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UNM-Taos Faculty Senate Meeting August 27, 2004

The faculty senate met on August 27, 2004. In attendance were: Theresa Green, Renee B.Gutierrez, Kate O'Neill, Mag Diamond, Gary Cook, Paula Valentine, Jim Schlarbaum, Kevin Cassell and Joel Whitehead.

The first order of business was the election of officers for the new term.

The officers are:

President	Renee Barela-Gutierrez
Vice President	Kate O'Neill
Secretary	Theresa Green
Treasurer	Jim Schlarbaum

Written responses from Dr. Chavez and Mr. Gilroy regarding the senate recommendations document were distributed. This triggered some discussions on core adjunct faculty issues and class cancellation processes. We agreed to discuss the responses further after everyone had a chance to review them in more detail.

The new draft of the Taos Faculty Handbook was distributed to each senator. We are all very impressed and grateful to Kevin Cassell for his fine and enduring work on this document. We agreed that we would all review it before our next meeting. At the next meeting we will formulate a structured method for final review and recommendations for the handbook. Most likely, we will divide the book into logical sections and assign specific people to each section.

Our next meeting will be Friday, September 17th at 9:00 in the conference room at 115 Civic Plaza Drive.

From then on, our meetings will be the second Friday of each month at 10:30 in the conference room at 115 Civic Plaza Drive.

Action items for ALL senate members:

- Review written response to senate recommendations
- Review faculty handbook
- Send your bio to Alex Chavez chavez@unm.edu for the website and for our records

See you on September 17th.

Theresa Green