

NMSU Employee Council
Employee Council Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2018
Milton Hall Rm. 85 at 2:30PM

Members Present In Person: Louis Sandoval, Sonia White, Kim Allbright, Jennifer Chandler, Anne Hubbell, Thaddieus Connor, Julie Correa, Tim Darden Monica Dunivan, Keith Mandabach, Marisela Munoz, Denise Rodriguez-Strong, Milen Bartnick

Members Present Online: Karla Volpi, Karina Pirtle

Alternates Present In Person: Letty Gallegos, Vandeen McKenzie,

Alternates Present Online:

Guests: Armando Molina, Mark Kimple

1. Call to order @ 2:32
2. Approval of Quorum - confirmed
3. Welcome to members and guests
4. Approval of July & August minutes: July minutes; Kim moved to approve, Louis second, approved August minutes: Milen had amendment to wording for item #8. Amendment accepted, Kim moved to approve, Sonia second, approved as amended.
5. Benefits updates – Armando Molina – Open Enrollment will be Oct. 1st through 26th.
 - The ERB has proposed changes to make it fully funded by 2042
 - Monica will send out the proposed changes. The changes will only affect new employees.
 - The next ERB stakeholder meeting is Sept. 21st.
 - Send Monica any feedback on the proposals by 9/21.
6. Mr. Mark Kimpel – Proposal

Mr. Kimple has a proposal to change the catalog year policy for NMSU full-time employees attending classes and attempting to earn a degree as a part-time student. He would like to propose a continuous enrollment standard. Monica suggested that the proposal needs to go to Faculty Senate since it is an academic issue. Milen mentioned that this could also be applied to any student to help with student success and he also mentioned that departments and college can make exceptions for students on a case-by-case basis.

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7. Open Forum – President

President Floros has asked for EC's help in planning a system-wide employee open forum. Monica asked for volunteers to form a sub-committee to arrange the forum. October 30th is the proposed date, but that has not been finalized. Someone asked what being on the sub-committee entailed. Monica outlined the duties and tasks: come up with the date, time and location. Arrange the webcast. Publicize the event. Possibly emcee the event. She asked all EC members to be prepared to attend and assist the day of the event. Usually the sub-committee arranges a presentation and facilitates the question and answer period. There was some discussion about the date and time but the group agreed there is not really a good time that is going to work for everyone.

Sub-Committee: Keith, Tim, Monica, Julie. If anyone else is interested email empcouncil@nmsu.edu.

8. Committees - Monica distributed the list and the group helped clean it up removing committees that no longer exist. Several members volunteered to be on some of the committees that needed an EC representative. The list still needs further clean-up with regards to meeting times. Monica announced that committee reports will return to the EC monthly agenda for representatives to pass on information from the various committees.

9. Chair-Elect – Monica asked for nominations. Sonia White was identified as a nominee. Kim moved to elect by acclamation, Milen seconded, approved. Sonia is the new chair-elect.

10. Announcements

- Jennifer – October is cyber security mother. Hotline will have the information on scheduled events. The events will be in various location son campus.
- Louis- NMSU plays UNM in football this weekend. 2000 UNM students are expected. "Burning the Lobo" is tomorrow night. Keith asked about faculty discounts for tickets and the discounts are only available for season tickets. There is also the Aggie Pass that is available for admittance to all sports except football and men's basketball.
- Employee Picnic – Oct. 19 11-1. Rolled chicken taco bar and a vegetarian option
- \$5 football game tickets will be sold for the game against Georgia Southern. Picnic will be at Preciado Park.
- The Domenici Conference was very good. Good speakers.

11. Committee Reports

Campus Planning – Sonia will send out information regarding the upcoming projects which include improvements to the softball locker rooms. Signage improvements and arches at entrances. The information Sonia sends will have the drawings and pictures. The committee also wants to display more of the Zuhl collection across campus.

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- a. Send reports by Friday, September 14, 2018
12. Adjournment – Keith moved to adjourn, Louis second, approved. Adjourned at 3:37

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 11, 2018.