



Minutes

Academic Leadership Committee

**August 7, 2025**

3:15 pm Conference Room 103-Room Behind Board room

**I. Establishment of Quorum**

**Jeff Gamblin**

**Kraig Bellows**

**Chris Smith**

**Valerie Montoya**

**Erick Wright**

**II. Call Meeting to Order 3:19pm**

**III. Approval of Agenda-Jeff motioned to approve the Agenda, Chris seconded**

**IV. Review of Minutes – Chris motioned to approve the minutes, Valerie seconded**

a. July 31, 2025

**V. Informational/Discussion Items :**

- A. The Director's meeting will now serve as the monthly scheduled meeting for all directors, replacing the separate monthly director meeting. An alternative suggestion was to hold the ALC meeting directly after the monthly meeting. The motion was put forth by Chris Smith, seconded by Valerie, and unanimously approved.
- B. The use of universal online textbooks was discussed as a way to reduce costs for students. While this is not feasible for all programs due to specific requirements, like those in the nursing program, it was noted that some programs could benefit from this change. Another option discussed was leveraging Open Education Resources and NMHU's Inclusive Access program. It was proposed that students could also pick up books from NMHU. The costs associated with Barnes and Noble would be subsidized by the credit hour.
- C. Chris Smith is moving from current position to instructor position.

## **VI. Action Items**

- A. Replace the separate monthly director meeting to align with the ALC meeting. Directly held after the monthly meeting. The motion was put forth by Chris Smith, seconded by Valerie, and unanimously approved.
- B. Vote for 2nd representative for shared governance. Chris Smith has accepted a new role as an instructor and, as a result, has declined his nomination to serve as the second representative for shared governance.
- C. Erick nominated Kraig 2nd representative for shared governance, Jeff seconded.
- D. Kraig Accepted to be the 2nd representative for shared governance
- E. Tabled book discussion item until Ron Duran (Book store manager) to attend.

## **VII. New or Follow-up Items for Next Meeting**

- A. Tabled book discussion item until Ron Duran (Book store manager) to attend.

### **Next Regular Meeting:**

Thursday September 4, 2025 3:00pm.

## **VIII. Adjournment- Valerie made motion to adjourn, Kraig seconded. 3:37pm**