



Minutes

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting

Date: 08/14/2026

1:00-2:00 PM on Google Meet

- I. Establishment of Quorum: Present were Mari Hill, Kevin Williams, Nichole Collins, Chris Smith, Leota Harriman, Linda Salazar, Natasha Lujan, Gene Martinez. Quorum was met.
- II. Call of Meeting to Order: Chair Mari Hill called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Chair Mari Hill presented the agenda for the meeting. The motion was made by Kevin Williams to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Nichole Collins. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes: Chair Mari Hill displayed the minutes from the May 14, 2026, meeting for approval. Nichole Collins made a motion to approve the minutes from May 14. The motion was seconded by Leota Harriman. The motion was approved.
- V. Welcome of Guests/Public Comment (3 minutes per person): No guests were in attendance.
- VI. Information/Discussion:
 - A. Senator Reports
 1. Mari Hill (Immediate Past Chair) – Mari Hill reported that she is back at Luna in her old job and was asked to be Interim Director of the Education and Business departments as Tycie Jackson was made Interim Vice President of Instruction and Student Services. She spends ½ of the day at the LCC Pre-school and ½ of the day at the Model Classroom.
 2. Gene Martinez (CTE Senator) – Gene Martinez reported that he is over full in enrollment again. He has 40 new students and 30 returning students. He received his Phase 3B LANL supplemental grant for close to \$100,000 for welding equipment and upgrades to the shop. He is currently working on the grant for next year.
 3. Kevin Williams (Education/Business Senator, Senate Chair) – Kevin Williams is happy to be representing the Education and Business departments on the Faculty Senate this year and happy to be going full-time this year at Luna.
 4. Leota Harriman (Associates Senator, Secretary) - Leota Harriman reported that she is excited that in addition to teaching art, she will be working in the Adult Ed program.
 4. Chris Smith (Humanities/Assessment Senator) – Dr. Chris Smith reported that a number of classes were offered by the Humanities department this summer and he had the opportunity to sit on interview committees for new adjuncts for theater and anthropology. Dr. Geno Castillo has been made permanent director of the Humanities/STEM Department. They had a department meeting earlier in the week.
 5. Nichole Collins (STEM/Curriculum Senator) – Nichole Collins reported that STEM is offering many courses this semester. Enrollment is stable. The department has moved into the Humanities building. She is in office 105. They have a lab in 106. They have some adjuncts this year to teach math and science and Excel. STEM does have their plotters.

6. Natasha Lujan (Allied Health/Nursing Senator, Vice Chair) – Natash Lujan reported that she is excited to be on the Faculty Senate this year. Allied Health is getting everything ready for the Fall semester. Personally she is working on getting all of her courses transitioned to Blackboard Ultra.

7. Linda Salazar (Ex Officio/LRC) – Linda Salazar reported that it is a busy time working with Workday. It is also a busy time in the library, getting all of the subscriptions up to date and paid for.

B. Standing Committee/ VPIS Reports

1. Curriculum Committee - Nichole Collins reported that the committee met earlier in the day and will be working on their process and procedures manual this year. They will be planning for timely catalog updates. They also discussed that the registrar is the only person who should be communicating with the representative from the HED about common course numbering, creating courses, getting courses approved, etc. The committee will be meeting twice monthly—one working meeting and one regular meeting.

2. Assessment Committee - Dr. Chris Smith reported that the Assessment Committee met and Aaron Smith will be chairing the committee. Their big project is completing the process and procedures manual for the committee. It is a very detailed month-by-month rundown of what must be done by the committee.

C. Follow-Up Items: None

- VII. Action Item: Faculty Senate leadership position elections - Nominations for leadership positions were made and accepted as follows: Kevin Williams - Chair; Natasha Lujan- Vice Chair; and Leota Harriman - Secretary. Nichole made a motion that Kevin Williams be the Chair of the Faculty Senate for 2026-27 academic year. The motion was seconded by Leota Harriman. The motion passed unanimously. Nichole made a motion that Natasha Lujan be the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate for the 2026-27 academic year. Leota Harriman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Gene moved that Leota Harriman be the Secretary of the Faculty Senate for the 2026-27 academic year. Nichole Collins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VIII. Discussion Item - Mari Hill questioned whether she should continue on the Faculty Senate while she is temporarily serving in an administrative role. The consensus of the Faculty Senate was that it would be okay for her to remain on the Senate as Immediate Past Chair, but that with her new responsibilities, it would be also okay for her to not feel obligated to participate in the Faculty Senate during the interim time.
- IX. New or Follow-up Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: None
- X. Next Regular Meeting: 4/10/2026
- XI. Adjournment: Gene Martinez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leota Harriman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mari Hill adjourned the meeting at 1:43 p.m.