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University of New Mexico
STAFF COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2006::draft
Celebrating Ourselves During Celebrating Staff Week
Luncheon Meeting:: Hibben Center

Members Present: Monica Acosta, Roberto Agüero, Ann Armendariz, Sabra Basler, Bill Bloom, Steve Borbas, Maria Daw, Theresa Everling, Rita Flores, Barbara Gabaldon, Blanca Garcia, Justin Goodman, David Groth, Yolanda Hubbard, Patricia Kemp, Wayne Knapp, Kathy McKinstry, Wayne Mannion, Kathy Meadows, Hollie Medina, Deborah Moore, Alan Morgan, Lorraine Parker, Elmo Riggs, Fred Rose, Vanessa Shields, Nicholas Spezza, Bonnie Stepelten, Mimi Swanson, Mike Swick, Carole Vollbrecht and Randy Wright.

Members Excused: Don Burge and Patricia Carter.

Members Absent: Susie Kuenzler~Krebbs, Janet Luarke, Eula Michaels, Carlos Romero, Monica Thompson, Mary Turner and Kimberly Waesta.

Guests: Shelley Rael, Annette Torres, Lisa McHale, Bill Miller, Celeste Cole, Mary Crower, Kitty Hays, Christine Forsythe, Linda McCormick, Randa Silva, Roberta Menicucci, Bich-Hanh Nguyen, LC Baldwin and Juan Larranaga..

Parliamentarian: Adam Hathaway.

1. Call to order: 1:05 by Speaker Swanson

2. Approve the agenda: Agenda is approved.

3. Minutes: May 16, 2006 minutes: Alan Morgan, G9, moves to table for one month; motion is seconded; hand vote show motion fails 15 to 9. Vote is called to approve minutes and motion is adopted.

4. Years of Service Pins: Theresa Everling and Kathy Meadows, Rewards and Recognition, give out newly designed pins for 4+ years of service to the Council to: Steve Borbas, Barbara Gabaldon, Wayne Knapp, Alan Morgan, Mimi Swanson, Don Burge, Carol Vollbrecht, Fred Rose, Sabra Basler, Mike Swick, David Groth, Tim Backes, Kitty Hays, Raqui Martinez, Joe McKinney, Kathy Meadows and Theresa Everling, Laurie Mellas Ramirez, and Susanna Gilbert.

5. Speaker's Report: Today we have several new Councilors to seat: Nicole Lopez, G7; Randa Silva, G8; Annette Torres, G9; Lisa McHale, G10; Shelley Rael, G12; Bill Miller, P6; Danny Lee P19; Christine Forsythe, P29 and Billy Gurulre, P30. Motion to approve is made and seconded; the vote is called and the motion to seat is adopted. The Speaker moves to reseat current Parliamentarian Adam Hathaway; the motion is made and seconded the vote is called and the motion to reseat is adopted.

The Speaker reviews meeting and various protocols as well as a brief overview of responsibilities for all Councilors. Committees do the work of the Council and you are requested to join a committee; Tier II Search Committee class is July 19 and open to 15 Councilors only; the speaker mentions other events of note that will be happening on campus.

6. President's Report: David Groth:: Regent's Meetings this month-student groups presented by~laws changes for approval and I am reminded that we need to do the same with our recently approved constitution changes and I think this will be easy to do.

7. Executive Committee: Vanessa Shields:: We met several times this month and reviewed and submitted our six names to the Presidential Search Committee; we met with that full committee to offer our ideas on qualifications for the next UNM president; July 27 and 28 we are hosting the Higher Ed Summit and at this time we need volunteers, so a sign up sheet is going around; we have reviewed Tuition Remission Policy and EXEC member Ann Armendariz is doing an in depth review and recommendations for us; our focus will be committees-please join one or two. Call for questions and Juan Larragana has questions relating to the presidential search and he is directed to hold off until the Staff Input, new on the agenda.

8. New Business: Work+Life:: Shelley Rael: reads for the record a resolution calling for pro-rating dependent ed tuition:

1. WHEREAS staff at UNM have Health, Dental, Vision, Tuition Remission
2. and, staff also have a Dependent Education benefit, and
3. WHEREAS all benefits except Dependent Education are pro-rated according
4. to full time equivalency,
5. THEREFORE be it resolved that the Staff Council requests that Dependent
6. Education benefit be pro-rated in the same manner as all other benefits.
7. Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Vice President of Human Resources and Acting President David Harris.

Carole Vollbrecht, G11, asks why this is prorated and not full benefit and it is explained that part time staff only are allowed pro rated benefits and this is to keep it in line with those other benefits. This will sit for 30 days and come back to the floor for a vote in July.

9. Old Business: Work + Life:: Shelley Rael: Enhanced referrals for child~care. This was presented last month and comes to you today for vote; we would like to move this forward asking for the highest of the three budgets we gave you last month. Ann Armendariz, P9, asks where this goes next if it passes and Shelley states to HR/Carkeek and then we ask that she forward to the president. The motion to approve is called, and seconded; the vote is called and the motion is adopted.

10. Councilor Comments:

Hollie Medina, P25, suggests info to constituents get staggered month to month by grade then precinct reps so people are not overwhelmed by emails.

Randy Wright, P21, asks who lobbies for staff in Santa Fe? David Groth replies that our Governmental Relations Committee does work with the administration and support those priorities, we went to Santa Fe last year two years and we communicate with Carlos Romero. The university does discourage us from going up and lobbying on our own...this is to quell side deals made by departments off the full UNM agenda and then other issues/priorities on the UNM agenda don't get funding. Bill Bloom and Ann Armendariz also speak to this issue. Randy asks a question about unions and is referred to the unions for his answer and he also asks about the stability of our pension fund. Sabra Basler, P1, replies that the unfunded liability is a reality and something that we have been watching and that's why we got a task force at the state level to look at why our employer portion is going to rise up to 16% and our portion will rise, but we are going to be paying the same amount as state employees but will only realize 1/3 of the benefits. The legislature and our governmental committee are paying attention to this-administration will not be.

Barbara Gabaldon, P25, states that her constituents are concerned about parking and all the construction at HSC-the shuttles don't work together and you cannot get from main campus to the hosp very easily and she wonders is our Parking Committee could address this. Wayne Knapp, G11, chair of parking, states that the problem is how the two campuses look at parking-UNM is funded for parking by a self sufficient operation and HSC funds it as an expense and until the two can agree on some of the services that need to get shared, it will stay where it is. This, by the way, was a suggestion of the recent Walker Parking Study, but there has been no movement to adopt that suggestion. Barbara asks if it is possible to revive the old resolution that parking did that addresses this issue and Wayne said he could.

11. Staff Input:

Juan Larranga, staff member, thanks the Council for adding this agenda item.

He asks what the process is for a staff person, other than a Councilor, to be involved in the presidential search process; he also states that he would like the Council to reopen their process and readdress the names submitted.

David Groth states that the Council was asked to submit six names and we took that as six Councilors-we see this as a benefit to being a Councilor. David then reviews the process the Council, and the Executive Committee, followed to arrive at the six names so that they could be submitted by the timeline we were given by the search committee.

As for a non-Councilor interested in being considered for the search committee, it is suggested that they contact the search committee directly.

12. At 1:45 the meeting is called adjourned and is seconded; the vote passes.