

Faculty Senate Meeting

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FEBRUARY 19, 2016 12:30 PM

SSTC200



branches have been removed from the BBER Equity Study conducted by UNM main campus vice provost Carol Parker is supportive of our UNMG proposed 3% increase, and our CFO worked the increase into the upcoming fiscal year budget. At this point we need the approval of the UNMG Advisory Board, and they are currently considering it and may approve it at the March 2016 Advisory Board meeting. Any faculty interested in talking to the CFO directly about this issue are encouraged to do so. Lora will keep faculty updated on this process as it moves forward.

Dr. Dyer noted that any raise he gets, he will turn the increased funds back to faculty for use for faculty travel and grants.

2. UNMG Fiscal Budget In addition to decreasing our use of the reserves (by around \$700,000 this year), there is a \$347,000 reduction in appropriations from the State of New Mexico. There will be restructuring and cuts as a result. Fulltime faculty jobs are not at risk. Lora has asked our CFO Rick Goshorn to please provide a copy of the proposed UNMG budget to Faculty Senate when it is complete. We will have the opportunity to approve the budget with or without reservation probably at the March 25 Faculty Senate meeting.

3. Section F Task Force (Branch Campuses and the TLE) The Section F Branch Campus Task Force had its second meeting this morning. Lora just left that meeting that she attended via Skype for business. She will keep faculty updated on this process as it continues to move forward.

4. March 25 Faculty Senate Meeting (Fourth Friday because of spring break) The Dean is planning a catered faculty appreciation luncheon from 11:30-12:30 in SSTC 200 before the start of the March faculty senate meeting. All UNMG faculty and adjuncts will be invited. The Faculty Senate meeting will start at 12:30, and we plan to have the proposed UNMG budget for faculty review by that time.

Floyd Kezele noted that every fall we get a memo from main campus that states that we are not supposed to schedule anything that conflicts with religious activity. March 25, 2016 is Good Friday. Lora mentioned that we will figure out a different time to meet that works for everyone. Lora will check with the Dean and the division chairs, as well as other faculty regarding a solution for scheduling the March 2016 Faculty Senate meeting and she will get back to us to let us know what solution they come up with for rescheduling. Lora thanked Floyd for pointing out the scheduling conflict and asked if there were any other questions. Faculty in attendance had no questions regarding her president's report. No questions were raised. Lora then invited Dr. Christopher Dyer to present his report.

Dr. Dyer noted that his title has been officially changed to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and he presented his report as follows:

1. Community Colleges Study Dr. Dyer mentioned that there was an idea proposed to conduct a study to review paperwork and the function of community colleges statewide and that would provide data to support moving towards a systems approach to community college education. The study may or may not happen, but Dr. Dyer wanted to mention that the idea is tossed around just so that faculty know ahead of time should the study take place. It does not mean anything at the moment, he just wanted faculty to know that the idea is being tossed around.

2. Bigfoot Conference The Bigfoot Conference held at UNMG in mid-February was the most highly attended event in this history of this campus outside of graduation. Dr. Dyer states that it

demonstrates that this is an important topic for people in the region. People as far away as Denver drove down for the event. They put a map up of people who had seen or had encountered with Big Foot creatures in the region, and there were over 150 pins on that map. This is an ongoing thing and Dr. Dyer will keep us apprised of future happenings. If faculty are interested and would like to become more involved in the follow-up of Big Foot sightings and events, they can contact Dr. Dyer for more information. Dr. Dyer noted that there have been a lot of livestock killed in the area by Big Foot creatures, and thus, it is becoming an issue for many people in our region. He also shared that one of the key witnesses at the event were Navajo people from the region.

3. Faculty Course Load: Dr. Dyer has been talking with Dean Ken Roberts about hosting a discussion with faculty regarding course loads. Dr. Dyer is concerned about faculty course loads and keeping us fresh, alive and vital. He would like to discuss this with faculty, perhaps with a group of faculty who would be willing to volunteer to participate in this discussion. This would be in relationship to a couple of projects Dr. Dyer and Dean Roberts are contemplating. One is the Institute for Higher Education. We already have an extended learning presence on this campus with Bachelors and Masters degrees, which have been here for some time.

Dr. Dyer asked faculty in attendance whether they think our UNMG students would do better with online or seated (face-to-face) courses. Dr. Lora Stone responded that we have different student bodies. Some absolutely must have online courses and we are going to lose them if we do not offer online courses because they will go somewhere else for their courses. This is a small percentage of students. Lora stated that most people are going to need face-to-face courses. We have a small percentage that need online and we have faculty who are trained and willing to do that if we need to offer more online courses. Dr. Dyer responded that computer literacy may be an issue.

CFO Rick Goshorn is not available to attend today's Faculty Senate meeting and has no additional information to report at this time. However, he will present on the proposed BNM budget at the next Faculty Senate meeting.

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5. UNMG Graduates: Jayme reported that UNMG had 94 graduates who were certified for fall 2015. Student Services is experiencing a lot of problems right now with the degree audit software and so that has impacted the certification process as far as graduation is concerned. Jayme has been working directly with the Registrar's Office in Albuquerque and he and his team are actually going to be coming here to UNMG and spending a day or two in the next couple of weeks to do a full audit of all of the substitutions that we have at UNMG. As Jayme mentioned before, we have a large number of exceptions and waivers going through and it is just

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Lora then affirmed with Carolyn that we already have ~~ed~~ out plans in place for these ~~two~~ programs

DISCUSSION

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Floyd Kezele and Chris Chavez

Voice Vote: