



Minutes

Faculty Senate Regular Meeting

Friday, February 27, 2026

1:00-2:00 PM on Google Meet

- I. Establishment of Quorum: Quorum established. Present: Mari Hill, Gene Martinez, Kevin Williams, Billie Mathews, Nichole Collins, Chantel Rivera, and Linda Salazar
- II. Call of Meeting to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Hill at 1:01 p.m.
- III. Approval of Agenda: Kevin Williams made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Nichole Collins. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 02/13/2026: Chantel Rivera moved to approve the minutes of the February 13 meeting. The motion was seconded by Linda Salazar. Kevin Williams asked that the motion be amended to include changing "AI Policy" to "Academic Honesty Policy." Chantel Rivera amended her motion, and it was seconded by Linda Salazar. The amended motion passed.
- V. Welcome of Guests/Public Comment (3 minutes per person): Aaron Smith
- VI. Dr. Romero's Report: Dr. Romero's report was given by Mari Hill. Dr. Romero wanted to remind everyone to save the date for the upcoming Blackboard training (March 17 and 18). She also wants the Faculty Senate to recommend trainings for Fall In-Service.
- VII. Information/Discussion Items:
 - A. Senator Reports
 1. Mari Hill (Education Senator, Senate Chair) – Mari Hill observed in a local elementary school with 10 Luna students. They were asked by the school to take a climate survey for them.
 2. Gene Martinez (CTE Senator, Vice Chair) –
 3. Kevin Williams (Associates Senator, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary) – Nothing new to report.
 4. Billie Mathews (Humanities Senator) – Billie Mathews publicly congratulated Dr. Christopher Smith on the publication of his book.
 5. Nichole Collins (STEM/Assessment Senator) – In April Luna will be hosting the NMICC Math Pathways Regional Discussion. It will be hosted by Betsy Sanchez and Dr. Castillo. In their department meeting they talked about the upcoming trainings for Blackboard. There will be a virtual component for those who are not local. The trainings will have lunch provided. The STEM and Humanities Department has a potluck scheduled next week.
 6. Chantel Rivera (Allied Health/Nursing Senator) – Nothing new to report.
 7. Linda Salazar (Ex Officio/LRC) – Nothing new to report.
 - B. Standing Committees
 1. Curriculum Committee - Curriculum Committee will be meeting on March 16 to

go over the Allied Health and STEM PLOs. Nichole has been working on the policies/procedures manual, and the forms used by the Curriculum Committee. They need to be updated because they are very limited in what they allow the committee to do, and when people submit things the committee can't see what they are submitting because it doesn't save the way it should. Revising the forms will ensure that they get the information they need to do the jobs necessary. Nichole will be sending out the revised forms to the Curriculum Committee once they have been reviewed by Rachael Lucero so that they can be reviewed at the March 16 meeting. Dr. Romero has sent Nichole information regarding a tuition memorandum that she wants the Curriculum Committee to review.

3. Assessment Committee - Aaron Smith presented in the absence of Sierra Fernandez. They are still in the process of selecting a Chair for the committee. They are making an effort to get representation from STEM. They are continuing to work on a procedure manual. The CLOA reports have gone out and the data will be analyzed. More on that later. The Assessment Team (ARC) has a lot going on right now. They are reviewing program outcomes throughout the school. They are reviewing the technology that the college currently has, as recommended by those in Chicago, to utilize existing technology to help with the assessment process. It is exciting what we can do with what we already pay for. We have the opportunity to present at the NMHERE Assessment Conference in Albuquerque next week. Those going are Dr. Romero, Mary Frances, Sierra, Tycie, Kraig, and Aaron. They will be presenting on their experiences with the HLC Assessment Academy and the technologies they will be using in the assessment process. Luna is the only New Mexico school going through the HLC Assessment Academy this rotation.

VIII. Action Items:

IX. Executive Session

A. Discussion Items

1. New Meeting Format - No issues were brought up with the new meeting format.
2. What are the next steps with the Employee Handbook? Since we did not approve the Employee Handbook, what happens next? Nichole Collins said that we have the responsibility to make sure that as many people as possible from our areas see the proposed handbook and are aware of the issues that we have brought up. She brought it up at their department meeting. Until the concerns are answered, it shouldn't be approved. Concerns need to be addressed so that it can be finalized and approved. We need to keep asking questions until they are

addressed. Mari Hill wondered what happens if we can't agree on some issues. Would that mean that we never approve it? Kevin Williams believes that the ball is in HR's court at this point. It has been sent back to them unapproved, so they need to address the concerns and either explain them or revise them for approval. Kevin Williams suggested having a Coffee Connect when and if we get responses and revisions to the Handbook so that our constituents can see how concerns were addressed.

- X. New or Follow-up Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: Kevin Williams suggested reaching out to our departments/areas to find out what they would like to see at the Fall inservice. Nichole Collins mentioned that she, Billie Mathews, and Aaron Smith have migrated to the new Blackboard format. She believes the Fall and Spring semesters are going to be very busy for many faculty members as they transition their classes to the new platform. They are going to need time to focus and build their classes. Mari Hill said that is something that needs to be a focus.
- XI. Next Regular Meeting: March 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.
- XII. Adjournment: Nichole Collins moved to adjourn. Billie Mathews seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Mari Hill adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.