

NMSU Employee Council

Employee Council Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2017

Milton Hall Rm. 85 at 2:30PM

Members Present: Kim Allbright, Shawna Arroyo, Adam Cavotta, Jennifer Chandler, Monica Dunivan, Keith Mandabach, Louis Sandoval, Gina Franks, Louis Sandoval, Dario Silva, Sonia White

Members Online: Tammy Chaffee, Linda Beavers, Stephanie Carter, Julie Correa, Katherine Landers, Tim Darden, Thaddieus Conner, Naveen Puppala

Ex-Officio: Toni Lavor

Guests: Shelly Stovall, Exec Dir, Accreditation

1. Call to order
 - Called to order by Adam Cavotta
2. Welcome to members and guests
3. Approval of October minutes
 - Motion to approve by Kim Allbright
 - Motion to approve passed
4. Benefits updates
 - NM ERB information session will be held in Las Cruces. A special session for Employee Council will be held on Wednesday, November 15th.
5. HLC Accreditation Visit (November 13th and November 14th)
 - Shelly Stovall shared information about the schedule for the HLC visit including the availability of information on the Provost's and Accreditation Web sites about the visit.
6. Chancellor Selection Committee
 - Adam Cavotta explained the memo sent to the BOR regarding Employee Council interest in serving on the selection committee for the next Chancellor. A motion was entered by Kim Mandabach to have the chair Cavotta be the Employee Council selection for their representative on the selection committee, given the BOR honors this request. The motion passed.

Adam went on to explain that the BOR has retained an executive recruitment firm named Wheless Partners. Provided information about site <http://chancellorsearch.nmsu.edu>.

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7. Founders Day Update (April 20, 2018)

- Chancellor had new recommendations for Founders Day event. Committee members are sought and Adam will get back with the group regarding membership.

8. Employee Council Election Update

- Shawna Arroyo is chair of the election committee and she reported that we are working with ICT on getting the election system ready. This year we will have a different process because we are using the same election system as ASNMSU and Faculty Senate. Announcement for nominations will be soon. Elections will begin in January.

9. Announcements

- a. Stephen W. and Robert E. Roberts Memorial Staff Award presented to Michael Ray, director of New Mexico State University's American Indian Programs on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 3 to 5 p.m. The gathering will be in the Otero Room, Room 126.
- b. David Brockmeyer's Retirement is November 28th at the NMSU Gold Course at 3 PM. Dave is a past chair of Employee Council.
- c. Giving Tuesday is November 28th at the Aggie Lounge in Corbett Center. They are seeking volunteers to write thank you notes.
- d. Picnic Update – 2150 plates served. Report given to Chancellor and Board of Regents. Positive comments regarding the venue (Preciado Park). Valerie Torres received the 'A' Mountain Award and a Newscenter article was released. Recommend better solution for keeping soft drinks cold. People didn't notice placement of water. The vegetarian option was delayed (up to 45 minutes). People didn't know a vegetarian option was available. Need to do a better job of promoting the vegetarian option. Sodexo says there are 8% vegetarians on campus. Instead of volleyball, use cornhole game or horseshoes. Consider layout to give shade for the food serving area.

10. Committee Reports

Diversity Council – Keith Mandabach said the Director of diversity position has been put on hold. Veterans on campus training was released. The training requires an access code and the code can be obtained from the Military and Veterans Programs Office.

Athletic Council – Keith said that Athletics has some positions they need to fill. They are focused on compliance and making sure the athletes are academically successful. They are helping to train athletes regarding gifts banned by the NCAA.

Adam Cavotta – Team 6 – no meeting since last EC meeting. The effort continues despite

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pending changes in leadership.

Strategic Planning – Sub-groups formed to discuss priorities. Training will follow that helps the division/college align with the university plan.

Board of Regents – College of Education combines academic units into a school.

Send reports by Friday, November 10th

11. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2017.