



REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

January 18, 2022

Zoom

Members Present: Jeannie Baca, Sandra Bauman, Angela Beauchamp, Lorena Blanco-Silva, Angela Catena, Sierra Donovan Cushing, Grace Faustino, Nathanael Faust-Shucker, Mark Fischer, Gilbert Gallegos, Christina Heinemeyer, Gene Henley, Jennifer Kavka, Joseph Lane, Karen Lopez, Tom Luna, Bryn McCabe-Kelly, Rudy Montoya, Stephen Murillo, Ivan Olay, Amie Ortiz, Jason Quinn, Mark Reynolds, Joni Roberts, Tony Robinson, Carla Sakiestewa, Scott Sanchez, Yadéeh Sawyer, Jessica Serna, Nancy Shane, John Shaski, Jennifer Trujillo, Winton Wood

Members Excused: Tyson Eakman, Keith Hitz, Cynthia Perez-Chavez, Mary Phibbs, Kristina Rucker, Gina Urias-Sandoval, Brian Vineyard

Members Absent: Albert Arocha, Lisa Beauchene-Lawson, Chelsey Begay, Jennifer Benitez, Armando Bustamante, Felicia Chavez, Evelyn Fleming-Cavit, Kelsey Higgins, Javier Rios, Gina Marie Sandoval
Jessica Stanton, Prince Thomas

Also Present: Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP), Adam Hathaway

- I. **Call to Order:** Speaker Lane called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Secretary Hawkins called roll of members and quorum was established.
- III. **Approve Agenda:** With unanimous consent, the agenda was approved.
- IV. **Land Acknowledgement:** The Land Acknowledgement was read by Councilor Trujillo.
- V. **Approve Minutes:** With unanimous consent, the minutes from December 21, 2021 were approved.
- VI. **Reports:**
 - a. President's Report: Sanchez updated the Council on BLT meetings and the Executive Committee's work related to COVID and sharing the feedback that we have received from staff regarding confusion about COVID protocols, and his discussions with HR administration about how to make things clearer.
 - b. Executive Committee Report: Ortiz reported on Exec's discussions about legislative priorities; the possibility of COVID testing sites on campus; and asked the Council to think about what is important for us to bring to administration this year. She also mentioned that she was pleased to have guests at the last couple of Executive meetings and encouraged others to join.
 - c. Speakers Report: With unanimous consent, appointments of Tom Luna from Grade 5-7 to Grade 8-9 representative and Courtney Padilla to the Rewards & Recognition Committee, were approved. Lane then talked about meeting with the committee chairs, and the upcoming bylaw amendments and standing rule.
 - c. Treasurer's Report: Submitted via email, and Kavka fielded questions.
 - d. Committee Reports
 - i. Rules and Elections: Submitted via email. In addition, Bauman spoke about reviewing the bylaw amendment by Scott, the committee's suggestions for it, and that the committee recommends passing this bylaw amendment; the committee also reviewed the upcoming standing rule, and does not recommend the passing of it, as it was announced. The committee is working on elections; and Bauman invited anyone interested to join their meetings.
 - ii. Communications & Marketing: Submitted via email. No meeting in December. Cynthia Meche encouraged councilors to join the committee or come to a meeting.

- iii. Councilor Feedback: Submitted via email. In addition, Ortiz reminded everyone that they are working on the councilor feedback surveys and will have more to report on that soon. Ortiz encouraged anyone interested in providing additional feedback or joining the committee to reach out to her.
- iv. Government Relations. Kavka reminded the council about the postcard initiative in support of the UNM legislative priorities, and provided the link to sign up for their postcards.
- v. HSCS: Heinemeyer updated the council on their February plans including the Lovin on Little Lobos drive.
- vi. IT: Ortiz updated the council on their upcoming meeting times.
- vii. Rewards and Recognition: Submitted via email. In addition, Faustino updated the council on their review of current awards, and staff appreciation week.
- viii. Staff Success: Faust-Shuker updated the council on Staff as Grads and Staff as Students dates for spring.
- ix. Strategic Planning: Submitted via email. In addition, Faustino updated the council on supporting the mentoring program, with Mark Reynolds being the speaker for the next mentoring event.

VII. Unfinished Business

1. Bylaw amendment: (*Angie Beauchamp*) Article III: Officers; Section 6. Speaker; C: Appoint chairs and members to Staff Council committees **as received from the Committee on Committees**, in consultation with the Executive Committee and with approval of the Staff Council but is not a member of any standing committee.

Beauchamp moved to withdraw the proposed bylaw amendment. The withdrawal was approved with unanimous consent.

2. Bylaw amendment: (*Angie Beauchamp*) Article V: Committees; Section 1. General; B. **As received from the Committee on Committees**, and with Staff Council approval, the Speaker appoints the chairs and members of Staff Council committees. Chairs and members will serve a one-year term but may serve successive terms. **Committees may choose co-chairs, or two people, to share the work of leading a committee. The Committee on Committees is made up of the Chairs of each Standing Committee, with the Speaker as an ex-officio, non-voting advisor and representative of the Executive Committee.**

Beauchamp moved to withdraw the proposed bylaw amendment. The withdrawal was approved with unanimous consent.

3. Bylaw amendment: (*Amie Ortiz*) Article V: Committees: Section 2. Permanent Standing Committees; D: Committee of Chairs 1. The Committee of Chairs will be chaired by the Speaker and is charged with approving the yearly committee membership appointments presented to the full Staff Council by the Speaker.

Ortiz moved that the Council accept the withdrawal of this bylaw amendment. The withdrawal was approved with unanimous consent.

4. Bylaw amendment: (*Scott Sanchez*) Article V: Committees; Section 1. General; B: Section 1. General B. In consultation with each committee the Speaker will submit for approval, a list of the proposed chairs and members of Staff Council committees. The Council may add or strike names on the Proposed Committee Rosters with majority approval of a motion to do so. Once the rosters are adopted, chairs and members will serve a one-year term but may serve successive terms.

President Sanchez moved that the bylaw change be adopted. With a two-thirds vote, the amendment was adopted.

5. Proposed Standing Rule for Committee Membership and Committee Assignments: (*Scott Sanchez*):

1. Proposed Committee Rosters, including Chair/Co-Chair recommendations, will be provided to the Staff Council, by the Speaker, at the June Business Meeting for approval.
2. Proposed Committee Rosters should include:
 - a. the names of previous members who have expressed an interest in serving again, and
 - b. any newly interested councilors/non-councilor-staff members who have expressed interest to members of the committee and/or the Speaker.

Sanchez moved that the proposed standing rule be adopted. Discussion was opened. With majority vote, the motion failed.

VIII. Information Items

- a. Councilor Comments: Council Faustino encouraged everyone to order their free COVID test kits through the federal site; Lane announced that the Zimmerman Starbucks is closed until further notice; Baca let the council know that the U has purchased a membership of NCFDD and shared the site to sign up for their many resources that are now free for U faculty and staff; Shane shared that the U has changed its policy about masks – fabric masks no longer meet the requirements ; Blanco Silva shared the link for free at home tests.

IX. Councilor Introductions: Sandra Bauman and Joe Lane introduced themselves.

X. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. [Minutes](#) submitted by Amy Hawkins, Staff Council Administrator.