

NMSU Employee Council

Employee Council Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2017

Milton Hall Rm. 85 at 2:30PM

Members Present: Kim Allbright, Shawna Arroyo, Adam Cavotta, Julie Correa, Monica Dunivan, Louis Sandoval, Dario Silva, Sonia White

Alternates Present:

Members Online: Linda Beavers, Jennifer Chandler, Gina Franks, Kathy Landers, Samantha Lish, Cassie McClure

Alternates Online:

Ex-Officio: Toni Lavor, Cherri Lambeth

1. Call to order
 - Adam Cavotta called the meeting to order.
2. Welcome to members and guests
 - Justin Bannister, Interim VP for Marketing and Communication. Toni Lavor from Benefits.
3. Approval of July minutes
 - A motion was made and passed to approve the July minutes as presented.
4. Benefits updates
 - Still working on open enrollment, which is coming in October.
5. Discuss Promoting Aggie Spirt (Justin Bannister, Interim AVP for Marketing & Communications)
 - a. Came in to talk about the marketing campaign that was begun last year and how they are trying to promote Las Cruces as the home of the "Aggies by putting up signs that say, "Aggie Stomping Ground". They are trying to get the entire community more involved. This is an attempt to increase the "Aggie Pride." So they have gone out and given businesses around town "Aggie" gear to put up in their establishments.
 - b. How can EC piggy-back off of the efforts of M & C?
 - c. Asked about having Pistol Pete around town. Discussed their efforts in malls and trying to be more visible.
 - d. Suggest to have a flat Pistol Pete.
 - e. Freshman numbers are up by more than 200. Won't have actual numbers until Census date.
6. Chancellor Carruthers Contract Discussion
 - a. Adam wanted to discuss with the committee the possibility of asking for an extension of the Chancellor's contract for another two years due to all of the changes that are currently going on

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within the university. He would like to put forth doing this despite the fact that Chancellor has already given his notice. Or suggesting that EC have a seat on the hiring committee for the next Chancellor (suggested that we table this one). These decisions are still made by the BOR, but would like to make sure how strongly we feel about these issues.

Motion was made and passed to issue a memo to the BOR indicating our appreciation of the Chancellor and our request of having a seat on the hiring committee. (Stipulation that the memo get sent to the committee for a vote prior to being sent to the BOR.)

7. Fringe Benefits Committee Membership

a. There are some employees and retirees that have put their names in for the vacant positions. A ballot was given to the membership to vote. Rita Beckman and Mark Blanchford for employees. Anna Price and Larry Creider for retirees.

8. Employee Appreciation Picnic Update

a. Chancellor asked us to look at two different locations, Presidio Park and McFie Circle.

9. Football Tailgate Party Update

A. Update on the UNM event. Dario talked to Mallory in Alumni. The Chancellor personally donated \$500 to help. The current Alumni plan is to get food from Rudy's and charge \$20-\$25 to each as much BBQ as you want. Thinks that maybe we should use the \$500 for a different event down here and offer free tickets to employees from up north. Currently looking at 20 tickets, if there is a request for more than 20 he is asking if EC might pay for the extras. Mallory is going to send an email that can be sent out to employees.

10. Announcements

11. Committee Reports

Roseanne Bensley – University Budget Committee

a. Document was sent to the committee. Any questions can be sent to her.

Adam Cavotta – Team 6, Strategic Planning, UAC, Board of Regents

a. Team 6 will have a retreat this week.

b. BOR: Last meeting can be seen online. Did not bring the dates of the next meeting.

Send reports by Friday, August 11th

12. Adjournment

Motion made and approved to adjourn at 3:56 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2017.