

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
FACULTY SENATE MEETING
Friday, May 9, 2025
1 pm, Workman 101
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Dr. Linda DeVeaux called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Dr. Brian Borchers moved to approve the minutes, followed by a second from Dr. Isabel Morris. Motion passed.

3. Announcements

- a. Dr. DeVeaux reminded individuals about the invitation to apply to the President's Fellow program.
- b. Faculty were reminded about Dr. Sandi Lucero's email regarding Commencement (that was sent earlier that day). This included:
 - i. Commencement is on Saturday, May 17 at the Socorro Rodeo and Sports Complex;
 - ii. People are welcome to access the arena using either Highway 60 or Highway 1;
 - iii. Arrival is at 9 am, with a 9:40 am line-up and 10 am processional;
 - iv. After the ceremony, events will be held at the arena and not the main campus – unlike prior years.
 - v. The email also contains instructions about hooding for PhD candidates, regalia can be picked up at Brown Hall 006. For questions, please contact the Commencement Committee.

4. Honorary Degrees and Awards- Graduation Awards

a. Brown Award

Four nominations were submitted in advance with one nomination taken from the floor. A motion to close the nominations was made by Dr. Brian Borchers, seconded by Dr. Van Romero, and approved. Nominators discussed the achievements of students. Three rounds of votes were conducted and Ashley Bradshaw (BS-Biology) was selected as the 2025 Brown Award recipient.

b. Cramer Award

This year's recommendations for the Cramer Award were presented by the Engineering Chairs. The Faculty Senate accepted and approved the recommendations from the engineering chairs to be Chase Dunaway (BS-Mechanical Engineering) and Melissa Fusco (BS-Computer Science).

c. Langmuir Award

Three nominations were submitted to the Faculty Senate. No nominations are accepted from the floor. Nominators discussed the achievements of students. One round of votes was conducted and Jonathan Dooley (PhD in Physics, Dissertation in Instrumentation) was selected as the 2025 Langmuir Award recipient.

d. Founders Award

Two students were nominated by the faculty. No nominations are accepted from the floor. Nominators discussed the achievements of students. One round of votes was conducted and Cassandra Skaar (MS-Biology) was selected as the 2025 Founders Award recipient.

Dr. Borchers reminded Academic Affairs about the need to congratulate all nominees after the commencement ceremony. The Faculty Senate was also reminded that this information remains confidential until after the commencement ceremony.

5. **Adjournment.** Dr. Borchers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 pm. Dr. O'Malley seconded the motion. Motion passed.