writing
* Motion to approve to add the courses to the Areas as listed – Brenda Linnell
* 2nd motion to approve to add the courses to the Areas as listed – Ashis Nandy
* Motion passes

**Honors** – Margaret Zak

* No report

**Personnel** – Melanie Colgan

* No report

**President’s Faculty Advisory Committee** – Anna Case-Hofmeister

* Covered in Old Business discussion

**Tenure** – David Torres & Ashis Nandy

* Discussion about the possibility of revising the tenure process article; language prepared and sent to Tim for consideration in CBA negotiations

**Undergraduate Curriculum Committee** – Bob Tierney & Steve Cox

* Approved two changes in upper division Psychology course description & a title
* Motion to approve minor changes – Anna Case-Hofmeister
* 2nd motion to approve minor changes – Joan Hodge
* Motion passes

**Next meeting** – Faculty Senate Vice President nominations; please send nominations to Scott by April 25th

Motioned to adjourn the meeting – Steve Cox

2nd motion to adjourn – Teresa Beaty

All voted in favor – motion passes.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm.