

Faculty Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 5.5.20 via Zoom Recorded by: Susan Schauer

Next Meeting: Fall 2020

Name	Title	Present
Tom Beach	President	Y
Irina Alvestad	Vice President	Y
Susan Schauer	Secretary	Y
Dennis Davies-Wilson	Faculty Senator	Y
Barb Yarnell	Member	Y
Kristy Nadler	Member	Y
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Approved Meeting Minutes of 4.14.20.

Tom – Faculty Initiative Award winner: Nicole Lloyd-Ronning. Sara Fisher was the other applicant and was encouraged to talk to Julie Rogers about possible funding. Nicole will research new kinds of physics labs that involve critical thinking and computer coding.

Two new committees have been formed to gather input for renovation projects for Bldg 6 and the library. Fac. Op was asked to recommend one faculty member for each of these committees. Dennis doesn't have a preference for the Library Renovation committee. Tom will send an email to English and Math faculty (major users of these sites) to solicit interest in participating on these committees.

Sharon asked for input on whether all fall classes should be web-enhanced. Dennis – Main campus is strongly recommending faculty to web-enhance, based on Fac. Senate input to Provost. Susan – Taos is requiring all to web-enhance. Barb - do we recommend or require? Discussion – how is a web-enhanced class more useful? Dennis – these courses may be used in different ways, say to create synchronous Zoom activities or hybrid format. *This body votes in favor of making web-enhancement required for fall courses.*

Sharon asked for input: Provost wants to establish a task force containing branch Deans to provide informed input on changes to technical programs/classes such as EMS and CNA courses - changes to technical courses don't go through main campus curriculum committee. As UNM does not offer these courses, Pamela Cheek would like to establish a task force containing a member of each branch to give her input/information on these courses when changes are being requested, then the Provost will make final decisions. Barb - subject matter experts from each campus should be invited to provide input to the Dean. *This body would like to recommend that the Dean should consult with local campus subject matter experts in these cases.*

Tom hasn't heard how faculty service awards will be handled at Fall Faculty Orientation. Chamber checks are no longer an option. He asked if the Professional Development committee is planning to have a face to face presentation, and Susan replied that at this time they are.

Irina asked if Tom had any follow up from Cindy Rooney regarding MBS campus bookstore data on how many students purchase texts from MBS. He has not, so he will approach her again about this topic. He will also ask about the MBS contract cycle and negotiations for service.

Decisions:

This body votes in favor of making web-enhancement required for fall courses.

This body recommends that the Dean should consult with local campus subject matter experts when changes to technical programs or courses such as EMS and CNA are being considered.

Tasks:

Tom will contact English and Math faculty to solicit interest in participating on new committees related to renovation of Bldg. 6 and the Library. One faculty member is desired for each building committee.

Tom will ask the Chancellor for follow-up information on MBS bookstore usage and contract.

Tom will plan to send notification to members of this committee in August regarding a meeting date for assigning faculty to 2020-2021 committees.