

DEPARTMENT HEADS COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 2008
10:30 A.M. Room 297

Members Present:

Chris Allison, Ann Bock for Martha Archuleta, Jon Boren, Terry Canup, Lowell Catlett, Brenda Seevers for Cynda Clary, Terry Crawford, Natalie Goldberg, Joe Graham, Janet Green, Frank Hodnett, Jim Libbin, Steve Loring, John Mexal, Greg Mullins, Tim Nesbitt, Carlos Rosencrans, Tim Ross, Charles Siepel, Dave Thompson, Mark Andersen for Raul Valdez

Members Absent:

LeRoy Daugherty, Jeanne Gleason, Ron Gurley


1. Approval of Minutes August 26, 2008
 - Approved
2. Faculty Senate Update
 - Carlos Rosencrans: Propositions that passed: 1) To create MS & PHD program in Aerospace Engineering in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Dept, 2) amended a memorial to change the deadline for filing the "Application for Degree" form at the Registrar's office, 3) name change for College of Agriculture and Home Economics to College of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences; Committee asked for more time on allowing Academic Departments to schedule their own classrooms; Three propositions will be voted on at the next Faculty senate: 1) modify university policy on faculty teaching load, 2) amend section 5.98 of the NMSU policy manual, 3) amend section 5.45.20 of the NMSU policy manual.
3. Homecoming Displays and Student Awards
 - Jim Libbin: Department displays need to be set up for Homecoming Recognition Breakfast on October 31st in the food tent by 7:30 a.m.; Fall nominees for College of Agriculture Student Awards are due by October 31st. Award applications for students go to Kristy Mason.
4. NAPI & NMSU and Dream Keepers Program
 - Joe Graham: Discussed completion of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NMSU & Navajo Agriculture Products Industry (NAPI) to set up Scholars Program; Jeanelle Chavez went to Seattle to give presentation on Dream Keepers program at the National Indian Education Association.
5. Other
 - Dr. Catlett: Talked about handout for Sabbatical Orientation Luncheon on November 14th at the Corbett Center from noon to 3:00 pm; Senator Bingaman's staff will be in the Senate Chamber at Corbett Center today, October 21st, from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm to discuss Higher Education Opportunity Act; President Cruzado will have an open forum in Gerald Thomas Hall auditorium today. Ben Woods, Jennifer Taylor, Dr. Moulton and Nick Franklin will also be attending to give an update and answer questions.
 - Dr. Libbin: Gave a handout from Tess Williams about hosting an "Ag Discovery program" for students next summer; First Military, Veterans and Families Education Summit will be held at the Corbett Center, third floor ballroom, October 22nd from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm; Faculty Task Force will meet today to discuss salary adjustments.
 - Tim Nesbitt: Handout copies of Personal Use (of University Resources) to remind everyone that NMSU property is not to be used for personal use; Desk phone bill need to be reviewed monthly, signed & pay for personal charges.
 - Greg Mullins: An offer was made for the Sustainable Crop position.

- Natalie Goldberg: IPM Specialist, Tess Grasswitz, started Oct. 1st; State Agronomist search is ongoing.
- Terry Crawford: Will start interviewing for Ag Business position; Afghanistan Project is up & running.
- Frank Hodnett: Last week was National 4-H week; 4-H Foundation is selling raffle tickets in the Dean's Office and 4-H office for a bronze sculpture by Curtis Fort or for a 7 day Alaskan Cruise. Proceeds benefit NM 4-H programs.
- Jon Boren: Met last week with Extension Department Heads, Dr. Daugherty, Rex Kirksey, extension research & support council to discuss the three major legislative priorities.
- Tim Ross: Reopening the Companion Animal position. Limited applicants; interviewing for the Judging Team Coordinator position; thanked department heads for contributing to the Junior Livestock project.
- Steve Loring: Southwest Bio Fuel Association will meet on Monday the 28th at NMDA Main Conference room from 1pm to 4pm. Topic will be "Developing a roadmap for Camelina Production".
- Dave Thompson: Announced Joe Ellingtons retirement after 43years working at NMSU.
- Janet Green: HRTM will have a fundraising dinner and silent auction Nov. 13th at the Fulton Center to celebrate its 20th year at NMSU. Tickets are \$100 each.
- Joe Graham: Helping two professors from the College of Education on a presentation with the Teaching Academy called Work Effectively with Tribal Students; discussed death of IRD student.
- Mark Andersen: Discussed the new Task Force that will be looking at faculty salaries and faculty ranking structure. Looking at the creation of soft money research faculty positions. The task force has met 2 times.
- Terry Canup: Stan Supinski of the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security will give a seminar in the Corbett Center Senate Chamber on November 3rd from 1:30 to 2:30 pm.
- Chris Allison: Dairy Specialist position has been reposted.
- Charles Siepel: For the last 2 years faculty in Socorro County have been able to go to the City Council and receive additional funds, above and beyond the base Socorro County funding, to help with their educational programming efforts; City of Las Cruces has requested the Doña Ana County Extension faculty to present their programming efforts and possible collaborations to the city mayor and city council prior to their budget process in February. This interest could possibly lead to some additional funding. Topics of particular interest are horticulture (community garden) type programming.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Pam Miller.

Minutes approved by: Lowell B. Catlett


 Signature

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 Date