

NMSU Employee Council
Employee Council Meeting Minutes
(Unanimously Approved on February 9th, 2017)

January 12, 2017

Milton Hall Rm. 85 at 2:30PM

Members Present: Kim Allbright, Adam Cavotta, Monica Dunivan, Samantha Lish, Keith Mandabach, Dario Silva

Alternates Present: None

Members Online: Linda Beavers, Tammy Chaffee, Julie Correa, Gina Franks, Rosa de La Torre-Burmeister, Dave Schoep, Hiranya Roychowdury

Alternates Online: Naveen Puppala

Ex-Officio: Rene Yoder

Guests: Sandy Katayanagi, David Chavez, and 8 others online (full name not given)

Minutes

1. Call to order
Called to Order by Monica Dunivan at 2:35 PM
2. Welcome to members and guests
3. Approval of November minutes
Motion to approve by Adam Cavotta, second by Kim Allbright
4. New Business

Motion to discuss increase to ERB contribution by Keith Mandebach, Second by Adam C.
Discussions occurred regarding the proposed changes.
Adam will send Abq. Journal Article that mentions this proposal.

5. Elections
 - Nominations – Adam

21 nominations and 18 eligible employees including 1 faculty and 17 exempt staff. We are seeking to fill 3 faculty positions, 4 non-exempt staff positions, and 3 CC outside of Las Cruces positions.

Elections will begin January 17th and end at 11:59 PM on January 31st.

May need to suspend rules or change rules regarding promotion of alternates to voting membership due to low number of nominees from faculty, non-exempt, and CC outside of Las Cruces employee types.

6. Event Updates

- Forums:
 - a. Vision 2020 – March 13th @ 9am
 - b. Insurance TBD
 - c. Budget TBD
 - d. Athletics TBD Have AD speak (Keith M. will follow-up)
 - e. Talk to Ricardo about a call in from Santa Fe during legislative session.
- Strategic Planning Committee update – Adam
 - a. A new draft of the purpose statement was presented and discussed.
 - b. Adam will send both versions of the purpose statement.
- Founders Day, April 7, 2017 – Committee: First meeting?
 - a. Seeking additional committee members
 - b. Adam will send out a Doodle Poll to schedule the next meeting
 - c. We will ask new membership in February if there is anyone that wants to volunteer for the committee.
 - d. Ideas: Red or Green dress code, contact Chile Pepper Institute, Look to see if we can get Ristras for decoration, Chile Fact Sheets, Contact Jeff Witte (Dir/Secretary of NMDA) regarding event

7. Rene Yoder – Benefits updates

- a. Rene shared some preliminary information about potential changes for long term care insurance. More information will be provided when there are details to share.
- b. Rene indicated that there will be an additional opportunity for employees to enroll in Flexible Spending Accounts if they missed the opportunity during open enrollment. This will only be available for employees that have not enrolled and this will not be an opportunity for currently enrolled employees to make changes.

8. Committee Reports

Send by Friday, January 13th, and I will forward to membership

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Adam C., second by Kim Allbright
- b. Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2017.