

# NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

## FACULTY SENATE MEETING

Thursday, May 11, 2022

10:00 a.m. Workman 101

## Minutes

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Dr. Brian Borchers called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with a call for the approval of May 4, 2023 minutes.

### 2. Approval of minutes

Dr. Michelle-Creech moved to approve the April 4, 2023 minutes seconded Dr. Steve Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Michal Jackson moved to approve the May 2, 2023 minutes and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Michelle Creech-Eakman.

Discussion was held to add revisions for the May 2, 2023 minutes. Motion to revise the minutes was moved by Dr. Michael Jackson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Michelle Creech-Eakman. Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Approval of Degrees

Dr. Brian Borchers moved to approve the list of graduating students. Motion passed unanimously.

### 4. Selection of Graduation Awards

#### a. Brown Award

The Brown award is named in honor of C. T. Brown, who was for many years a member of the NM Tech Board of Regents. The award is given to that person graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree who is judged by the faculty to be highest in scholarship, conduct and leadership. In addition to a plaque, the award consist of a \$1000 prize.

*Motion to approve the award nominee was moved and approved unanimously.*

#### b. Cramer Award

This award was established to honor Tom Cramer, an engineer and a member of the NM Tech Board of Regents for 26 years. It is awarded to the top two seniors graduating in engineering who rank highest in scholarship. The award consists of citations and \$400 prizes. The recipients are chosen by Faculty Senate upon recommendation of the engineering faculty

*Motion to approve the award nominees was moved and approved unanimously.*

**c. Langmuir Award**

The Langmuir Award for Excellence in Research is given for an outstanding scientific research paper by any student or graduate of NM Tech. The paper must have been submitted to or published by a recognized journal during the preceding year. The recipient is selected by the Faculty Senate's Honorary Degree and Awards Committee. The award is named in honor of Irving Langmuir (Nobel Laureate, 1932) who conducted extensive research with NM Tech staff the award consists of a plaque and a \$400 cash prize.

*Motion to approve the award nominee was moved and passed unanimously.*

**d. Founders Award**

A Founders' Award was created to honor the persons responsible for establishing the New Mexico School of Mines in Socorro in 1889, especially J. J. Baca and Ethan Eaton. The award is presented to the recipient of an advanced degree who has made an outstanding contribution to NM Tech through scholarships, research and involvement in campus affairs. The recipient is chosen by faculty nomination and Faculty Senate election. The award consists of a plaque and a \$800 cash prize.

*Motion to approve the award nominee was moved and approved unanimously.*

**5. Announcements-Dr. Brian Borchers**

**a. Commencement**

9:00 am on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Faculty needs to be present at 8:00 a.m. at the Rodeo Grounds.

**b. Nomination for 2023-2024 Committees**

Start thinking if you would like to serve on any committees and contact the Nomination Committee if you are interested

**c. Next Faculty Senate**

The next Faculty Senate meeting will be September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**6. Announcements-Dr. Michael Jackson**

a. Reminder: All remaining grades are due Monday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m.

b. Reminder: Please submit faculty contracts to AA as soon as possible.

c. NMT's Communication Office has sent out an email reminder regarding points of contact for the NM Tech online Directory. Please contact the Communication Office if you have not done so already.

d. Mandatory Reporting: Dr. Peter Phaiyah sent out Title IX training opportunities for next week. This is important, and helpful, for faculty to participate in. So far, AA has the lowest participation rate – so please schedule a time to participate in the training.

- e. Summer Homework: At the next Council of Chairs, we will discuss some “Summer Homework” for the Departments to consider regarding recruitment and retention.

Recruitment

- Reflect on how students (undergraduate and graduate) come to your program.
- How can these connections be strengthened?
- How can new connections be made?
- How are prospective students engaged?

Retention

- Reflect on why students (undergraduate and graduate) stay, or leave, your program.
- What obstacles, if any, do students face in progressing through your program?
- What is the plan to address these obstacles?

- f. Have a safe enjoyable summer.

**7. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was so moved by Dr. Ken Minschwaner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dr. Lorie Liebrock.

*Motion passed unanimously at 12:13.p.m.*