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UNM Taos Faculty Senate
April 21, 2006 Meeting Minutes

I. Call to order, roll call, approval of the agenda

The meeting was called to order at 8:35am. Members present were Renee Barela-Gutierrez, Kate O'Neil, Joel Whitehead, Debra Ragland, Jim Schlarbaum, and Gary Cook. A quorum was present. Brian Christiansen arrived at 8:50. Those absent were Jean Ellis Sankari and Theresa Green. Those faculty present were Larry Torres and Rick Bull. The agenda was approved with the addition of Juan Montes regarding evaluation of Executive Director agenda item, motion by Jim Schlarbaum second by Debra Ragland, motion passed.

II. The minutes of the February 17 meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion by Jim Schlarbaum, second by Gary Cook.

III. Jim Schlarbaum gave the Treasurers' report. \$300 has been expended for review of the Faculty handbook. Balance is \$1500

IV. Old Business

A. Faculty handbook update: Bonnie Black has done the editing, a CASA person is typing in those changes. When received by Kate, she will email to Theresa Green. It will then be forwarded to Jim Gilroy for approval.

B. Sub Committee reports:

1. AAUP: Kate reported that AAUP is continuing to work on benefits and pay raises for adjunct faculty. A concern is classroom space as it appears that some of the allocated space at the new building may be used for the library instead of classrooms.
2. others: R2D2 (rank and tenure) The FT faculty evaluation form has been revised from last year and should be used this spring. Roberta and Jim Gilroy have copies.

V. New Business

A. Martha Guillory – service learning: No report.

B. Process of electing senate members and officers for next year and eligibility;
This is covered in the Constitution, we will look up and update.

C. Graduation: Reminder that it is May 12 .

D. Other:

1. Art Show opening on May 5
2. June 12 is deadline for submissions to literary magazine
3. Juan Montes regarding evaluation of Executive Director

Juan, as president of Staff Council, addressed the body. Staff council will be meeting today at 12:00 noon to take a confidence/no confidence vote in the leadership at UNM Taos of Dr. Chavez. Discussion ensued. Reed Dasenbrock met last week with staff and with faculty to discuss evaluation of Dr. Chavez. There appears to be some ongoing and continuing problems that have not been addressed within the administration. Staff is concerned, thus the reason for the vote. Discussion regarding the Executive Director evaluation process. Faculty Senate discussed supporting Staff and in what capacity. President Montes asked that Faculty Senate also take a confidence/no confidence vote. Discussion ensued as to whether to take a vote to support Staff Council in their actions or to take a confidence/no confidence vote. Discussion regarding the urgent nature of the situation. Agreed that it should be made clear that the vote was Faculty senate only, if a full faculty vote was needed it could

not take place until August.

It was agreed that a vote would be taken, those absent members of the faculty senate would submit their vote either via telephone or Renee BG would follow up with them later. RBG will write a letter to R. Dasenbrock indicating the result of the vote. Additionally RBG to arrange with President Montes to meet with Dr. Chavez to let her know that the vote was taken by both bodies, as a professional courtesy. Vote was taken with the consensus of those present at Faculty Senate being no confidence. Renee to follow up with Senate.

VI. Next Meeting and Adjournment

Next meeting in August, unless additional meeting is needed in May.

Motion to Adjourn by Jim Schlarbaum, second by Debra Ragland, motion passed. Adjourned at 10:??am.