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CLABS Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

In Attendance: David Ortiz, Neil Harvey, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Delia Valles-Rosales, Alison Newby, Blanca Araujo, Delano Lewis, Dino Cervantes, Efren Delgado, Hector Diaz, Yvette Navarro

- **Introductions and the approval of past minutes**

- David Ortiz introduced Dino Cervantes to the CLABS advisory board.
- The committee agreed to approve the minutes from the previous CLABS advisory board meeting in November 2020.

- **Faculty Fellow Report**

- David Ortiz reminded committee members of the on-going speaker series (formerly colloquium) and other co-sponsored events that will happen during the semester, including RMCLAS.
- David Ortiz confirmed that NMSU officially subscribed to LatinNews Weekly for a whole year for anyone with an NMSU email to utilize.
- David Ortiz thanked all committee members for their hard work during the previous semester and outlined the on-going work for this semester.
- David Ortiz suggested that all committee members remind him to write a memo before the next APR to review each member's hours and efforts.
- David Ortiz urged advisory board members to send in an updated picture (if wanted) and a short bio so that the CLABS website can be edited.

- David Ortiz also reported on the delayed efforts to re-open Nason House due to the second wave of COVID surging and the University moving most events online again.

- **Committee Reports**

- **Speaker Series Committee** chair, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, reviewed previous colloquium events and previewed future events that the committee is putting together.
 - The committee decided to have three speakers in the spring and fall each year, and that one of the speakers would go over a topic on the U.S.-Mexico border, one on Latin America, and another that promotes NMSU's new faculty.
 - The committee also feels that the online format has been successful so that a hybrid method may be used depending on the pandemic's future state.
 - Inigo Garcia-Bryce pushed for collaboration between this committee and the symposium committee to ensure that they coordinate similar themes.
 - David Ortiz wants to make sure that translation services are provided for future events, depending on the topic discussed in the colloquium. Dino Cervantes suggested a colleague of his from the Ag College could help.
- **Symposia and Publication Committee** chair, Neil Harvey, reviewed work done by this committee, including the future symposium during Spring 2022.
 - Committee agreed that publication could arise from the presentations given during the symposium. This publication would be online, in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, and give participants a chance to submit papers for publication.
 - The committee agreed that the theme would center around COVID-19. This event will be interdisciplinary and cover many areas such as the U.S.-Mexico border, Latin America, and the Caribbean. There will also be an opportunity to pair up younger scholars with experts in their field to give mentorship and feedback.
 - Long-term institutional support will be needed to ensure this symposium is constant.

- **Partnerships and Agreements Committee** chair, Hector Diaz, provided details of the progress made to create a multidisciplinary dual degree Ph.D. program
 - Hector Diaz and David Ortiz will submit a document for review by the end of April for this International and Comparative Social Policy program.
 - The Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon director is coming to NMSU during the summer to finalize this collaboration and finalize details.
 - David Ortiz asked for a meeting with Neil Harvey and Delano Lewis to give him details about this program since many of the electives are from the government department.
- **Scholarships and Community Engagement Committee** chair, David Ortiz, went over the difficulties in getting appropriate applications for allocating funds.
 - The committee plans to make an application that prescreens candidates.
 - They will also give two scholarships in the Fall to help students who will use that money for their research and two in the spring to help recruit students to NMSU.
- On behalf of Chris Brown, David Ortiz talked about how the **Nason Collection Committee** secured an agreement with the Library to catalogue the Nason Collection beginning this year, so that it is searchable through the library. The Nason house will have to establish hours of visit once this is done.
- **After no more agenda items nor discussion meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.**