



Minutes

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting

Friday, September 26, 2025

1:00-2:00 PM on Google Meet

Meeting link: meet.google.com/gzb=pgmv-vam

- I. Establishment of Quorum: Present: Mari Hill, Gene Martinez, Kevin Williams, Billie Mathews,
and Nichole Collins Absent: Chantel Rivera and Linda Salazar
- II. Call of Meeting to Order: Chair Mari Hill called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Agenda was presented. Gene Martinez made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Nichole Collins. Motion was approved.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from September 12 Meeting: Minutes of September 12 meeting were presented. Gene Martinez made the motion to approve the minutes. Nichole Collins seconded the motion. Motion was approved.
- V. Welcome of Guests/Public Comment (3 minutes per person):
- VI. Information/Discussion Items:
 - A. Senator Reports
 1. Mari Hill (Education Senator, Senate Chair) – New Mexico’s universal child care will be good for early childhood education programs. It is exciting to see how it will help us.
 2. Gene Martinez (CTE Senator, Vice Chair) – LANL is encouraging Gene to do some specialty welding certifications and will give him money to buy the material. He is also getting his laser welder. He met with AWS at CNM in Santa Fe and it looks like we will be the only community college that will be doing laser welding, which will be a boost for Luna. He is getting a bunch of new tools. Gene’s eye surgeries are complete!
 3. Kevin Williams (Associates Senator, Secretary) – Nothing new to report. Kevin mentioned Dr. Linder’s presentation to Shared Governance. She mentioned the Tuition Waiver Policy, and wanting the Senates to look at
the possibility of a Dress Code Policy. She also wants Luna to look at how we communicate with students and explore options for alerts. Discussion ensued and the general consensus was that a dress code would have to take into consideration the roles of the individuals (by department), and would work best if it was specific about what is NOT allowed. A policy has the potential to be divisive.
 4. Billie Mathews (Humanities Senator, Immediate Past Chair) – Billie Mathews shared the Tuition Waiver information she received from Dr. Linder. It

went out to the Staff and Student Senates, as well. Billie plans on volunteering to research dress codes and share information with Shared Governance. She feels that it is better for us to be proactive about it rather than wait and have a dress code imposed upon us with no input or say. Billie, as a humanities teacher, tends to get a lot of dual credit students. We have a percentage of dual credit students, particularly in asynchronous classes. She's had a discussion with Allejandro about doing a dual credit student orientation. One of the local high schools didn't order books for them, so they didn't get books until well into the semester. The high schools don't realize that when students drop classes late, it's a "withdraw" which stays on their transcripts forever. Billie asked what others are doing to support dual credit students. Gene also has students who haven't logged on yet. His biggest issue is

poor internet access. Billie said Robertson High School students are not allowed to access Luna.edu emails on their Chromebooks. Billie would like for Allejandro to put together a group of faculty who could do an orientation for dual credit students. She's grateful to have an interim director. Their schedules for Spring and Summer are submitted.

5. Nichole Collins (STEM/Assessment Senator) – Geno is working on entering

their

courses for Spring and Summer. They're all just trying to get HLC stuff completed. Nichole has an ITDE meeting scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on the 10th of October. She will get you the link if you are interested. Curriculum Committee needs to meet again probably the week after next.

6. Chantel Rivera (Allied Health/Nursing Senator) – Absent

7. Linda Salazar (Ex Officio/LRC) – Absent

B. Standing Committee Reports

1. Professional Development Committee - Mari Hill will put more items on the agenda when it gets a little closer. The goal is to keep it basic and give faculty as much time in their classrooms, recruiting and calling students, and less time in meetings.

2. Curriculum Committee - Nichole Collins reported that everything is going well

in

Curriculum. They will be meeting again soon to get something approved for dental. She said she is trying to step away from Assessment to lessen the number of things on her plate. They are trying to complete their report prior to the HLC visit.

C. Discussion Items

1. How did Coffee Connects go? Mari Hill reported that it was Gene, Nichole, herself in attendance, and that Kevin showed up toward the end. The discussion was mostly about early childhood education and what New Mexico is doing with that. They also discussed some not so cool things

about the state of education in the state and nation. There will be another virtual Coffee Connects in October. She will put out an email the week before, the week of, and the day of the Coffee Connects. It will again be the hour before the Faculty Senate meets. Nichole Collins mentioned that the Thanksgiving Luncheon with students and faculty will be scheduled during the week when the HLC is on campus so that they can intermingle with students. We need to confirm the dates

2. Tuition Waiver Policy - Thoughts? Mari Hill reviewed the policy and felt like it is pretty cool. Billie mentioned that one of the things Dr. Linder suggested

was that we might want to put in something about the reciprocating tuition waiver with Highlands. The process is different with them. The policy is a good start, but isn't complete just yet. The benefits of the policy were discussed, not only for professional growth, but for personal growth.

VII. Action Items: None

VIII. New or Follow-up Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: None

IX. Next Regular Meeting: October 10, 2025

X. Adjournment: Billie Mathews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Gene

Martinez. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.