

**The
Faculty Assembly Meeting**

MINUTES

February 16, 2024 12:30 PM ZOOM

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| MEETING CALLED BY: | Dr. Keri Stevenson, Faculty Assembly President |
| MINUTES ASSEMBLED BY: | Andrew McFeaters, Faculty Assembly Secretary |
| FACULTY ATTENDEES: | Antionette Abeyta, John Burke, Chris Chavez, Markos Chavez, Neysa Cox, Christopher Dyer, Robert Encinio, Bruce Gjeltema, Yi-Wen Huang, Hasani Jayasinghe, Carolyn Kuchera, Jacob Lacroix, |

Dr. Stevenson mentions that the elections for faculty assembly officers soon will take place. Other than Dr. Sarah Llanque-White, who will be continuing her position as faculty senator, no one has decided to continue their position on the Operations Committee. Next week a call for nominations will be sent out for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and Ops Committee members. Professor Chad Smith, who is the Chair of the Nominations Committee, will send that out. The nominations period will probably run until the end of spring break, around March 17th. Please nominate yourself or someone else if you are interested.

Dr. John Burke adds that a senator position needs to be added since he has timed out.

Dr. Stevenson responds that she will make sure Professor Smith knows that. She asks that anyone send her an email should they have questions about what the positions entail and require.

Dr. Stevenson moves on to discuss that the Operations Committee recently met with the Executive Team. Among other issues, the budget was discussed, especially with regard to adding faculty input on the budget. The Budget Review Committee is setting up an appointment with Chancellor Sabrina Ezzell to discuss this issue. Dr. Stevenson asks Dr. Llanque-White if the date has been set for the meeting.

Dr. Llanque-White responds that Dr. Ezzell proposed some times. One of those times will be chosen and the date will be shared. March 1st is the likely choice. The meeting will be on Zoom. Faculty participation is invited.

Dr. Stevenson elaborates that part of the Ops Committee's concern has to do with issues of transparency for the budgetary process--how decisions about money are made and how money is distributed. Robert Griego, the CFO, has said that he is committed to increasing that transparency. The Ops Committee and the Executive Team also discussed another possible hire at Zollinger Library in order to meet the needs of students and the community. Finally, the issue of increasing faculty committee service was discussed. Dr. Stevenson points out the importance of participating on the Operations Committee. Due to low participation, the Faculty Assembly was dissolved at Los Alamos. That's not something that we want to happen here. The Executive Team is in favor of continuing shared governance. Please nominate yourself or someone else. Dr. Stevenson asks if anyone has any questions regarding the President's Report. No questions follow.

DISCUSSION ITEM BIG BROTHERS-BIG SISTERS PRESENTATION SARAH PIANO

Sarah Piano and Idajeon Mangum, respectively Senior Director and Development Coordinator

Motion: Dr. Bruce Gjeltema
Seconded: Yes
Vote: Unanimous
Motion Carried: Yes

ACTION ITEM LETTER FOR LOS ALAMOS DR. SARAH LLANQUE-WHITE

Dr. Stevenson iterates that the faculty assembly at Los Alamos has been dissolved. Fulltime faculty still carry a 5-5 teaching load. Parttime faculty carry a 3-3 teaching load. Their teaching load has persisted in spite of the fact that all of the other branch campus fulltime faculty carry a 4-4 teaching load. The Branch Community College Council wants to put together a letter of support for Los Alamos faculty for the purpose of reducing their teaching load. The letter will be sent to the provost.

Dr. Llanque-White shares a draft of the letter on the Zoom screen. Dr. Llanque-White reads the draft aloud. The letter stresses that Los Alamos faculty teach an equitable workload.
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INFORMATION**ANNOUNCEMENTS****VARIOUS**

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| <p>Professor Markos Chavez iterates the importance of participating in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Professor Chavez is organizing a faculty bowling team for the annual event. Volunteers are invited. Donations also are accepted.</p> <p>Dr. Stevenson mentions that Professor Kristi Wilson wishes to promote a show at the art gallery that will start on March 4th. The show will feature the art of Chantel Bollinger. The exhibit is called <i>Love nor Terror</i>. The exhibit will feature narrative sculptures.</p> <p>Dr. Carmela Lanza mentions that the <i>Red Mesa Review</i> just came out with its latest edition. Physical copies are available. Encourage students to pick up a copy. The submission deadline for the next edition is April 1st. The <i>Red Mesa Review</i> website has been updated.</p> | |

ACTION ITEM**ADJOURNMENT**

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| <p>Motion to adjourn.</p> <p>Motion: Dr. Dyer Seconded: Yes Vote: Unanimous Motion Carried: Yes</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 1:17PM by Faculty Assembly President Dr. Keri Stevenson.</p> <p>Recorded by: Dr. Andrew McFeaters, Faculty Assembly Secretary, on February 16, 2024.</p> | |