



Dr. Keri Stevenson begins the report by pointing out that there will be two adjunct representatives for the assembly, Jeff Hunt and Mechelle Cody. We want to thank them for volunteering and thank Professor Wilson, who chairs the Adjunct Affairs Committee, for getting in contact with them. They will have a vote in the faculty assembly. They will alternate attendance, making sure a representative is in attendance each month.

The Executive Team met with the Operations Committee last Friday, September 8th. Today's report is largely about that meeting. The Center for Academic Learning has been posting for positions on UMM-Jobs. These include student-worker positions and tutor positions. Unfortunately, CAL is suffering from the same problems as much of the campus, in that it is losing student-workers. There is a limited pool of student-workers. We are still looking for people to fill those positions. The hours for CAL, stated on the website, may change because right now we have only one senior tutor, Professor Preston Chee. Please get in contact with him if you would like him to hold a workshop for your class. Dr. Aretha Matt talked to him, confirming that he is experienced in English tutoring. So at least we have a writing tutor. We are not entirely sure about what the math and science tutoring looks like at the moment. Kimimila Simms has just come on board to be in charge of CAL, along with being in charge of TRIO.

The Operations Committee members spoke about UNM-Gallup's strategic plan at the Executive Meeting. In terms of the timeline, we are near the end of phase one of the three-to-five phase plan. We discussed Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility part of the plan. We are working with the Employee and Organizational Development Office on main campus to get that set up. Eventually we will include stakeholders and representatives from the communities we serve--faculty and students, IT, Facilities, staff, community members, and so on. One of the goals is to get feedback from all groups. To that end, there will be a survey open to get feedback on the goals of the strategic plan. These goals are divided into five pillars: financial resource management; student success; DEI accessibility and belonging; campus culture; and community engagement and outreach. If you have ideas or strong opinions for the work that these groups can do, please fill out the survey when it opens. Also encourage your students to fill out the survey.

**Discussion:**

Dean John Zimmerman adds, "Aside from the survey, there also will be listening sessions, hopefully in-person and on Zoom. These sessions will be facilitated by EOD to collect even more feedback."

Question from Dr. Christopher Dyer: "Who is the point-person for community engagement and outreach?"

Dean Zimmerman replies: "Frank Sanchez."

President's report continues:

We are reviving the Mini-Grant Committee, which had been suspended during the pandemic. Dr. Aretha Matt will be volunteering on that. Eventually Richard Reyes and Robert Griego will put out a call for volunteers. The projects will range between \$500 to \$2000. Once the committee is reestablished, applications will be taken.

There will also be a chance to share input on budget. Robert Griego said that we have hired an accountant. There will be sessions to take input from faculty. We don't yet know when those sessions

will be. There is only a thirty-day legislative session this year, instead of sixty, so we will have more time to take input. Faculty who have been put on the newly reassembled Budget Review Committee might want to stay in communication with Operations Committee on this subject.

There will be construction going on. Middle College High School is building its new facilities. Eventually it will move into that facility. Then the space on the second floor of Gurley Hall will be available. We don't yet know what that space will be used for. Likewise, McKinley Academy and GMCS will be moving into their own building, but that's probably a couple of years into the future. At that point, space in Calvin Hall will open up.

Next up will be a presentation by Dr. Tracy Lassiter on A.I.: "The Black Swan that is AI."

**DISCUSSION ITEM                      "The Black Swan that is AI"                      DR. Tracy Lassiter**

Dr. Tracy Lassiter presents on the latest developments of generative artificial intelligence, particularly with regard to its current and potential impacts on education both within the classroom and as a whole.

**INFORMATION                      COMMITTEE REPORTS                      COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

**Dr. Stevenson asks for committee reports:**

**UNMG Senator to ABQ:** Dr. Sarah Llanque-White explains that during the senate meeting, members were notified by the provost that enrollment has gone up, including most of the branch campuses. Also, the Student Health Center has mental health services available for all branch campuses. Furthermore, there are opportunities for faculty to serve on university-wide senate committees. One need not be a senator to serve on these committees. Anyone interested should contact Dr. Sarah Llanque-White, Dr. Keri Stevenson, or Dr. John Burke. Every branch campus now has two senators, which is new starting this fall. Every branch senator is a member of the Branch Community College Council. We meet every first Thursday of the month. Workload resolutions have been passed for Valencia campus. Valencia now has a four-four teaching load. Taos is already there with a one-3 hour course of 20% of the workload. This was passed March 2023 at the faculty senate meeting. Los Alamos, with its 5/5 teaching load, has very few full-time faculty. They rely on half-time faculty to teach most courses. In terms of community education courses, we're looking into ensuring that low-enrollment courses will still be available for community members. Finally, we approved degrees for summer graduates.

**Budget Review Committee:** Dr. Sarah Llanque-White points out that a meeting has yet to be arranged. An email will go out to all of the members to facilitate chair selection.

**Committee on Teaching Excellence:** No report.

**Constitution and By-Laws Committee:** The committee has been reconstituted but a chair has yet to be selected.

**CARC:** Professor Lowell Bautista reports that he will be onboarding for training next week. After that, he will send out a schedule for meetings. He will be working with Dean Zimmerman to work with the other committees.

**Curricula Committee:** Dr. Antoinette Abeyta says that approval for general studies was submitted to the faculty senate. It has been tabled due to concerns of how it is structured. Hopefully Dr. Mingus and Dr. Abeyta can convince them to approve it. An update will be provided pending the decision.

**Library Committee:** Dr. Andrew McFeaters reports that a chair will soon be selected.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** No report.

**Distance Learning Committee:** Dr. Christopher Dyer mentions that six out of seven committee members have agreed on a meeting time. That will be finalized soon. Dr. Tracy Lassiter will be made an honorary member. The committee is taking suggestions from faculty concerning distance learning. To that end, something will be set up to solicit an exchange of ideas.

**Adjunct Faculty Affairs Committee:** Professor Kristi Wilson points out that the committee is meeting next week.

**UA-UNM, Faculty Union:** Emails have been sent out regarding faculty compensation. We have an agreement with UNM that they will tell us where that money is going (which is two million from legislation). The money was not earmarked for anything specific. Some of that funding has been promised to the branch campuses.

INFORMATION	ANNOUNCEMENTS	VARIOUS
<p>Professor Jacob LaCroix mentions that Safety Week is next week. There will be a bunch of trainings on compliance, ethics, and equal opportunity. On Thursday we'll host the Resource Fair in Gurley Hall. Some business representatives will be there to provide some information on safety. On Friday there will be a building coordinator and training meeting. All faculty and staff are invited. That will be in SSTC 200.</p>		

ACTION ITEM	ADJOURNMENT
<p><b>Move to adjourn.</b></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Professor Kee  <b>Seconded:</b> Yes  <b>Vote:</b> Unanimous  <b>Motion Carried:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Meeting adjourned at 1:23PM, by Faculty Assembly President Dr. Keri Stevenson.</b></p> <p><b>Recorded by:</b> Dr. Andrew McFeaters, Faculty Assembly Secretary, on September 15, 2023.</p>	